

# Around the Office Desk

The Association office is a pretty busy place these days. Everybody shows interest in what the greenkeepers are doing, but so far nobody has expressed any surprise that they have organized nationally. Letters arrive on every mail from all quarters of the United States and Canada, and here are some of the many good wishes sent in to our organization during the past few weeks:

"In enclosing herewith my advertising contract for the next twelve months in THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, I am doing so with the feeling that for the first time my messages will be going directly to the men who are doing most to create better golf. My best wishes to the members of the new National Association."

Wendell P. Miller.

"I shall be pleased to bring to the attention of our members any proposition that may further the co-operation and interests of the Greenkeepers. I have been working somewhat along the same lines here in Canada, but as we have only a little over three hundred clubs and them very far apart, the hoeing has not been very good mostly for the want of a magazine devoted to Greenkeeping."

"Wishing your Association every success and offering myself as a member."—H. Hawkins, Greenkeeper, Lakeview Golf Club, Port Credit, Ontario.

"Just to show you that my heart is with you in this undertaking, I am enclosing 12 months contract for one-quarter page in the Greenkeepers Magazine."

"I have often thought that this would be the correct way to get upkeep equipment before the men on the 'firing line.' These men are on the job all the time, while Green Chairman change year after year."

"I firmly believe that this magazine will be a wonderful success right from the start. I have mentioned it to several greenkeepers and everyone is strong for it and you will find them flocking to it."—W. A. Buckner, Fresno, California.

"I am certainly interested in the National Greenkeeper and feel that it will be a success since it has such a fertile field before it. The Greenkeeper is being more and more recognized in this country and his work is becoming of increasing importance; so I feel sure that a magazine which will give the valuable and pertinent information such as yours will, is bound to grow and win recognition of golf clubs throughout the country."

"Please send me a copy of your first issue, as I am very anxious to see it."—T. J. Harris, Manager, General Educational Bureau, Portland Cement Association, Chicago, Illinois.

"I want to take advantage of this opportunity to compliment you in this wonderful idea of a National Association of Greenkeepers. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I accept the kind invitation to join as I feel that we will do the "greatest good to the greatest numbers" in such an organization."

Assuring you of my hearty co-operation in everything that you may do and trusting that success will crown our every effort, I remain—Fraternally yours, Lewis M. Evans, Cedarbrook Country Club, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"Just to show you how heartily we endorse the new organization, likewise their official publication, we wired you immediately on receipt of the announcement."

"We hope we were among the first, if not the very first, to put in our order and while we are not sure just how much space we will require in each issue we know we will want full pages for the first two or three."

"With sincere wishes for success of the new organization, also their publication, we are,"—Pennsylvania Lawn Mower Works, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"Your Greenkeepers' Association looks very good, and I believe it will be a great thing for our golf courses throughout the country."

"I will subscribe for a magazine, if that is possible, for our office files."

"Wishing you success in your worthy venture, I am,"—Yours truly, George Hansen, Superintendent of Parks, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"The most important thing in connection with golf is the course itself, for the better the course, the more enjoyable the game. The problems in connection with greenkeeping and course maintenance are many, and an unbiased magazine dealing solely with these problems should be very helpful to greenkeepers and officials interested in this work."

"Although we have already contracted for a considerable amount of advertising for next year, we believe that 'The National Greenkeeper' should be a splendid medium, and we will be pleased to take some space."

"Wishing you and The National Association of Greenkeepers the utmost success with this magazine, we remain."—L. J. Reade—Reade Manufacturing Company, Jersey City, New Jersey.

"Am more than pleased to join the Greenkeeper Association and state I think it's a big step forward for the Greenkeeper to have such an organization and I surely



will be with you in every respect." Thanking you I am,  
Yours truly—Bonnie Weaver, Care of Burlington Golf  
Club, Burlington, Iowa.

"Enclosed find \$5.00 money order and application. Am  
certainly glad the boys have got together at last. Will  
be pleased to see a lot of the old boys at the March meet-  
ing. Kindly send card and acknowledgement of receipt  
of this.

"I am with best wishes for success."—Chas. L. Ream,  
Station D, Route 2, Box 920, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

One Green committee chairman, in desperate straits  
to secure a good greenkeeper, seems to require just two  
qualifications, commonsense and experience. His plea  
reads:

Oh, give me just one man who knows  
That greens are not laid out in rows;  
Most any man who does his stuff  
Can tell the fairways from the rough,  
But give me just one man, that's all,  
By him I'll stand or by him fall;  
Just one who has some commonsense  
To throw in with Experience.

Commonsense and Experience—well, he just about  
covered the ground. Commonsense is the tie that binds  
loose brains together. And Experience plays the leading  
part on the stage of the world. It's a sure thing that it  
plays a leading part in the profession of Greenkeeping.  
Golf clubs which have retained the services of green-  
keepers over a period of from fifteen to twenty-five  
years can testify to the value of experience in maintain-  
ing good greens. Green committeemen come and go, but  
a good greenkeeper stays with the course.

Against all the forces of Nature the greenkeeper main-  
tains a fighting front. Morale in the ranks of the work-  
men on his course must be kept up; turf diseases creep  
in, often over-night, and he must know how to combat  
them and rescue threatened greens before they are de-  
stroyed. The sun refuses to shine, and heavy rains leave  
in their wake washouts which must be filled in and re-  
turfed. Northwesters uproot some of his finest trees,  
and blow the sand out of the bunkers. When Nature  
chooses to destroy she makes a thorough job of it. And  
a good greenkeeper makes a quick job of cleaning up  
the wreckage.

Keeping a golf course in playable condition against  
the onslaught of destructive storms, summer droughts,  
and unseasonable freezing and thawing is a fine test of  
courage. But as John Morley says, "That's only part  
of being a greenkeeper." As in every other line of  
work, the good greenkeeper is the man who can over-  
come obstacles and get results.

Memberships in the National Association are now  
coming in rapidly by every mail. In every instance  
statements are made in the letters which come with them  
to the effect that such an organization for the men who  
keep the greens has been needed for years. It is well to  
reflect that as the need has existed over a long period, the  
rapid growth of the National Association of Greenkeep-  
ers of America is assured. In looking over the By-Laws,  
any greenkeeper can check-mark at first reading at least  
ten good reasons why he should join the Association as  
a Charter Member.

## *How Rubber Hose is Built*

"Twenty-five years ago," says Mr. Gattshall, of the  
Republic Rubber Company of Youngstown, Ohio,  
"no one ever heard of a piece of water hose over fifty  
feet long, and great excitement was caused by the an-  
nouncement that a new method would permit the build-  
ing of a continuous length up to five hundred feet. The  
old "wrapped" type was made of three, four, five, six or  
seven plies of duck or sheeting wrapped upon a mandrel,  
each ply being first coated with a thin sheet of rubber.  
When this tightly wrapped mandrel was subjected to  
heat the rubber would run together, but the best manu-  
facturers could do would not permit of making an even  
tension on the duck, consequently when the hose was  
bent sharply a kink would result and a leak would soon  
appear at the kink.

"Molded and braided water hose is made in an entirely  
different way. The tube or water way, made from

specially compounded rubber stock, is placed in a braid-  
ing machine, where bobbins revolve about it, braiding  
on the tube, threads, a good deal in the fashion a May  
Pole is wound up. Sometimes one thread is braided  
on, sometimes two, and naturally it makes considerable  
difference in the strength of the hose whether the braid  
is single or double. The size of the thread also is a  
determining factor. After the braid is applied a sheet  
of rubber is put on the hose which acts as insulation  
between plies and friction to hold the plies together.  
Then another ply is braided on. Generally only two  
plies are used, but sometimes more are called for. This  
makes a hose which can be bent and twisted without  
causing kinks and breaks. "The Fairway hose made by  
the Republic Rubber Company is furnished with the  
name of the club imprinted on the label, which serves  
as a mark of identification."