

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

specialty 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."