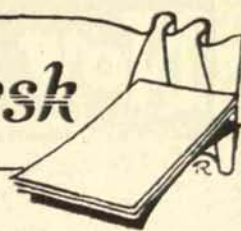




Around the Office Desk



"ALLOW me to thank you for accepting this, my application for membership," comes from J. P. Truran, greenkeeper at the North Hills Golf Club, Douglaston, Long Island. "As regards writing an article on Bermuda and its Golf Courses in the near future, I will do so with pleasure, but you must first give me an opportunity to settle down in this great country of yours.

"Remember that I only landed here on April 14 of this year, and I do not quite know whether I am "going" or "coming" so to speak. The same atmosphere applies to the family.

"Nevertheless I feel that my start in life (after many years of travel and soldiering) as a greenkeeper in America, will turn out eventually to be a very happy proposition. I know you good people will wish me the very best of luck, and to be a member of your association I feel I am receiving the first welcoming hand."

Travelling, soldiering, greenkeeping in Bermuda, all have contributed to a personality that glows in this letter received from Mr. Truran. The association gains much in having him as a member, and we shall look forward to a description of his work on Bermuda golf courses.

"PLEASE keep my place on the Charter membership list, and I will send my check a little later," comes from one member, and a few others of the kind have been received. When we receive a word of this sort, we note on a member's record card, "Communicate before dropping from list," which insures a retention of membership in cases where payment of yearly dues must be deferred for a little time.

"I HAVE received the National Greenkeeper including May and June, and I feel I cannot afford to do without it, and hope to bring in other members from this district," is a message from A. J. Gillett, Harlem Hills Country Club, Rockford, Ill. There are two or three more members just as good as signed up.

THE OLD TIMER

With sixteen clubs and a leather bag,
New plus fours and monogrammed fag,
Caddie in uniform, spick and span,
He looked like a regular golfing man.

From the local pro a staggering bill
Showed of golfing lore he'd had his fill,
And Long Jim Barnes and Seymour Dunn
Had helped him get golf on the run.

He owned some stock in the practice green,
Where every day he could be seen;
With knowledge he was weighted down,
And he played each shot with a knowing frown.

He finally scored a hundred and ten,
Got superior with the other men,
Invited the jolt that knocked him flat,
When a lean old man in a battered hat

And three old clubs in a rickety case,
And bright blue eyes in a merry face,
Walked up to him on Number One tee,
And said, "Son, play this round with me."

He looked the old man up and down,
From a prideful height, with the usual frown,
And offered to play at ten a hole,
Cocksure he'd knock him for a goal.

And on Eighteen he paid his bet,
But his hand was trembling, cold and wet,
And up his back he felt the chills,
As the battered hat peeled high with bills.

The whisper was weak, but the old man's ears
Were keen in spite of his seventy years,
And he answered, "Who am I, you say?
Why I was a golfer,—in my day."

—By Gertrude A. Farley.

"AUTOMOBILES and radios are being deserted for golf courses, and at least part of the blame may be laid upon your association for helping to make the greenkeeper's work interesting, easier and of increasing importance," comes from one of our advertisers who is thinking of giving up the manufacturing business to learn how to keep greens.

"I HOPE to see the association grow bigger from day to day. I have been a greenkeeper a number of years, and have been at the Elmsford Country Club, Ardsley, New York, for the past six years. I only heard of the association a few months ago, but I am very interested in what you are doing for us," Frank Grandolfi, greenkeeper, writes us. When we read this letter we were reminded of the convincing statement, "He lives a full life who serves."

WITH an article which was published last month in the Greenkeeper, we received a letter from Ed. B. Dearie, Jr., secretary of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association, as follows: "I appreciate the honor of writing for this wonderful magazine. I think the greenkeepers of the United States and Canada owe our honorable president, Mr. John Morley, a great debt of gratitude for having the foresight to start such an organ-



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ization. I hope he will be with us for many years to come."

You, and all of us, Mr. Dearie.

"I HAVE been in this golf business over thirty years, but a man is never too old to learn, so I wish you would please mail me all the back numbers of the magazine. I enjoy it very much." This came from J. M. Rettig, of the Piskatee Golf Club, McHenry, Ill. No man is ever old who can still learn. We hope you can pick up a few hints out of this magazine, Mr. Rettig, but don't you think you can tell some of the younger greenkeepers what you have learned in thirty years of greenkeeping? We'll be listening.

"I AM most pleased with the National Greenkeeper. Just what was needed years ago. Up in this northern country greenkeepers learn more in the spring than any other time of year, and I have been very busy. I would like to have the magazine for April. Then I will have them all. I have had the same chairman for six years, which I hope is a good recommendation for me." This is part of a letter just received from Mr. Carl C. Pedersen, greenkeeper at the Cloquet Golf Club, Cloquet, Minnesota. Every line in his letter shows his love of the work he is doing, and the fine relations existing between his chairman and himself. There is absolutely nothing that holds so much of good to the membership of a golf club as such team-work between the chairman and the greenkeeper. The Cloquet Golf Club is to be congratulated.

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