

From The Viewpoint

What District Association

The Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania

IT was on March 17th in the year 1926 that the Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania was born. The date in itself, in any Irishman's eyes, would tend to make this a wonderful organization, and I can truly say that it is.

This association is composed of Greenkeepers employed in and about the district of Western Pennsylvania for the purpose of developing greater interest in greenkeeping thereby creating better opportunities for those engaged in this profession; also to uplift the vocation of greenkeeping and to create a closer friendship with our fellow Greenkeeper.

In the past year, I am happy to say, all of our purposes have been realized. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., at which dinner is served. At each meeting there is a general discussion on the very problems that come up from time to time, such as, various equipment, water systems, landscaping, building roads and drains, brown patch and many other questions pertaining to the proper upkeep of golf courses. Two heads, they say, are better than one, so therefore when ten or twelve practical Greenkeepers get together on these questions there is always a satisfactory solution to each and every problem that may come up at any time. This as you can readily see, is of a great assistance to both the Greenkeeper and the club at which he is employed. In other words each golf club is supervised, more or less, by the association as a whole.

The annual meeting for the election of officers is held the second Monday of December of each year and at the last annual meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President, John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club, Sewickly, Pa.; vice president, John McNamara, Pittsburgh Field Club, Aspinwall, Pa.; secretary treasurer, Chas. Nuttall, Fox Chapel Golf Club, Aspinwall, Pa.

It might also be interesting to know that when the question of joining the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was brought before our members we decided and did join the National Association in a body.

By John McNamara,
Vice President.

Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association (Minutes Meeting May 2)

A MEETING of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association was held May 2nd at 7 P. M. at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the treasurer is as follows:

The membership committee reported that there were 14 applications on hand which they had approved and a number of checks on hand, a report of which will be given at the next meeting.

A discussion was then held regarding the summer outdoor meetings as to where and how these meetings might be held and a motion was made and seconded that they be held the first and third Mondays of each month and a double postal card notice be sent to all members ten days in advance together with a notice to the chairman of the Green committee at the club where the meeting would be held. A committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Shraeder, D. W. Danley and Mr. Fred Ingwerson, who are to make arrangements for all future meetings. It was suggested that two or more clubs be visited during a meeting and the courses investigated by the visiting members. This would be followed by a constructive report of the greens made to the Greenkeeper of the club.

Dr. Seaman, chief chemist for Swift & Co. then addressed the meeting on Fertilization, Soil Acidity and Alcolidity. He stressed the fact that fertilizer tests should be made in various districts to determine the character of the soils. Dr. Seaman called attention to the various experiments being made along soil culture, among them the experiments of Professor Hopper of Purdue University on Nitrate of Ammonia with bent grasses which would probably be published this year, Dr. White of Penn State College on root development using Acid Phosphate. Dr. White's theory is that grasses require more phosphates than have been used hitherto and is working along the study of root feeding, etc. Dr. White's experiments lead him to report that the grasses in the past have not had a balanced food and the work of the greenkeepers in the future should be to plan a properly balanced grass food.

The Association has arranged with Dr. Seaman to obtain the reports of the experiments carried on by the