

Of Local Associations

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experimental stations and private experiments and it is hoped that these reports will prove of interest to the Greenkeepers and help them keep abreast with the latest developments essential to their work.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.

Greenkeepers' Association of Westchester County

IN November 1925, about 30 Greenkeepers of Westchester County, New York, met at Green Meadow Country Club to form their Association. They chose as their first president, Mr. Tom Winton of Tuckahoe, a member of a famous old Scottish golfing family. The secretary chosen was Mr. King Troensegaard, of Metropolis Country Club, Elmsford, New York, and he fulfilled his duties with great conscientiousness and marked ability. The Association decided to meet the first Monday of each month, and since no regular meeting place had been arranged for, it was agreed to accept the hospitality of various clubs in the county. At the meetings members read papers on the various maintenance problems, and thoroughly educative discussions took place at every gathering. The Westchester Green Section invited the members of the Greenkeepers' body to attend their monthly meetings.

At the annual meeting in November 1926, Mr. King Troensegaard was elected president, and Mr. Edward Casey, of Rye Country Club, took the secretaryship. A satisfactory year was reviewed, and a constructive program drawn up for the ensuing year. Arrangements were made to engage a regular meeting hall in New Rochelle where all meetings are now to be held. A new office was created, namely, that of director of lectures, and for this the members chose Mr. Albert J. Wilder, Fenimore Country Club, White Plains, empowering him to nominate each month two lecturers to speak at the following month's meeting. These lectures are always followed by intensely keen general discussion. At the April meeting two unusually good addresses were given by Mr. R. J. Hayes of Pelham Country Club on "Drainage," Mr. H. Shakeshaft of Century Country Club on "Relative Values of Commercial Fertilizers." These subjects are typical of monthly discussions.

Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents

In complying with the request that I write an article about our organization I think it would be proper that I write under the heading "The Dawn of a New Day." I really believe that many of us, from time to time, had dreamed that perhaps some day through some strange act of Fate we might meet many of the men who were in charge of other courses and discuss our troubles and problems with them. But we dreamed on and like all dreamers we did nothing to make such a thing come true. Much to our surprise in September 1925 we received an invitation to meet at one of our local clubs and discuss the forming of an Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The gentleman who formulated the plans and made possible "Our Organization" was Mr. Howard Toomey of the firm of Toomey and Flynn, the well known golf course architects and engineers. I would indeed be an ingrate if I failed to mention the names of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Schann, Mr. Flynn and many others who have contributed so much to our success. The organization was quickly formed and that our first year was so successful was indeed due to our wise selection of officers, namely:

President, Mr. Thomas Young, White Marsh Country Club; vice president, Mr. Joseph Valentine, Merion Country Club; secretary, Mrs. I. K. Eddy, Philadelphia Green Section.

It was decided that our committees should consist of a Membership, Educational, Entertainment and Employment, and they have functioned so well that to them must go much credit. The Educational committee furnished *talks* by well known experts on the Japanese beetle, gasoline, oil, hose construction, bearings, planting and the care of trees, etc., and our worst enemy, brown-patch. In addition we had two wonderful trips to the U. S. Experimental Station at Riverton, New Jersey, and a splendid demonstration of golf course equipment and *good time* at the well known Manufacturer's Club and the Philadelphia Toro Company headquarters. The latter was furnished by their representative, Mr. Gustin.

This article would not be complete without mentioning the name of Mr. Leach of the U. S. Experimental Station at Riverton, New Jersey who gave so freely of his

time and knowledge that we might be better prepared to combat the golf course pests of fungus and insect life.

We meet once a month at different clubs and find these visits very instructive as we get ideas on how the other fellow does it and the results speak for themselves on the general condition of our courses. At our recent annual meeting Mr. MacFarland of the Marble Hall Club was elected vice president, Mr. Elwood Young, secretary, Mr. Lave, treasurer and the writer president.

Have we a slogan? Oh! yes—"Better Employees." That we may deserve this compliment from our employers since the "dawn of a new day" is the sincere wish of

Fraternally yours,
Lewis M. Evans, President
Cedarbrook Country Club.

Metropolitan Association of Greenkeepers

AT the invitation of the Westchester Greenkeepers' Association a meeting was held in February 1927 in the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, of Greenkeepers from Long Island, New Jersey, Staten Island and Westchester County for the purpose of forming a Metropolitan Association of Greenkeepers. There was a gratifying turnout, and the new association was launched with enthusiasm. The following office holders were elected:

President, Capt. D. L. Rees, Progress Country Club, Purchase, N. Y.; first vice president, J. H. Youmans, Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, L. I.; second vice president, Riggs Miller, Richmond Country Club, Staten

Island; secretary, R. J. Wyllie, The Links Golf Club, Roslyn, L. I.; treasurer, N. L. Mattice, Lakeville Country Club, Great Neck, L. I., (now of Pine Valley, Philadelphia); trustees, 1st., Robert J. Hayes, Pelham Country Club; 2nd., A. Lauer, Glennbrook Country Club; 3rd., H. Shakeshaft, Century Country Club.

The first annual meeting was held on March 7th, when the president, in his address, outlined a program for the year, featuring the formation of a series of committees—Care of Equipment, Elimination of Pests, Watering, Rolling, Fertilizing, General Maintenance, etc.—These committees will turn in reports, which will be read and discussed fully, and filed as a record of the year's work. Considerable research is planned, too, along the line of soils and grasses. Findings and summarizings of vital interest are looked for, since the territory covered by this association is widely representative. The Metropolitan meetings are held quarterly in New York City, the next being in May, when the president hopes to select a member to act as "press agent"—one who will arrange with the Press to publish all activities of the Association.

Twin Cities Greenkeepers' Association

Fourteen of the members of the Twin Cities Greenkeepers' Association enjoyed the hospitality of the Toro Manufacturing Company at a banquet held at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis on March 11.

Those present were Carl Handall, Minnetonka Country Club; Charles Erickson, Minikahda Golf Club; Eric Pahl, Interlachen Country Club; Victor Larsen, Minneapolis Golf Club; Benjamin Eide, Superintendent of
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First Annual Banquet, given by the Toro Manufacturing Company, in honor of the Twin City Greenkeepers' Association, held on March 11th, in the Spanish Room, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis