

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*



## From the Local Viewpoint

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Shops, City Park Department; Emil Picha, Midland Hills Country Club, St. Paul; Joseph Benson, Northwood Country Club, St. Paul; Henry Rasmussen, Midland Hills Country Club, St. Paul; Carl Erickson, Glenwood Country Club; Emil Anderson, Columbia Country Club; John Pearson, Armour Country Club; Michael Sanko, Golden Valley Country Club; Fred Anderson, Town & Country Club, St. Paul; J. A. Hunter, The Country Club, Minneapolis and J. S. Clapper, H. C. McCartney and K. E. Goit of the Toro Manufacturing Company, Minneapolis.

### *Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers*

**T**HE first open-air meeting of the Cleveland district Greenkeepers was held at Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland Heights, on Monday, May 9.

The meeting was opened with a luncheon served by the club, at which J. J. Klein, Green Committee member, on behalf of Walter M. Haas, chairman of the Green Committee, welcomed the Greenkeepers to Oakwood Club. Mr. Klein in the course of his remarks, expressed his belief that such meetings of local associations of Greenkeepers are of unquestionable benefit to the golf clubs of each local district.

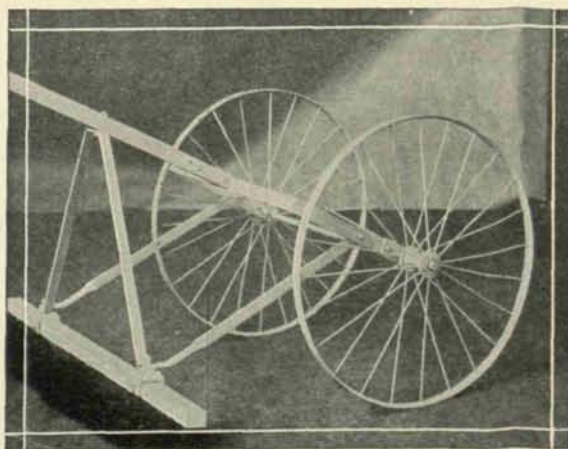
After luncheon the regular meeting was called to order by John Morley, president, who immediately turned the chair over to Christopher Bain, Greenkeeper at Oakwood, and Mr. Bain called upon Mr. Morley to address the group. In his informal talk, Mr. Morley urged the group to recognize the value of intensive study along turf maintenance lines. He cited as an illustration of its necessity the fact that a true knowledge of the chemical condition of soils is essential to good greenkeeping, both as to creating a properly acid condition in putting greens, and in maintaining them so economically. He reported that he had found some of his own greens sufficiently acid, some distinctly alkaline, and others neutral, while he had been for a long time dressing all eighteen with an equal amount of sulphate of ammonia. A knowledge of the amount of acidity has enabled him to save considerable money by cutting down the applications of sulphate of ammonia on noticeably acid greens. Mr. Morley advised the group to secure reliable soil testers,

and to look carefully to the kind of sand used in top dressing mixtures. This introduced a general discussion of the lime content in some grades of lake and bank sand, and it was decided that samples of sand from all local courses be sent to O. J. Noer, soil expert at Madison, Wisconsin, with a request that the samples be subjected to test and reports mailed to the secretary.

The speaker of the occasion was C. M. Scherer, principal of the Davey Institute of Tree Surgery, Kent, Ohio, and Mr. Scherer was received with enthusiasm. He very shortly requested the group to ask questions on their particular problems, and they came in thick and fast. The chief subject of the inquiries was the problem of lifting trees from the woods and transplanting them on

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