

Around the Office Desk

ONE newspaper writer refers to the greenkeepers as "the boys in rubber boots and slickers," but we saw several of them at the annual greenkeepers' convention in Chicago in hand-stitched gloves and \$15 hats. It is refreshingly satisfying to know that they can take the gloves off and do whatever is necessary to do on a golf course, and by reason of what they have under the aforesaid hats, golf courses throughout America are reaching a degree of perfection never before known.

SPEAKING of newspapers, one writer replied when asked if he had written anything up about the annual convention of the Association. "Why, we haven't any place to put it. It isn't a sport, and it isn't general news!" Well, we are forced to agree greenkeeping is not a sport. But the question remains, why isn't it general news, considering the fact that the game of golf is played by bankers and grocers, doctors and bakers, lawyers and street car conductors,—in fact the entire general public?

THROUGH the good offices of John MacGregor, president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers, Association, and the members of the Entertainment committee he appointed from among local greenkeepers, visitors from thirty-five states, Canada, Alaska and South America, were made to feel at home in Chicago during Golf Show week. Mr. MacGregor, with David Kay of Minneapolis, Wilhelm Peter of St. Joseph, Missouri, Chester Mendenhall of Wichita, and several other Charter members kept the ball rolling every day at the Association headquarters.

Mrs. Sara M. Allen, of Cleveland, was a most efficient assistant in charge of registering new members during the week. Everybody helped to create a real holiday atmosphere, and when Saturday evening came there were many suggestions to the effect that our annual conventions should last considerably longer than one week. By proxy they will last from one meeting to another through the pages of THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER.

"HAVE heard already of the wonderful showing we had at the first annual," writes W. D. Chinery, greenkeeper at York Downs Golf Club, Englington, Canada, "and if anyone doubts the benefits to be derived from our association they are not human."

FROM J. Louis Gregory greenkeeper at Saratoga Springs, New York, we have a sketched suggestion for a N. A. G. A. emblem, to be worn by all members. This is a good drawing, and we would like to receive suggestions from other members who have some artistic talent.

WE DISCOVERED some interesting facts about many of the hundreds of greenkeepers who visited at the booth. Greenkeeping has for so long been considered menial labor, not calling for so very much in the way of mental capacity or effort, that it was an eye-opener to many of us to find among the greenkeepers of the United States and Canada a large proportion of very well informed and educated men. More than that, we found many greenkeepers who speak from five to seven languages.



A. E. LUNDSTROM
St. Charles Country Club.
Chicago district, poet laureate of the N. A. G. A.

PERHAPS one of the most unusual greenkeepers we met is A. E. Lundstrom, of the Chicago district, who writes and publishes Swedish lyric verse, and his pen has wings strong enough to lift us out of the humdrum while we read.

THERE are greenkeepers who held high commissions in the army during the World War, some who have drifted the world over, come back to America and now find the profession of keeping greens engrossing enough to restrain their wandering feet. Still others who have kept greens in Southern Europe, in South America, and even in Alaska. One, John Anderson, planted eighteen greens in Valparaiso, Chili, from an original shipment of two square feet of creeping bent turf sent him from Washington a little more than two years ago. Mr. Anderson will tell this whole story in a later issue of the Greenkeeper.

I AM sorry I cannot be with you at the annual meeting, but whatever you agree upon will be all right with me," is the message received from Gus Stahl,

greenkeeper at the Tulsa Country Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Read over the account of proceedings, and the By-Laws, printed in this issue, Mr. Stahl, and write us what you think of them.

TWELVE new members for the National Association were received from H. Hawkins, our vice-president at Port Credit, Ontario, just too late to report them at the annual meeting. The value of support like that from a local representative cannot be over-estimated. Mr. Hawkins is to be highly commended in doing this good work all by himself, as never yet has it been possible for him to meet with the other officers of our organization.

PERHAPS one of the most encouraging reports made from the floor at the annual meeting was that of George Wellin, greenkeeper at Tumblebrook Country Club, New Britain, Connecticut. Fourteen out of the fifteen greenkeepers on courses nearby Tumblebrook joined as Charter members in the early days of the organization. In talking with Mr. Wellin, he also reported that his expenses to the meeting had been paid by his club. As a matter of fact, several greenkeepers visited the Golf show and convention at the expense of their clubs. This is a clear indication of the fine spirit that exists between many greenkeepers and their club officials.

OUR correspondence is very large, and filled with hundreds of expressions of good-will. Just now our eye falls upon a letter from William C. Seball, green-

keeper at Northfield, Minnesota, who says, "I cannot see why every greenkeeper in the United States should not subscribe for the magazine. It is a very small amount to pay for so much valuable information."

SUBSCRIPTIONS are received in every mail from golf club presidents, chairmen of the Green, secretaries, and greenkeepers. One writes:—"You can count upon us for two subscriptions every year." Others say:—"We should have had something like this magazine ten years ago," "I am getting pictures of my course taken, and will send you an article in a few days," etc.

YOU can tell a man something and he will likely forget it the next day, but the printed word is registered on his mind. A greenkeeper may get some good verbal advice, and a few days afterward he may say, "Now what was it so-and-so told me I ought to do?" Whereas if the same greenkeeper reads something of value in the GREENKEEPER, for the most part he will remember it, and can refresh his memory by referring to the number in which the article appeared. A great deal of the advice so freely given by experienced greenkeepers will bear more than one reading.

THE annual convention of 1927 is over, but the friendships made there will never be forgotten. In Lundstrom's Saga of Einar Eskilson, we see the future of the National Association as

*A fresh adventure on a wider stream;
A new awareness and a deeper dream;
From view to view the eager gazer flying,
And on his flight new suns forever beam!*

Where The Big Tournaments Will Be Held

May 16—British Women's Championship at **Newcastle**, County Down, Ireland.

May 23-28—British amateur championship at **Hoyleake**, England.

May 26-28—Metropolitan Golf Association Open championship at the **Wykagyl Country Club**, New Rochelle, New York.

June 2—French open Amateur Championship at **Wimereux**.

June 9-11—Long Island Golf Association Amateur Championship at the **Engineers Country Club**, Roslyn, Long Island.

June 9-11—New Jersey State Golf Association Amateur Championship at the **Trenton Country Club**, Trenton, New Jersey.

June 14-16—United States Golf Association Open Championship at the **Oakmont Country Club**, Oakmont, Pennsylvania.

June 14-18—Missouri Golf Association championship, **Meadow Lake Country Club**, Kansas City, Mo.

June 17-18—Pacific-Northwest Golf Association Open Championship at the **Colwood Country Club**, Victoria, British Columbia.

June 20-25—Pacific-Northwest Golf Association Amateur Championship at the **Colwood Country Club**, Victoria, British Columbia.

June 20-25—Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Amateur Championship at the **Broadmoor Golf Club**, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

June 22-25—Metropolitan Golf Association Amateur Cham-

pionship at the **Nassau Country Club**, Glen Cove, Long Island.

June 27-30—Twenty-eighth Annual championship Connecticut State Golf Association at **Hartford Golf Club**.

June 28-29—Massachusetts State Golf Association Open Championship at **Sandy Barr Country Club**, Wayland, Massachusetts.

July 11—British Open Championship at **St. Andrews**, Scotland.

July 18-23—Western Golf Association Amateur Championship at **Seattle Country Club**, Seattle, Washington.

July 27-29—Buffalo District Golf Association Championship at **Wanakah Country Club**, Buffalo, New York.

August 2-6—United States Golf Association Public Links Championship at **Ridgewood Golf Club**, Cleveland, Ohio.

August 17-18—Irish Open Championship at **Portmarnock**, Ireland.

August 22-27—United States Golf Association Amateur Championship at **Minikahda Golf Club**, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

September 1-3—New York State Golf Association Amateur Championship at the **Oak Hill Golf Club**, Rochester, New York.

September 19-24—United States Golf Association Women's Championship at the **Cherry Valley Club**, Garden City, Long Island.

September 28—French Open Championship at **St. Germain**.

November 21-28—Professional Golfers' Association Championship at **Cedar Crest Country Club**, Dallas, Texas.