

A Chat With Our President



John Morley

EACH day has its problems to be solved. Those left undone increase the number for the next day.

LEARN to be an executive. Some day your club may decide to have a general manager. If you can show them that you have this qualification you will stand a good chance to get the position.

ARTHUR JENSEN, Fargo Country Club, Fargo, North Dakota: If your soil has a tendency to crack open during extreme dry weather try pulverized charcoal.

SOME men are always in the air, living in the seventh story over a vacant lot.

WE have not heard lately from Guy C. West, Secretary of the Greenkeepers Club of New England. Guy, the boys would enjoy reading another article from your able pen.

THE weeds hardest to eradicate are chickweed and pearlwort. The former can be eliminated by spraying with ammonia sulfate. The latter should be cut out. You will have no pearlwort if you do not roll too heavily and water too superficially.

ALEX McPHERSON of Detroit Golf Club, like myself, is unable to hear complaints—one advantage deafness gives.

THE best way to Success is to try and keep up with the times.

IF we are to double our membership all of us must put our shoulders to the wheel and help.

AT our first annual convention held at Chicago, it was a pleasure to observe mingling with our members at headquarters, Alex Pirie, President of the Professional Golfers' Association. Besides being a good teacher, Alex is a good greenkeeper. Old Elms proves it.

A LOT of golf courses are like a lot of people I know. They never send for a doctor until the case becomes critical.

BERT SHELDIN of the Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio, has a course situated close to old Lake Erie. Bert has a hard time when the wind is blowing from the lake to keep his putting greens from burning up.

KEEP this magazine on your desk, so that when you want to get any supplies in a hurry you will have the addresses of the various firms which handle just what you need.

EMIL LEOFFLER came in for a good deal of praise for the condition of his course during the National Open at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, and Emil deserved it. His fairways are better than many putting greens.

DOING something every moment doesn't necessarily get you anywhere. It is what you do and how you do it that counts.

THREE stages of womanhood compare to Faith, Hope and Charity. Now if a lady is kissed at the age of eighteen that's Faith. If she is kissed at the age of twenty-five that's Hope she will be kissed again. If you kiss a woman of forty, well, that's Charity. (*Editor's note:—You'd be surprised.*)

THE man who throws his whole self into his job seems somehow to draw new strength and energy from its uphill and downhill exactions.

READ W. A. Buckner's article on golf course irrigation in the August issue. It is very instructive. Some day we will all be able to water fairways and putting greens without the aid of rubber hose.

POEA ANNUA appears to be an interesting subject this season. Write and give us your views on it.

JOHAN McNAMARA is the Dean of the greenkeepers of the Pittsburgh district. Everybody on the hills of Pittsburgh knows John.

DON'T forget we have a Death Benefit fund in connection with our association, which furnishes the members with insurance at a very low cost.

ALL things being equal, patronize those who help to support our magazine.

LIFE does not start on equal terms, but it ends for all alike.

GET in the habit of visiting at least once a week a neighboring course. We can all profit by observing what the other fellow is doing. Besides, it tends to promote a better fraternal feeling.

WE believe in economy, but not false economy. Remember the members will not stand to have the course revert back to a cow pasture.

LEROY JOHNSON, Yankton, South Dakota, has sand greens to contend with. LeRoy is one of our charter members, and would like to hear from other sand-greenkeepers.

YOUR friends have helped more than a little to make you, and it is only through making good with them that you can hope to hold what you have.

IF you know of a club that is in the market for a greenkeeper please notify our Secretary. We have several applicants seeking positions.

CHARLES SPENCER of Fairlawn Country Club, Akron, Ohio, is doing good work to bring his club up to date.

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President John Morley, explaining the characteristics of several strains of bent to Mrs. Rees, wife of Captain David L. Rees, Vice-President of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. Taken in Mr. Morley's nursery at the Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, O.

DON'T do your experimenting on your putting greens or fairways. Do it in the nursery. If you have no nursery by all means get one started.

WON'T you help us to increase or double our membership? If you know of anyone who is eligible to join send us his name and address. We will do the rest.

IT is the little things that we neglect that help to cause us so much trouble. The big things seem to take care of themselves.

WHEN in the Philadelphia district visit the White-marsh Valley Country Club. The greenkeeper of this club has helped to create a wonderful course.

ONE great trouble in life is we always remember what we ought to forget.

DON'T forget that our next annual convention will be held before March first, 1928. Now is the time to start laying aside expenses for the trip, and don't forget we are going to have a golf show.

HOW many veins are there in a blade of blue grass? You ought to know.

HUGH LUKE of Garden City, Long Island, New York, certainly has a fine climate to live in. When I visited his course a few years ago I had to wait half an hour for a train. I enjoyed the atmosphere so much while waiting, it was the only time I can remember that I have got any pleasure out of waiting for a train.

LET our membership be mellowed by good fellowship, humanized by charity, and dedicated to service.

WHY do some of the foreign grasses that infest our putting greens crowd out the finer grasses such as the bents? Everybody answer.

WHEN you know that you spend the club's money more economically than you do your own, you can realize that you are on a road leading to executive ability.

CHARLES L. REAM in his article "War Against Ants" says that a Queen ant lays 80,000 eggs every day. Some greenkeepers think they lay twice that many, judging from the piles of soil they throw up over the putting greens each day.

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