



Around the Office Desk

GOOD news travels fast, and it was by word of mouth we first heard of the good fortune of Mr. Norman L. Mattice, formerly greenkeeper at the Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, New Jersey. Mr. Mattice, by virtue of his fine work and executive ability, has been appointed general manager of this popular club, and his many friends congratulate him heartily. All grounds, clubhouse and complete personnel of the club property are now under his capable supervision. Although the general management of Pine Valley is no sinecure, everyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Mattice personally, feels that he is now on the road to success of a very satisfying kind.

His new position does not remove him from the eligibility list of the National Association, you will all be glad to hear, as the golf course is still his prime consideration, and all of the work is handled by Mr. Mattice with the assistance of a capable foreman.

AND more good news, much of the same kind! Mr. George Davies, of the Louisville Country Club, Louisville, Kentucky, writes, "I have been wondering if I am to be expelled from our good association, now that I have been appointed general manager of the Big Spring Country Club. I certainly do not want to lose my membership, as I have full charge of the golf course as well as everything else included in the club property, clubhouse, caddies and all." Congratulations are distinctly in order, Mr. Davies, and our other members join in wishing you every possible success.

Starting as a greenkeeper in the Louisville district, with a background of former greenkeeping experience, Mr. Davies has long practiced the profession of greenkeeping, and was soon called upon to supervise construction of golf courses and club houses in his neighborhood. He has constructed eleven courses during his term at greenkeeping for the Louisville Country Club, and Big Spring was brought to completion under his supervision. He was then offered the position of general manager of his latest accomplishment, which he has already accepted. Again, Mr. Davies, good work and good luck!

EVERYTHING comes to him who—works." Working away at the pleasant task of establishing the National Association and its magazine, we find in every mail concrete evidence that the work of our organizers is found good in many quarters. Unsolicited and unsuggested, they come rolling in from sources previously unknown to us. One of our recent letters comes from D. R. Niederlander, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Niederlander writes: "I have read all of your issues and am

convinced that every greenkeeper owes himself a membership in your association and also owes to the members an occasional contribution in the form of a letter covering his interesting experience. The art of greenkeeping is advancing and what were once standard practices are now obsolete. So comprehensive an interchange of ideas

through your magazine will enable the greenkeeper to solve his problems by the most rational methods and to eliminate many costly experiments. Wishing you all success."

I BELIEVE the best \$3 you can spend is for a subscription to the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, the best magazine on turf culture ever published. It has articles by practical experienced men all over the country, and if sent to your superintendent, it will give him a lot of valuable information and save you considerable money." This from Mr. Frank H. Pelton, superintendent of Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, to one of his contemporaries, and this copy mailed to our office.

FELLOW members, read carefully each month President John Morley's chat with you. It is the best way to become acquainted with John Morley, the man. He has vision, without being visionary. He has had experience, which has developed wisdom such as is found in few human beings. His strongest characteristic is his love for his fellow men. His greatest value to this association is that love, coupled with a good old-fashioned "fighting spirit" to gain justice where justice is due. He is the one official censor of this magazine, but

MONUMENTS

Patience, lovely shaft all tipped with gold,
Is monument to Friendship, we are told,
But we must steady it with tender hand,
Lest it should crumble, and a friend
Misunderstand.

Yet, shattered into dust, it still may be
Rebuilt, to stand through all Eternity;
Emerging, it becomes more perfect than before,
Forgiveness, a monument to Friendship
Evermore.

—By Gertrude A. Farley

the editor takes the liberty of printing this final paragraph without his sanction. It is not written in eulogy, but rather as an expression of gratitude for the privilege of his friendship and his confidence, and to join his hand with those of our members who do not yet know Mr. Morley personally.

Reels and Bed Knives

FAIRWAY cutting units, as well as tee and green mowers, work under difficult and destructive conditions. The cutting edges work down in all kinds of dirt and grit, and yet are supposed to maintain a keen cutting edge and do a nice, clean, smooth job of mowing.

The first thought that comes to an inexperienced operator's mind is that in order to maintain the edge, he must jam the bed knife up against the cutting edge of the reel. This not only destroys the cutting edge, but the rubbing action in connection with the dust mixed with the grass, acts as a grinding compound and causes excessive wear. This quickly reduces the wearing surface of the bed knife and cuts the diameter of the reel down, destroying its efficiency.

Shortly after the reel starts revolving, there is enough heat generated to cause expansion of the reel, which increases the friction or rubbing action on the bed knife. Therefore it is at once seen that a great deal of care must be exercised in making the adjustment of the reel to the bed knife. The reel must not bind even slightly at any point, and cutting units should be inspected frequently to see that the action of the reel is free.

Putting greens are continually top dressed with a mixture of sand and other material, and if this is not first worked down around the grass roots, it will greatly affect the cutting edge of the mower. In examining piles of cuttings near some greens, it has been found that from 20% to 40% of the pile consisted of top dressing which had been picked up by the reels and deposited in the grass catcher box. This not only is ruinous to the putting green mower, but it robs the greens of fertilizer which costs money and labor to spread on the greens.

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our course to a minimum, and we trust that in a very short time to have it practically eradicated from the course.

In conclusion let me impress upon you that your job is to remove this menace and not to increase its growth, so why not start at the source of all growth, and get these weeds before they go to seed.

Fall Seeding

The fall is without a doubt the best time to do any seeding on a golf course, and this should not be done at any other season of the year. Best results will be obtained if this is done early in the fall. The spring seeding is almost useless on a golf course. In seeding make

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