

# Executive Committee Meets

By JOHN MORLEY, *President*  
National Association of Greenkeepers of America

WE ARE now approaching the time for our Third Annual Conference, Golf Show and Convention, which will convene at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, New York, February 13-16. It is gratifying to report that from all appearances it will surpass anything that has previously taken place. We will in the next issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER outline more fully final details as to the names of the various speakers and the subjects they will present at the time of the Convention.

On Sunday and Monday, October 28-29, the executive committee in conjunction with the committee on the Golf Show, as well as the officials of the Greenkeepers Association of Western New York, met at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y., and from reports received it shows that all indications point to one of the largest gatherings of greenkeepers, chairmen of Green committees and others interested in golf course maintenance, that has ever been held in the United States.

The two-day conference to be addressed by able speakers who will discuss problems both from a practical as well as theoretical standpoint, should be the means of bringing a large representation to these meetings. The Golf Show which will be staged on the floor of the beautiful ball room and foyer

of the Hotel Statler will present an attractive appearance, practically showing and demonstrating every piece of machinery and all kinds of supplies used on a golf course.

The annual N. A. G. A. convention which will be held on Saturday, will draw together the largest representation of the leading greenkeepers of the United States and Canada. The fact of the city of Buffalo being situated close to the border of the Dominion of Canada, will draw a large gathering, especially from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Everything possible is being done to make this occasion one long to be remembered in the four days devoted to the interests of golf. Arrangements are under way to secure special rates on all railroads entering Buffalo. Bring your Green committee chairman along with you so he can see and observe the latest improvements pertaining to the general welfare of a golf course.

On Sunday afternoon the officers of the executive committee were guests of the Western New York Greenkeepers Association, at a well attended gathering. After the regular routine of business was disposed of brief addresses were made by the officers of the National Association, as well as officers of the local association. During the meeting we were honored by the presence

## U. S. G. A. Head Made Honorary Member



MELVIN A. TRAYLOR OF CHICAGO

Honored by the National Association of Greenkeepers of America at the Executive committee meeting at Buffalo, Oct. 29. Mr. Traylor is president of the United States Golf Assn., president of the First National Bank of Chicago, member of the Glenview club and a staunch friend of the greenkeeper



of Mr. Ganson Depew, president of the Buffalo District Golf Association, who stated that the association would assist us in helping to make the Conference, Golf Show and Convention a success.

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED

**R**OBERT HENDERSON, Al Schardt and Frank Nichols, officials of the local greenkeepers association, will have full charge of entertaining the greenkeepers and their guests while in the city of Buffalo. At this time it was planned to hold the banquet on Thursday evening of Convention week. On Friday there will be a midnight show and smoker at the Golf Show. Talent from the leading theatres of Buffalo will be secured, as well as from the rank and file of our members. This will be a gala night for all and no greenkeeper or his guest should miss it. This will be exclusively a stag affair.

Last, but not least the entertainment committee is not going to forget the ladies and members of the organization known as the Wives of National Greenkeepers of America. One of the features of entertainment outlined



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for them will be a trip to Niagara Falls to see this wonderful work of Nature in the middle of February, which is magnificent, especially the ice bridge which is usually formed around that time.

Among other items of interest which transpired during the executive committee meeting was the report of Emil Loeffler, chairman of the committee on Finance, which showed the association to be in a good flourishing condition. A great many membership applications were acted upon and, with a few exceptions which were referred to a special committee for further consideration, were admitted to membership.

The following greenkeepers were appointed to act as a committee on membership,—John Pressler, Sewickley, Pa., G. F. Jacobs and John Quail of Pittsburgh, Pa. It was also recommended that wherever there is a local association that applicants for membership be referred to these associations whenever possible.

Report of the committee consisting of Emil Loeffler, John McNamara and John Quail,



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pertaining to report of committee on incorporation was approved.

A preliminary report by Fred Burkhardt, chairman of committee on the Golf Show, was presented and all recommendations as presented were approved.

We are pleased to state that the leading manufacturers and dealers in golf maintenance are supporting the Golf Show, which is very evident from the fact that among them the following have secured space:

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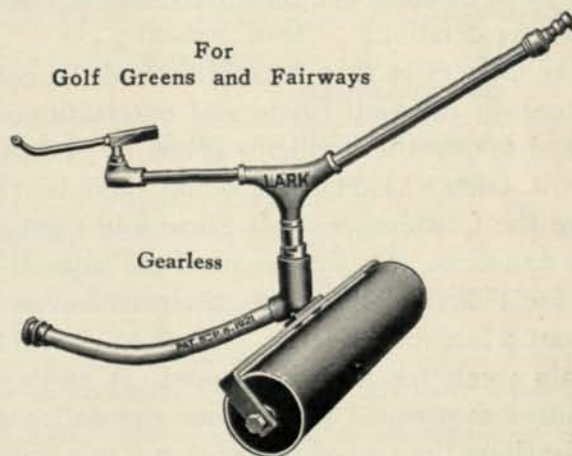
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#### TRAYLOR IS HONORED

ONE of the most pleasing acts of the executive committee was upon recommendation of second vice-president, John MacGregor that we confer upon Mr. Melvin A. Traylor, President of the United States Golf Association, the degree of honorary member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. This makes the second time our as-

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The officers of this association and the committees on the Golf Show and entertainment, backed up by the publicity given by the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, are doing their best to make the Conference, Golf Show and Convention a success. But we also need the support of the individual members in their endeavor to get out a large attendance at Buffalo. It will be a gala week for all who attend. A spirit of helpfulness prevails throughout the entire organization. Let us not forget that it is a brotherhood founded upon unselfishness, a fraternity cemented by bonds of common interest which will strengthen with the years. It has previously been stated that the profession of greenkeeping is coming into its own in establishing this organization along the lines of Education, Fraternity and Protection.

The National Association of Greenkeepers of America is doing a great work, not only for member greenkeepers, but for every individual

golfer of America. Many of the older greenkeepers of the United States and Canada have established noted reputations which have been made without the support of any great amount of publicity. Now that we have a magazine, the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, we are able to report methods of notably successful greenkeepers, which are described for the benefit of other members. We must not forget what any one man has done and done well is worthy of the recognition and appreciation of others who are aiming at the same target.

### HELP THE YOUNG GREENKEEPER

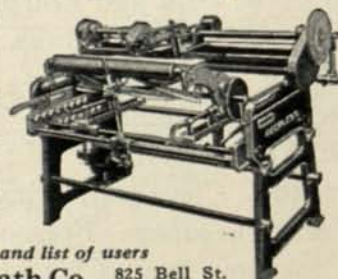
ALL over the country there are young greenkeepers, some well established in greenkeeping work and others who are learning how to properly maintain golf courses. These men are in the process of perfecting their knowledge of greenkeeping. We are looking forward to the time when these young greenkeepers will be heard from and what they are accomplishing is of the greatest interest to all members of the association. The National organization established by experienced greenkeepers for the benefit of all men in the profession, forms a solid foundation upon which young members may build their future.

If you approve of the methods which we are doing in behalf of the welfare of your profession, if you want us to advance the art and science of greenkeeping to a position where it rightfully belongs, there will be no better way for you to show your approval and best wishes than by your presence at the Conference, Golf Show and Convention next February at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.

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