

# GREENKEEPER'S ALMANAC

DECEMBER  
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This is the month to take inventory, machinery, tools, flag poles, flags, and numerous other necessities, checking as you proceed any replacements, repairs, and depreciation on your stock.

Keep your eyes open for anything new in golf course equipment advertised in golf magazines. If you see anything which you feel would be a good investment for your club, talk it over with your chairman. The merits of the particular equipment can be discussed, then when the golf course equipment shows open attend them with your chairman if possible where a personal inspection can be made and your order placed for spring delivery.

Proceed with the overhauling of equipment. Take every machine apart and clean thoroughly. Replace any worn parts. It is wise to overhaul everything before commencing painting, in other words, complete one job before starting another.

Trees which you intend to move can be prepared for moving, digging around them, cutting all of the roots excepting the tap root. Fill the hole around the ball with hay or straw and wait for a cold snap, then remove the straw and let the ball freeze solid. In this way a tree can be moved on the frozen ground and planted with little effort. The hole where the tree is to be planted should be dug before the frost has penetrated more than an inch so the digging is easy, then the hole should be filled with straw until you are ready to put the tree in its place.

Keep a hundred pounds of scratch feed in the barn for our friends the birds who have a hard time finding anything to eat when the snow is on the ground. Feed them on such occasions.

Attend the meetings of your local organization. There are usually some interesting papers read, ask questions, some one will be able to answer them. Prepare an article yourself and either read it at a meeting or send it to the National Greenkeeper. It is your paper, use it.

There is still time in which to secure members for the N. A. G. A.

## *Pittsburgh Greenkeepers' Meet*

By JOHN QUAILL, Secretary

THE Greenkeeper's Club of Western Pennsylvania held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 12, at the Fort Pitt Hotel. Owing to the bad weather, the attendance was very small. However, the evening was spent very enjoyably by the ones present.

Open discussion was held on several topics of great interest and all present took an active part. The topic of mowers, both Putting Green and Fairway, always brings forth much comment and discussion.

Fertilizing is also a subject which will bring out some very good articles. The use and abuse of Sulphate is

## *Pittsburgh Extends Welcome*

The Greenkeeper's Club of Western Pennsylvania extends to all greenkeepers of the United States and Canada a hearty welcome to any of their meetings. The regular monthly meetings are held the second Monday of the month at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 7:00 p. m. Any greenkeeper who is visiting Pittsburgh and would like to see our courses is asked to call on any of our members who will gladly show him around.

always a very much argued question, and like mowers, every one has his little speech ready when the subject is mentioned.

It is just these little friendly gatherings that create such an interest in the meetings and the boys like to get together and argue out their various hobbies and practices. Needless to say, the discussions are very helpful. Some greenkeeper hits upon an idea and tries it out and then comes and tells all about it, and right away some one will say that it is just what he wanted to know.

Eradication of ground moles and earth worms were other subjects discussed. Winter care of greens was also talked about along with many other little items which came up during the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

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