

From the Local Viewpoint

EDUCATIONAL programs are getting well under way in several local districts where greenkeepers' associations are active. Far more important work is being done by local organizations than has ever been attempted before, which is an indication that greenkeepers recognize the value of improving themselves through study and open discussions with their fellow members.

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Course of Study in New England

THE Massachusetts Agricultural College, in co-operation with the New England Greenkeepers' Club, has opened a ten-week course of study at the college, embracing both scientific and practical subjects relating to greenkeeping.

Members of Green committees and greenkeepers, as well as men who have had at least one year's experience on a golf course, are eligible to enter. No entrance examinations are required, but students are expected to have had a reasonable education in the English language.

The number of students is limited to ten, and the college reserves the right to reject any applicant obviously unqualified for the work.

Massachusetts citizens will have first choice for entry, but if any vacancies occur, greenkeepers from outside states will be allowed to enter in the order of the filing of their applications.

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Discuss Arsenate of Lead at Philadelphia

THE regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Old York Road Country Club, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, on Monday, November 14.

A number of the members played a round of golf, and then witnessed a demonstration of the Roseman fairway mower.

At the evening meeting it was decided to hold meetings on the first Monday of each month.

An interesting general discussion took place regarding the merits of arsenate of lead, which will be taken up in THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER at a later date.

Dr. Parry, chairman of the Green committee of the Old York Road Country Club was introduced, and in a short address he emphasized the beneficial effects of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, which he has followed since its organization.

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Chicago Starts Extensive Program

A REGULAR meeting of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association was held on November 26th at 7 P. M. at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago. Mr.

John MacGregor, the president, called the meeting to order, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read by the secretary.

A report was then called from the committee in charge of the program arrangements and they advised that sufficient responses had been received in answer to letters sent out that would adequately take care of all meetings during the winter.

Following is a schedule of the winter program of the association:

November—Mr. Wendell P. Miller, Consulting Engineer on drainage and irrigation.

December—Mr. John Monteith, Jr., Associate Pathologist, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

January—Mr. O. J. Noer, Prof. of Soil Science, University of Wis.

February—Dr. Lyman Carrier, Former U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Chairman of U. S. Green Section.

March and April—Subjects of a scientific nature including Botany and Hydraulics will be discussed by authorities from local colleges.

The question of hydraulics in the use of fairway irrigation is one of considerable interest at the present time and the information as to how much water really is required to water an entire golf course will be one of value to the greenkeepers.

Following this report, it was decided that the gold engraved card of life membership to be presented to Mr. A. E. Lundstrom, now in the New York district be forwarded to him with letter of appreciation from the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association.

The next order of business brought before the meeting was the matter of securing a student from one of our universities who would like to secure his master's degree in some specific research work such as defining strains of grasses, weeds and soil reaction to fertilizer and watering and defining a thorough balance in soils in favor of grasses. It was decided to bring this matter before the U. S. Green Section of the Chicago district at their next meeting, in order to arrange if possible the establishment of an Experimental Station.

The greenkeepers at large are strongly interested in this proposed Experimental Station and are anxious to secure the assistance of the district Green Section to co-operate with them in obtaining the help of all the Chicago district clubs to finance this project. The Mid-West Greenkeepers Association has land available for such a station and will gladly co-operate in every way pos-