

Around the Office Desk

Buffalo Greenkeepers Organize

HAVING read and enjoyed the April issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER it occurred to me the following would be of interest to you.

The greenkeepers of this vicinity have brought into being and successfully launched the Western New York District Greenkeepers Association to promote the welfare and increase the efficiency of themselves and the clubs they serve in the capacity of greenkeepers.

During the discussion held at our first meeting the subject of grasses and turf best adapted to withstand the rigors of our climate and soil, as we in western New York have to contend with was of benefit to all of us. Many of those in attendance at the meeting felt that they were amply rewarded for their payment of the first year dues, as the exchange of experience and opinions will be made a part of each of our monthly meetings. The year round meetings will certainly prove of great educational value to the greenkeepers and will in turn react to the benefit of the clubs employing us in the perfecting of their courses.

In addition to the business of talking shop we took sufficient time to start our local with a full set of officers, as follows, Robert Henderson of the Buffalo Country Club, president, W. T. Rothman, Niagara Falls Country Club, vice-president, Art Stevens, Grover Cleveland Park, treasurer, and Al Schardt, Wanakah Country Club as financial secretary. A Board of Directors consisting of Custer Stallman, Grant Eastman Park, Country Club of Rochester, Frank Bulges, Municipal Links, Niagara Falls, A. W. Kroll, Country Club of East Aurora completed our roster.

Our first meeting was held on March 23, 1928 at Grover Cleveland Park Club, Buffalo, N. Y. and we are indebted to the officials of this club for their interest shown in our behalf and the assistance rendered by them in offering to us the use of their clubhouse as a meeting place to launch our campaign for an organization that is intended to include every eligible greenkeeper within this territory, i. e., from Erie on the West to Rochester on the East and along the shores of Lake Erie and Ontario and as far south as Hamilton—this region includes nearly every club of importance contiguous to the larger cities of western New York and Ontario, Canada.

With a territory of this size and the number of clubs within it our local will ultimately reach a considerable membership, and as our aim is to have every greenkeeper within this district an enrolled member, if not before the national convention to be held in Buffalo this year, at least before our local is a year old. It is the opinion of the writer that the clubs can and should give all assistance possible to organizations of the character of ours by urging their greenkeepers to become affiliated, inasmuch as our principal objective is to exchange ideas and discuss maintenance of golf courses and their constant improvement.

You can feel assured of our most hearty co-operation. We are just starting, but upon convening of the national

convention in Buffalo this year we hope that those in attendance will be greeted by as well organized and enthusiastic a group of greenkeepers as is known in the national association.

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An Appreciated Honor

Mr. R. E. Power, President,
The National Greenkeeper,
Caxton Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

At our last meeting of the Cleveland Group of Greenkeepers you were made an honorary member of the association.

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Frank Ermer, Secretary.

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Signed: Frank Ermer, Greenkeeper.

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