



# *Around the Office Desk*

## *Buckner Speaks Up*

Cordial support of the SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL GREENKEEPERS' GOLF SHOW to be held in Buffalo, February 13-16, in connection with the National convention is being expressed on all sides. Manufacturers are recognizing the sincere attempt of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America to advance the interest of golf by a method of which the Golf Show is an important link in the program.

Along these lines, Chairman Burkhardt of the show committee has received the following letter from the Buckner Manufacturing Company, Fresno, Calif. This company is a pioneer in golf course irrigation and specializes in sprinklers and sprinkler systems. W. A. Buckner, president of the company writes as follows:

"As a matter of information, we have decided that we will not exhibit in the Chicago or the New York shows, sponsored by the officials of the Chicago show. We advised against this New York show as it is impossible for Pacific Coast manufacturers to keep men in the East over such a long period of time at so many different shows. We, like J. Oliver Johnson, believe that the greenkeepers' show is destined to be the only real show of this kind worth while to the manufacturers. We realize that the greenkeepers are the people who have the say as to the purchase of upkeep equipment, and we want you to know that we are 100 per cent behind your organization."

(Signed) Buckner Manufacturing Co.  
By W. A. Buckner.

## *"Wives of National Greenkeepers"*

Once again we hear from the secretary, Mrs. Wm. Smith who sends us a few bits of news which have accumulated over the summer vacation.

Copies of the by-laws have been mailed to the members and upon receipt of dues membership cards will go forward.

The members who met the president, Mrs. Varn Hagen will be sorry to learn that she has been very ill for the past few weeks. We feel sure that during her convalescence any little friendly notes will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Varn Hagen's address is Lock Box 67, Redford, Detroit, Mich. Great enthusiasm for the coming Convention is already very evident by the mail which we have received from some of the ladies. They are looking forward to this, their first Convention, with much interest and anticipation. We hope as they do that this first event will help to increase the present membership of the organization.

## *Some Samples*

It is remarkable how the work of the greenkeepers is being recognized outside of the golf field. Not a day goes by, but subscriptions are received from cemeteries, parks, private estates, asylums and institutions of all sorts that have the problem of turf culture to contend with. Here are some samples of recent voluntary subscriptions that have been received.

Cornell University.  
Southwestern Louisiana Institute.  
Toledo State Hospital.  
United Jewish Cemetery.  
Missouri Military Academy.  
Superintendent of Parks, New Brunswick, N. J.

## *Closely Read*

The fact that THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER is closely read is evident by a recent letter from Victor George, greenkeeper of the Lafayette Country Club, Lafayette, Ind., whose story relative to applying chemicals to greens was published in the October number.

"I received a good many letters regarding the little article you so kindly published, and had to do a lot of explaining of course. I was glad to do it because it shows that THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER is read by all interested.

"I have sent out a call to Indiana greenkeepers and hope to organize the Indiana Greenkeepers Association, November 10, 1928. Please, pray for us!"

George also remarked in his letter how proud he felt to read about the success Mr. Lundstrom had had at the Crescent A. C. in Brooklyn, and how the newspapers had recognized his efforts and then enclosed a clipping from the Lafayette paper, which we quote as follows:

"Victor George, greenkeeper of the Lafayette Country club, is probably the busiest and most widely known person of his profession in this part of the state because of his wonderful work in keeping the local links at its high standard. Many visiting golfers, who have played on the local course have commented favorably on his care of the fairways and greens, and on several occasions George has been called from the city to aid other clubs with the upkeep of their links.

"George, after many years' experience, has gone a step higher in his profession and recently laid out a new course for the Seymour Indiana Country club, which met with the approval of the directors of that club. While Seymour had a fine course, it could be improved upon and the local man journeyed to that city and gave them a new nine hole layout which was adopted and is now being built."