

# *Around the Office Desk*

## D. C. Bunker Honored

**D**C. BUNKER, Galesburg, Ill., one of the charter members of the National association, was signally honored in his home town recently when the city council recommended that the Lincoln Park Golf course be hereafter known as "Bunker Links." This honor was conferred in recognition of Mr. Bunker's services rendered in the building of greens and fairways, and keeping up the city municipal grounds since their inception in 1923.

In connection with this action it was pointed out that Galesburg has one of the finest municipal courses in Illinois. It is 6251 yards long, with all bent greens and an additional nine holes has recently been opened. Mr. Bunker calls himself, "a common old-time greenkeeper." We wish we had more like him and may his shadow never grow less.

## Doty Receives Compliment

**E**W. DOTY has received many complimentary letters concerning his article on golf maintenance cost and club expenses, published in the May number of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER.

The Bayer-Semesan Co. call attention to his statement that the higher cost of maintenance last year was due in part to the brown patch epidemic, and asks why that is; whether from the damage done by the brown patch or the cost of applying preventative treatments.

Now readers let's hear from you to what extent if any the brown patch epidemic increased your maintenance costs last season. Send in your opinions for publication next month.

## Standards Committee Busy

**T**HE new Committee on Standards is receiving a hearty welcome from the golf clubs and Chairman, John Morley has been deluged with letters expressing appreciation of the service which the association has offered through this committee.

M. Fred O'Connell, chairman of the Green committee of the Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg, Mass., writes a letter which expresses the general sentiment throughout the country. He says in part:

"I wish to assure you that advantage will be taken of the knowledge which I am certain your committee possesses, as a result of the experiences which the members of your committee have gained through their years of service.

"As chairman of the committee on Greens of the Oak Hill Country Club, I often feel the need of advice upon matters that come up in regard to the upkeep of the course, and I shall avail myself of the opportunity

to call upon your committee if the occasion requires.

"Fortunately, we have been blessed with remarkably good greens and fairways since our club was started. We believe that last year there was no club in the country that had better greens than ours. Nine holes were completed in July, 1926, at which time they were opened with an exhibition match between Tommy Armour and Johnny Farrell. These are stolon greens and they have been in a remarkable condition since they were completed.

"The other nine holes were seeded with bent and when Donald Ross was here last summer he told me that they were as fine greens as he ever saw and he didn't even except those which he knew so much about on the other side. I thought you would be interested to know a little something about our conditions and good fortune."

## About Power Mowers

**A**NOTHER inquiry comes from Mr. L. B. Maytag, chairman of the Green committee of the Newton Country Club at Newton, Iowa. He asks if the committee has had any experience with a certain power putting green mower, and whether or not its weight would be considered injurious to creeping bent putting greens? He also wants information on the eradication of clover in creeping bent greens.

The information which Mr. Maytag received from the committee will be of great help to him, because it will be absolutely unbiased and based upon experience. Such points of contact establish the association as an important body in the golf world and insure the club's greenkeeper, who is a member of the association, the hearty support of his club officials in attending the conventions and other activities of the National Association, in which he is interested.

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### Grass and Grass Widows

**E**VEN Reno, Nevada, steps out and asks the Committee on Standards for information concerning Bermuda grass, its advantages and disadvantages, the amount of water required and type of soil. We all know that there are a lot of grass widows in Reno, but we never did know before that they were Bermuda grass widows.

Now if Mr. John S. Belford, chairman of the Green committee at the Reno Golf Club, had asked Mr. Morley what grass was suitable for the widows in the East, the answer would have been simple. Bent grass, of course.

### Down In Gawga

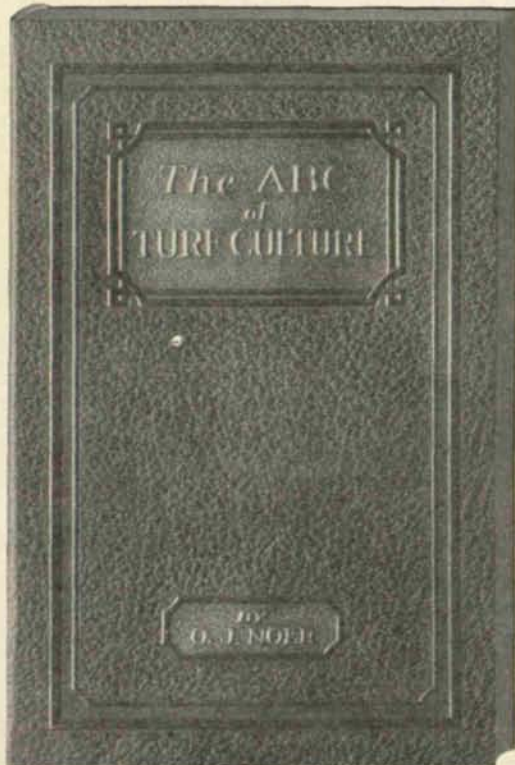
**D**OWN in Georgia is the Augusta Country Club where John C. Mulherin, president of the Perkins Manufacturing Co., is chairman of the Green committee. Mr. Mulherin writes to Mr. Morley, "Augusta Country Club appreciates the offer of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America," and wants to know about fertilizers for the fairways which are principally of Bermuda grass with carpet grass in the low places. He says, further:

"Our soil is sandy and these two grasses have been quite satisfactory, holding up well through our long, hot summer season. The necessity exists, however, for fertilizing at reasonable intervals and we have been using cottonseed meal to some extent and having fairly satisfactory results."

### Endorsements

**M**R. E. A. KELLY, president of the Green Valley Country Club, Wheaton, Ill., writes to Mr. Morley, stating that they have received a circular boosting a certain fertilizer, but they do not find the names of any of the committee on Standards on the list as users.

All of which indicates that the endorsement of the officials of the National Association of Greenkeepers carries sufficient weight with golf club officials to be noted and talked about. When matters of this sort are noticed and talked about and ideas are exchanged there is bound to be a better understanding of the situation and everybody concerned will be benefited thereby.



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