



Around the Office Desk

Jersey Greenkeepers Visit Philadelphia

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AT OUR August meeting we decided to visit the beetle-infested area to get some first hand information about this pest that has ruined many a good golf course.

I was instructed by our President, Mr. F. J. Roth of Plainfield Country Club to get in touch with some greenkeeper who had been through the mill. Knowing that the Philadelphia area had been through a strenuous time with the Beetle, I wrote our good friend, Mr. Lewis Evans of Cedarbrook Country Club, Mount Airy, Phila., telling him what we wanted. Sure enough Lew replied stating, "By all means bring the boys along and I'll show them all the beetles and grubs they want to see and also tell them the measures we took to control them."

So on September 23, we greenkeepers boarded a bus at Newark, enroute for Philadelphia. We arrived in Philadelphia around 11 A.M. Mr. Evans in his usual thorough manner had one of his men looking out for us to take us right up to his club. I am voicing the sentiment of all the boys when I say we had a wonderful day.

First, Mr. Evans showed us some grub-infested areas mostly in the rough, as he has got his fairways almost cleared, and we saw grubs aplenty, grubs and beetles, dead and alive. At Cedarbrook before steps were taken to fight them they had an average of 140 grubs to the square foot of turf. But Lew has fought and is still fighting them and it has been a costly job. We, representing the New Jersey Golf Courses, are to enjoy the benefit of Mr. Evans knowledge by being prepared, and as an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of Cure, our boys have decided to prevent, and save their clubs thousands of dollars in money to say nothing of inconvenience caused to players by acres of turf being uprooted by these pests.

Lew has things done pretty well as he wants them at Cedarbrook for he had arranged with the club steward

and we had a real lunch, with a short chat in the clubhouse. Then, we walked over the course, hole by hole. It is a beautiful spot and a wonderful golf test. Every yard, even to the remote corners, show there is a real greenkeeper in attendance. Mr. Evans has already written a good deal about grub control, so in this article I won't touch on that, but I would like to get all the boys to join the National Association of Greenkeepers of America as it is through the Association that these excursions of friendship and good-fellowship, also instruction come about.

So greenkeepers all—Rally to Louisville in February 1930, where all these problems will be discussed and advice and information given by those who know.

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