



## Around the Office Desk



IT IS with profound regret that we announce the death of John McNamara, treasurer of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and greenkeeper at the Pittsburgh Field Club.

John McNamara passed away Sunday, September 1 at Mercy Hospital after a lingering illness. He was highly regarded throughout the country in his profession. He can be classed in point of service as one of the oldest greenkeepers of America having served in this capacity twenty-seven years. The passing of our friend will be keenly felt in our association. He was very loyal to it and gave much time to help encourage its growth. We will miss his counsel and advice.

John MacGregor says, "He will be missed by all who knew him." My own personal feelings can be best quoted in using the expression of Lewis M. Evans, when he stated that he was at a loss to find words to express his thoughts as to the great loss we have all sustained. He was such a wonderful fellow and was so interested in the National association that his passing has taken from us our truly great member. I feel personally that I have lost a great friend and as such I mourn his loss. When the history of the National association has been written his name will appear as one who put his shoulder to the wheel to help us put across the greatest movement for the men in our line.

I might state that in behalf of the association I attended the funeral and in viewing the many floral offerings there was evidence of the high esteem in which John McNamara was held. Among these floral designs were one from the National Greenkeeper, The National Association of Greenkeepers of America and one from the Pittsburgh District Greenkeepers' Association. The entire association join me in extending to Mrs. John McNamara and his esteemed children our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

John Morley

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### Loeffler New Treasurer

OWING to the death of our late treasurer, John McNamara, it became my duty to appoint a successor. Owing to the fact that we have a considerable sum of money in the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, I deemed it advisable to appoint a member from the Pittsburgh district, Emil J. Loeffler, Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Penna.

Mr. Loeffler needs very little introduction for nearly every greenkeeper knows of him. He probably has staged more National tournaments than any other greenkeeper in America. It is the home club of Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., our first Honorary member.

Previous to this appointment, Emil Loeffler was chairman of the committee on finance. This position has been transferred to C. H. Bain of the Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland. Chris, as we call him, is an active member of the Cleveland District Greenkeepers' Association and like Emil is widely known—J. M.

Robert J. Hayes, greenkeeper at the Pelham Country Club, Pelham, New York, has been seriously ill at the New Rochelle hospital with acute erysipelas. At the

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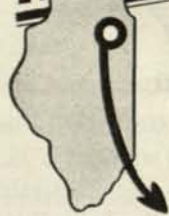
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time of writing this he was still confined in the hospital but reports from there state he is steadily improving. The association wishes him a speedy recovery.

### Greenkeepers Attend Meeting

The Western New York district was well represented at the Mid-summer meeting of the United States Green section. Bob Henderson of the Buffalo Country Club, Art Stephens of Erie Downs and the writer made the trip by automobile.

We left Buffalo Saturday morning and arrived in Washington on Sunday evening. There was many a hic between the Niagara and the Potomac.

On Monday the 19th we enjoyed a very interesting visit to the Arlington Turf Gardens. In the evening we were entertained and dined by the mid-Atlantic Greenkeepers and believe me those boys sure can plan a pleasant evening. The very capable Professor Hillman spent about two hours explaining the various kinds of bent grasses and seeds. On Tuesday Mr. Watson greenkeeper of Chevy Chase and Indian Spring Clubs took us to see some of the leading Clubs around Washington and, while it must have been very tiresome and trying for Mr. Watson, it sure was a treat for us.

On our return trip we stopped at Pittsburgh to see Emil Loeffler and also had the honor of meeting the twins. From now on Emil is going to have more to keep him awake nights than worrying about Brown Patch. Got two of my own Emil, I should know.

Well boys, will see you all in Louisville.

Sincerely,

Al. Schardt,

Sec'y W. N. Y. D. G. A.

### A New Baby Born

A new baby has been born on the Pacific coast and we offer our congratulations. It is the Pacific Greenkeeper, published by the Greenkeepers' Association of Southern California and its office is 910 E. Hermosa Drive, San Gabriel, California.

In its opening editorial the publishers state: "For years our greenkeepers have been groping along in the dark. We have received from here and there morsels of information that we have gladly accepted. But turf raising on the Pacific coast is subject to a different set of conditions than obtain elsewhere. We have

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### Meeting At Indianapolis

President John Morley has called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the N. A. G. A. to meet with the Mid-West Association at Indianapolis, Monday, November 25.

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