

Penn. Greenkeepers Entertain Chairmen

THE Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania were hosts to their chairmen at a banquet and meeting held on Monday, March 10 in the Fort Pitt Hotel. There were twenty one greenkeepers and chairmen present and the evening proved very enjoyable and instructive.

Mr. W. R. Murphy, a prominent Pittsburgh attorney and an ardent golfer was toastmaster and was all that a good toastmaster should be. His ready wit and humor kept the ball rolling and produced many laughs.

Mr. James A. Smith of London, Ohio gave a very interesting and educational talk on fertilizer and soil. He explained in detail the action of the bacteria in the soil in making the nitrates available so the plants could make use of it. He also offered his experience and knowledge in helping the greenkeepers of Western Pennsylvania to start a soil testing laboratory where they may have their soil tested not only for acidity but for physical structure as well.

Mr. Smith surely found a place in the hearts of the greenkeepers of the Pittsburgh District and we are indebted to him for many helpful suggestions which he made in his wonderful talk.

Col. John Morley was also present and he gave one of his usual fine talks. He chose as his subject the fraternal side of greenkeeping and brought out many very fine points which found great approval by the green chairman. He was heartily congratulated on his success in organizing the National Association and guiding it through the years of its existence so well.

Mr. Henry Eby, the Allegheny County Agriculture Agent gave a short talk on cooperation and offered his services in any way possible to the clubs of the district. He ended his talk with a little poem on cooperation which brought out the need and the benefits of cooperation and was received with applause.

John Quail, secretary of the National Association of Greenkeepers and also secretary of the Greenkeepers Club of Western Pennsylvania gave a brief outline of what the green-

keepers are doing to better their courses. He pointed out the need of cooperation between the greenkeepers and between the greenkeepers and their chairmen. He lauded the short courses now being offered the greenkeepers and the good they are doing in educating the greenkeepers in scientific lines so they can better carry on their work.

Experiment plots on the greenkeeper's home course were pointed out as a solution for many ills. The Green Section and the state experimental stations hand out many important bits of information and recommendations and as the conditions under which they are discovered may differ greatly on the various courses it is advisable to first try them on a small scale before jumping at conclusions and trying them on the greens.

Several chairmen and greenkeepers expressed their views and it was the general opinion of the chairmen that the greenkeepers are doing more to better conditions than they were being given credit for. They recommended that the greenkeepers keep up their good work and they will surely be rewarded for their efforts.

What Do We Receive For Our Money?

By HOWARD D. FARRANT

Excerpt from an editorial in the February issue of "News Letter," published by the Greenkeepers Club of New England

I HAVE heard this remark in our Club and it is mentioned in all clubs, but I do know as Members of the "Greenkeepers Club of New England," we are getting far more than what we pay.

Let us, for instance, check up our outdoor meetings in the summer. There are six, possibly seven, where we inspect the course, have lunch and play golf. The individual pays for his lunch and entrance fee for a golf tournament which goes towards prizes, but who pays for the use of the course? The various clubs have been kind enough to offer their courses, where if we went alone we would pay Green Fees from one to three dollars, which would alone mean six to eighteen dollars in the season saved because we are Members of this club.

At our indoor meetings we have interesting speakers, and this last meeting a free lunch. Aren't we all getting something out of these talks? We have had other dinners and entertainments furnished by the club. There is an equipment day where all the latest in golf course equipment is shown. Doesn't this mean something to us?

* * * and above all else there is the good fellowship, the exchanging of ideas, new friends, and to me this means an awful lot. How can the question be asked—What do we receive for our money?