

Executives Meet in Indianapolis

President Morley outlines plans for the Louisville Convention and Golf Show

BY JOHN MORLEY, *President*

The National Association of Greenkeepers of America

TWICE each year, according to our by-laws, it becomes necessary for me as President of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America to call together the members comprising the Executive Committee. Having held our summer meeting in New York City, I was of the opinion that the fall meeting should be held somewhere in the middle West in order to get in closer touch with our membership in that territory. So I decided to hold our second meeting at Indianapolis, Monday,



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first vice-president John MacGregor and Alex Binnie, president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association, both belonging to the Chicago district. Immediately after lunch through the kindness of Carl A. Bretzlaff, secretary of the Indiana Greenkeepers Association, Chester Coval, Mr. Bretzlaff's assistant and George Hawkins who has charge of the famous Speedway and golf course adjoining, we were taken by automobile to inspect a few of the courses in the Indianapolis district.

November 25. On Saturday previous to the meeting those members living in the Eastern section met at Cleveland so that we might entrain for Indianapolis together. Those present were John Quail, W. J. Sansom, Fred A. Burkhardt, Christopher Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Evans and son John and myself. Previous to train time we were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Burkhardt and with the aid of his three estimable daughters we were treated to an excellent dinner and later resumed our way by rail westward, arriving at Indianapolis early Sunday morning.

Upon our arrival at our headquarters, Hotel Lincoln, we were pleased to meet our

We were very much elated to find the courses, especially the putting greens in the pink of condition. After inspecting Avolon, Broadmoor and Highland courses we were escorted to the Speedway golf course and later had a ride (a little too fast for me), twice around this well-known Speedway.

The sun having set over the Western horizon we journeyed on to the Meridian Hills Country Club, the home club of our host, Carl Bretzlaff. After inspecting his up-to-date course we were escorted to the dining room where we were served with an excellent dinner that Mr. Bretzlaff had arranged for us.

On Monday morning bright and early we

Greenkeepers Conference Program

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Chairman

George M. McClure

Soil Technologist, Ohio State University

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5—2:00 P. M.

Introduction of chairman by President John Morley.

Addresses of Welcome—By Henry Heyburn, Louisville, Ky.; by Vertner D. Smith, Pres. Louisville C. C.; by Harry Dumesnil, Pres. Big Spring Golf Club; by Joseph C. Steidle, Pres. Audubon C. C.

The Fraternal Side of Greenkeeping—By Lewis M. Evans, Philadelphia.

Seeds and Grasses—By Prof. L. S. Dickinson, Amherst, Mass.

Functions of the three plant food elements—By A. E. Grantham, Richmond, Va.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6—2:30 P. M.

The Life and Activities of Soil Bacteria—By James A. Smith, London, Ohio.

Experiments in the Turf Nursery—By Dr. Howard B. Sprague, New Brunswick, N. J.

The Trend of Greenkeeping—By O. J. Noer, Madison, Wisconsin.

Drainage and Soils—By Wendell P. Miller, Columbus, Ohio.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7—2:30 P. M.

My Cure for Brown Patch—By Prof. L. S. Dickinson, Amherst, Mass.

Greenkeeping Problems in Canada—By W. J. Sanson, Toronto, Ont.

Activities of the Green Section—By Dr. John Monteith, Jr., Washington, D. C.

Taking Care of the Trees—By Hon. Martin L. Davey, Kent, Ohio.

had the pleasure of greeting the "P. T. Barnum" of Louisville otherwise known as George Davies, and Victor George of LaFayette, Indiana, president of the Indiana Greenkeepers Association. Nine o'clock found the entire Executive Committee in session. After all important business matters pertaining to the welfare of our association had been disposed of our attention was devoted to the coming Golf Show, Conference and Convention at Louisville, Kentucky, February 4-7, 1930. After listening to reports from all members present we came to the conclusion that the coming event will be greater and better than any which we have previously undertaken.

Fred A. Burkhardt, chairman of the Golf Show said he feels confident that we will have a large attendance and more exhibitors than we had at Buffalo. But we must remember that the Armory which will house the 1930 Show is very large. We have reserved considerable space for old exhibitors but there is still space left for more manufacturers and merchants to exhibit their goods. According to George Davies everyone in Louisville will be on deck to welcome us when we arrive.

On Monday afternoon a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Indiana greenkeepers was held. Victor George, president of their Association presided and later called on all members of the Executive Committee and guests for a few brief remarks, after which a general discussion took place, especially in regard to brown patch, bacterias and the merits of arsenate of lead. Victor George having brought the meeting to a close we bid farewell to our guests until we meet again at Louisville.

New Equipment for the Show

WE ARE pleased to state that a large number of manufacturers and merchants of golf course equipment are this year making their initial appearance. New equipment for golf course maintenance will be on exhibition. The latest time-saving and labor conserving equipment will occupy prominent space in the Armory. Golf club officials are continually looking for better service and unless we can obtain better working equipment it will be impossible to meet their requests. Fortunately,

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science and invention are keeping pace with the times and at our coming Exposition we will observe and discuss among ourselves and others the merits of these new inventions.

During my various terms in office as president I have often been placed in an embarrassing position by greenkeepers and chairmen of Green committees by their request seeking information pertaining to golf equipment. It has been necessary for me to avoid as far as possible recommending any individual firm or manufacturer's line of equipment. To do so would in my opinion be unjust while representing such a large and powerful association as ours, especially to those who have helped us at a great cost of time and expense to promote one of the greatest show of golf course equipment ever held in this or any other country where the game of golf prevails.

To the greenkeeper who has the confidence of his Green committee chairman to buy what he thinks his course needs, I would suggest that he bring along his Order book and do his buying for the coming season at the Show. To other greenkeepers bring along your chairmen for by so doing he will surely buy for you some of the labor-saving devices which will be seen at the Show.

Fine Speakers for Conference

IT HAS been allotted to me to secure suitable speakers for the three days' conference and I am pleased to inform you that I have secured the best talent available. The subjects will be well balanced. There will be no morning sessions. This will give everyone an opportunity to visit the many well-known places of interest in the neighborhood of Louisville. The program and subjects will be found elsewhere in this number of the *National Greenkeeper*.

I believe that it is proper and right at this time to dwell on the social and fraternal side of our Association. With this in view it becomes a pleasure to state that not only in the city of Louisville but the State of Kentucky, hospitality is a tradition. The city of Louisville is situated on the Ohio River frontier where Dixie begins. It embodies many attractive traditions, one associated with the South as you will find anywhere. You will go there

and learn that "My Old Kentucky Home" is more than a sentimental song. It is a fact you can go down to Bardstown and see the house that Stephen Foster wrote the song in and let us not forget that it was the same Stephen Foster who also gave us "Old Black Joe", "Swanee River" and "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground."

With some disappointments that we encounter while traveling along life's varied and interesting journey there comes to us many blessings and pleasing privileges that fill us all with joy and rejoicing. We are also blessed with many things that come to us that makes our journey through life most pleasing indeed. One of the great blessings that come to us is the wonderful privilege of being members of a fraternity of our calling, and the pleasing opportunity we have of associating together as greenkeepers and being influenced by our own environments which has done so much for us during the past few years.

Do we as greenkeepers fully appreciate the great blessings and wonderful privileges that come to us through our association? One of the grandest characteristics of a member is to show proper appreciation for the services given us by others and for the blessing that comes to us from the many who have labored for those who live after them. Real happiness comes to us as a result of dealing justly with others. For if we expect happiness ourselves we must endeavor to bring happiness to others. Do we as greenkeepers of today show full appreciation for the great blessing that our association has brought to us? Have we rendered our fellow-members such services as our organization requires of us?

Let us not forget that there is a very wide difference in being enrolled on our records as a member of our fraternity and being a real member. Yet how pleasing it is to us to feel and know that within our membership there are but few who are not real members. Memory is a God-given element. If it were not meant to use it would not be given. We are bound together by ties of the past. Memory brings back other scenes—gives us a common starting point and mellows the heart made hard by a cold

competitive world. Our association therefore draws us together by common interests that makes sacred all that goes to make us what we are, interests made up of the past.

No man should enter our fraternity with ulterior motives. The self-seeking man has at the very beginning made himself a foe to fraternalism. It is not manly to scrap and fight and back-bite. But it is manly to have faith in one another, to bring to them a much desired hope and for all of us to be bound together with the strongest kind of tie, namely love.

Goodwill is the Last Word

BEING of national training and making my way slowly through the university of experience the older and more proficient I became the more I began to think and think hard. The man who is different to me sets up a problem. The moment we judge another without knowledge we are guilty of prejudice. Let us rise to the level of goodwill. Goodwill is almost the last word of fellowship in the human vocabulary. We are entering the first elementary stage of brotherhood and fellowship. Let us banish the ill will of ignorance to the good will of understanding. Life is character trying to express itself in terms of actions. Never flaunt the "red flag" when meeting a friend. Remember the law of service to the other fellow and humanity.

Many people seek more education solely because it increases their earning capacity, but education brings so much more. It is true that if one can increase one's economic value to the world and render better service it should be sought earnestly and used fully.

It has been stated that men are valuable just in proportion as they are able and willing to work in harmony with other men. This surely applies to such an organization as the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. The value of each one of us a member of this association depends upon our ability to cooperate with the other members. The value of the organization as a whole depends upon the interest and cooperation of the individual member.

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