

# Mid-West Greenkeepers' Page

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THE following figures compiled by C. A. Donnel, chief meteorologist of the weather bureau for the Chicago district, showing how this district was affected by the drought this past summer.

	1930	Normal
April .....	2.30 inches	2.78 inches
May .....	2.16 inches	3.54 inches
June .....	2.49 inches	3.30 inches
July .....	2.63 inches	3.33 inches
August .....	1.17 inches	3.21 inches
September .....	1.16 inches	3.15 inches

The deficiency of precipitation January 1st to October 1st is 7.39 inches. Estimating one inch of precipitation per acre equal to 27,000 gallons, we find that each



GREENKEEPER C. M. HARRISON

*Who holds forth at the U. S. G. A. Green Section experimental and demonstration turf gardens at Laskers Estates, Everett, Illinois*

acre has a shortage of 199,530 gallons. So, if your course comprised 150 acres the total shortage from January 1st to October 1st is 29,929,500 gallons.

Another point which the writer thinks rather interesting is that the normal precipitation for September is lower than the four preceding months, somehow we had the impression that beginning with September a sort of rainy season began.

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The equipment demonstration and show which has been an annual event sponsored by the Midwest organ-

ization was decided to be omitted this season, for the following reasons: Possibly asking too much of our local manufacturers and distributors, inasmuch as they all exhibit at the annual N. A. G. A. show and convention during February. Secondly, lateness of season, with the probability of bad weather occurring on the day of the event.

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The September Midwest meet at Chicago Golf Club certainly provided a fine climax to a season of successful outdoor meetings. Chicago Golf is one of the most complete and expertly maintained courses in the Chicago district.

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The next meeting will be held at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, October 29. The meeting will begin at seven in the evening.

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To those members who plan to dine before the meeting and want to enjoy companionship, impromptu arguments plus inspirational speeches, should dine in the Great Northern Grill, for here most of the boys assemble before the meeting.

## Ermer Elected President

Frank Ermer, greenkeeper at the Ridgewood Golf Club, Cleveland, was elected president of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers, at a meeting held at the Brae Burn Golf Club, Akron, October 20. Although a young man, Ermer has been greenkeeping several years and received his training under Fred A. Burkhardt, at the Westwood Country Club. He has made a splendid record at Ridgewood and is considered one of the best greenkeepers in the Cleveland District. Ermer succeeds Christopher Bain of the Oakwood Country Club.



FRANK ERMER  
*New president of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers*

Other officers elected were Frank Dunlap, HawthorneValley C. C., first vice-president; Robert Zink, Shaker Heights C. C., second vice-president; L. M. Latta, Brae Burn C. C., third vice president; and Walter Knowles, Highland Golf Club, secretary-treasurer.

The greenkeepers had their yearly clam bake at Brae Burn. They intended to play golf, but it was too cold.

## LaGrange To Have Golf Club

LaGrange, Ind., boosters are considering the establishing of a country golf club probably to be located just east of LaGrange near road 20.

### Dearie Story In December

The final instalment of the series of articles by Edward B. Dearie, Jr., entitled, "Golf Course Construction from the Greenkeeper's Standpoint," will be published in the December number. It is entitled, "Bringing the Course Along."