

Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary



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THE November meeting of the Minnesota greenkeepers was held at Minikahda club. Twenty members were present and "Charley" Erickson made them all feel at home.

Our chairman, Leo Feser told about the N. A. G. A. Directors meeting at Cleveland and asked that we give John MacGregor the support we gave to Colonel John Morley. The discussion concerned the coming Golf Show. It was decided to pass up our Short Course this year and make every effort to have a one hundred per cent representation at Chicago.

One of our men suggested that when we visit a course during a meeting we should have a demonstration of certain work. It would be interesting to see how a fellow-greenkeeper dresses his greens, how he sharpens his mowers or how he prevents brown patch.

This is the time of year when fairway fertilization is in order. I suppose there are many clubs that had to omit it this year. It is essential to fertilize each year and when you miss it, it takes a long time to catch up. A healthy, well-nourished grass can withstand drought and disease better. Try and fertilize this fall if you can.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 12, in the Log Room of the Superior Golf Club.

Canadian News

By J. H. EVANS, *Golf Editor*
Toronto Globe

AN extensive program was mapped out by the Ontario Greenkeepers' association for the series of monthly meetings which the association will hold in Toronto until its members are expected to resume their duties next spring. There was an excellent turnout of members for the first indoor meeting.

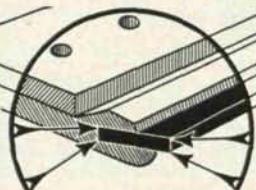
Each member is to contribute a paper of his own to be read at the meetings, giving his experience during the past year on operations at the reduced cost forced on him by prevailing conditions.

He is expected also to include any experience with fertilizers and with any method used for fungus, as well as the control of diseased grass. The general routine of course maintenance was also included in the topics to be discussed during the winter.

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Vice-president Sansom spent some time in an elaboration of the work of the National Greenkeepers' association. Mr. Sansom dealt with the annual convention of the association to be held in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, early in the new year and urged all greenkeepers of the Province to attend if they could find a way to do so.

He said he felt they could learn a great deal at the convention and also declared it was their duty to support the association by attending the annual gathering.

Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

IF INSPIRATIONAL surroundings mean anything on a golf course, then the players on the Lincoln Park Municipal Golf Course of San Francisco ought to be forever at the peak of their game. The course is located on the high bluffs overlooking the Golden Gate through which since the days of '49 a constant stream of ships from every nation has sailed. In the center of the course is situated the beautiful Palace of the Legion of Honor erected in commemoration of the heroes of the late war. And just outside the front portals of this edifice is a circular driveway marking the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway.

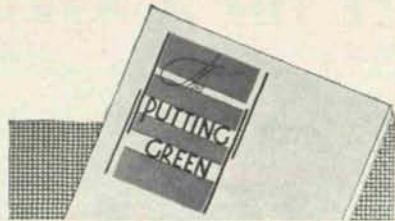
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D. R. LEWIS L. THOMAS, chief factotum of the Gilman Hot Springs Golf Course at San Jacinto, California, claims the best nine-hole resort layout in the state, which is saying something. However his claim is backed up by such well-known professionals as Olin Dutra and Larry Gleason.

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WEATHER PROPHETS ARE BUSY

THE weather prophets on the Pacific Coast armed with scientific instruments, willow forks, rheumy bones, rabbits' feet, and what not are now indulging in the annual pastime of prognosticating the rainfall. As usual few of them coincide. The scientists, testing the temperature of ocean water, predict a dry winter. The Indians, judging by the coats of animals, say that there will be much rain. Greenkeepers can take their pick and act accordingly, but in the meantime keeping their fingers crossed.



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U. OF C. ON WEED CONTROL

THE University of California is performing commendable work in the field of weed control. The institution has put some of its scientists to work on this problem which is so vital to the interests of all growers in the state. Much experiment has been carried on to determine just what are efficient herbicides.

One of the most significant findings is to the effect that chemicals are a very poor substitute for keeping ground clean and free of weeds by mechanical means. The greenkeeper has still a long while to wait who looks forward to the day when weeds can be eliminated from his greens by dosing them with herbicides.

Cincinnati Greenkeepers' Meet

By HAROLD GREEN

THE Cincinnati Golf Greenkeepers' Association held its monthly meeting at the Cincinnati Country Club, Friday night, Nov. 4. George Benvie, president and Gordon Meyers, secretary-treasurer, were re-elected to serve during the ensuing year. The members wish to thank Wayne Miller and Jim Morrison for their hospitality. The next meeting will be held at Hotel Alms, December 3.

Those attending were, J. Bonner, Taylor Boyd, Al Langfield, E. Herbstreit, Carl Langfield, Gordon Meyers, Georgie Benvie, Bill Fruechtenmeyer, Jim Muirden, Bob Strong, Jim Thompson, Tom Miller, G. Glanau, G. Waring, J. Allen, C. Schneider, E. Brophy and A. Brandhorst.

Worthington Covers Midwest

J. B. HURLOCK, Western Manager of the Worthington Mower Company with headquarters at 517-21 So. Loflin Street, Chicago, announces the appointment of L. A. Ferguson, formerly sales manager of the Ideal Power Lawn Mower Company, as travelling representative for Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan.

Leo. F. Murray, who was with J. Oliver Johnson, Inc. for five years and last year with the Golf Course Equipment Company in Chicago, has also joined the company and will cover Iowa and Missouri.

Midwest Notes

By A. L. BRANDON, *Greenkeeper*

Saint Charles Country Club, Saint Charles, Ill.

NO MIDWEST Greenkeeper's Association notes have appeared in the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER for sometime. We hope no one has assumed that our association has taken the rap or leaped from some fifty story building, which seems more or less the prevalent malady.

But nevertheless the Midwest has survived two bank failures, has increased its membership, has held regular and well attended meetings and is all hot and raring for the coming N. A. G. A. Convention in Chicago.

INDOOR meetings will begin during the first part of December and will be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago and not at the Great Northern Hotel as of the past years.

NOER DROPS A GEM

AT THE final outdoor meeting held at Medinah Country Club (President R. N. Johnson's club), O. J. Noer, the Milwaukee sage, dropped the following gem during his after dinner talk, "If greenkeeping is to continue to survive as a worthy profession, the greenkeeper must above all know his job and fulfil it."

AT SCHOOL we used to have a Prof, who would continually make this statement prior to all exams, "so take heed and govern yourself accordingly," and brother there were very few second trials given to members of his classes. Somehow, coupling this thought with Mr. Noer's seems to apply itself strongly to the greenkeeper's position with his club today. Possibly the writer is all wet, but we think it calls for a little individual thought anyway.

C. M. Harrison of the U. S. G. A. was also a speaker at this meeting. I understand that Doctor Harrison is on the Speaker's program at the Convention, and those in attendance at the Convention certainly should make it a major object to hear him.

Before passing over the final outdoor meeting of this season, a word of praise for the meal, and a few glasses of foamy amber colored tea.

FRED KRUGER COMES BACK

CERTAINLY was glad to see Fred Kruger at the meeting for it has been some time since Fred attended his last meeting. Fred has been "more or less" between the devil and the deep blue sea all summer—first, a bank failure, then another damn bank failure, then to top it off his house on the club grounds burned to the ground (Sept. 11). Fortunately insurance covered most of the loss