

Eastern New York Greenkeepers Organize

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THE first meeting of the North-eastern New York Greenkeepers' Association was held on Wednesday, May 11, 1932, at the Ten Eyck Hotel, Albany, N. Y. Dinner was served before the meeting and about fifteen prospective members enjoyed a repast that was excellently served and it helped to create a feeling of comerraderie necessary to the organizing of a new section.

After retiring to the conference room later, approximately ten greenkeepers who could not be present at dinner joined the assembly swelling the number present to twenty-five. Mr. George Pulver of McGregor Links, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., acted as temporary chairman of the gathering.

Jack Gormley, greenkeeper at the Van Schaick Island Country Club and district vice-president of this section, recently appointed by Col. John Morley to act in that capacity, was the first speaker. He pointed out the benefits to be derived by organizing and helping one another to thrash out the problems confronting the greenkeepers today, and showed how necessary such co-operation was in the face of present economic conditions. He read the

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by-laws of the National association and they were enthusiastically received and adopted as read.

John Melville, builder of the Troy Country Club, was to have been the next speaker but illness prevented him from being present. Jim Thompson of Mohawk Golf Club, Schenectady, N. Y., was very sincere in his remarks on co-operation among greenkeepers and lauded the National Greenkeeper Magazine for its worthwhile contents. Otto J. Swenson, Toro Manufacturing Co., also made a few remarks.

It was then voted to name this new branch the North-eastern New York Greenkeepers' Association, and to hold periodical meetings at least once a month.

John Melville of the Troy Country Club was elected the first president; Jack Gormley, first vice-president; T. Roy Smith of Stamford Country Club, 2nd vice-president; C. S. McBride of Edison Country Club, Secretary-Treasurer.

Others present included, John Lord of Antlers' Club, Amsterdam, N. Y., E. A. Nash of McGregor Links, M. A. Newton of Schuyler Meadows, Bill Bowman, Schalren Country Club, Jack Aussiker, Mohawk Golf Club, George Clewes, Catskill Country Club, Alec McIntrye and Bob Mitchell of Edison Country Club, R. J. Cullen, Albany Municipal Course, Alex Tallman, Schalren Country Club, Floyed Nelson, Sacandaga Park, Jerry Stack and W. J. Collier, Cobleskill Country Club, Scott North, Normandside Country Club, and Tom Goodman.

Still others who have signified their intention of joining and becoming members are: J. Louis Gregory of Wolferts Roost, Mike Onkosh of Mechanicville Golf Club, Eddie Brown, Shaker Ridge, Tim O'Connell, Luzerne Villa, Leo Gill, Columbia Country Club, and R. C. Blase, Schenectady Country Club.

The next meeting will probably be held at the Mohawk Golf Club, or the Van Schaick Island Country Club.

Durango, Colo.

Work on the municipal golf course has just been started, according to announcement of President H. H. Jeffrey, of the Animas Golf Club.

Lincoln, Nebr.

Work has started on the 18 new greens of the Pioneers' Park Golf course and it is anticipated that same will be ready for play early part of June.

Aneta, No. Dak.

Plans are about completed for a nine hole golf course, according to meeting just held at the Aneta Commercial Club. The committee in charge is Dr. E. L. Grinnell, L. Hanson and W. S. Schley.