

MacGregor Sounds Keynote of Progress

ANOTHER Convention and Golf show of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America has been successfully concluded. For educational purposes it has never been equalled in the history of golf. The golf show was a financial success, when one considers the depression. A great deal of credit is due the chairman of the Show committee for keeping us out of the red.

We must now look forward to the next Convention and Show which is to be held in Chicago, during February, 1933. Let us start now boosting it. Chicago has the reputation of being the greatest convention city in America, and rightly so. The Mid-West Greenkeepers Association is going to do everything possible to make the 1933 convention one to be long remembered.

Everyone who possibly can will want to come to Chicago to help make this possible. It would be a good idea to start putting a certain percentage of the pay check away so that the necessary funds will be available when it is time to pack the old grip and be on your way to meet the old friends and cultivate new ones.

We all know 1932 is going to be a hard year on greenkeepers, as budgets have been materially reduced. But

I believe every greenkeeper realizes the seriousness of the situation and will do all in his power to keep his course in good condition and curtail expenses to help his club weather this the worst year in the history of golf and in so doing will feel that he has done his best.

At the end of the year I am sure the clubs will be willing to send their greenkeepers to the convention. There were enough chairmen of Green committees at the convention in New York to realize the importance of sending their greenkeepers to the convention for the educational program alone. If one of them would write a letter telling of the importance of these meetings and have it printed in the golf magazines, I believe it would do more good than anything in influencing clubs, to make it possible for their greenkeepers to attend our conventions.

A campaign for new members is now on and it is the duty of every member to push this campaign by securing one or more new members. Let's take this seriously and do our share in building a bigger and better organization.

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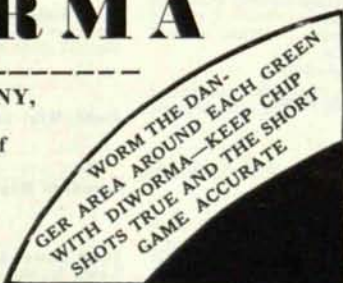
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Economy and efficiency in these times more than ever are the watchwords of every alert business man. Due to the deflated condition of many golf club treasuries it is necessary for the person in charge to look carefully into values before making his purchases for seed supplies.

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