

Mention has been made of various pets which have been unofficially adopted by a number of local golf courses. The Hacienda Country Club of Whittier, California, now comes to the fore in this regard with a flock of mallards which have quartered themselves on a little reservoir lake on the club property. A bucket of corn at the clubhouse keeps the birds from straying and they fly around the course much to the delight of the members, who are not permitted to harm them. Only once has greenkeeper Boynton had trouble with them; this was when the ducks strayed on to one green and pecked holes in the turf in search of worms.

Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, *Secretary*



CHAS. ERICKSON
*Who has been re-elected
President of the Minne-
sota Greenkeepers'
Association.*

THE annual meeting of the Minnesota Greenkeepers' Association was held April 7, at the Sea Food Inn in Minneapolis. The Toro Manufacturing Company was the host, and a delightful chicken dinner was served. Mr. K. E. Goit of Toro was made an honorary member of the organization. His interest in our group is so sincere that he belongs with us.

There were twenty-six guests and plenty of pep and enthusiasm. We had another visitor. He was

Mr. William Clark, former professional and architect in this district. He was away for six years and commented on the higher standards of golf courses in the Northwest.

Before the business meeting our president, "Charley" Erickson, presented Leo Feser with a desk set holding a fountain pen and ornamented with a good-looking horse. Leo is fond of horses, hence the decoration. Incidentally, he is the "spark plug" of our organization. The secretary, Harold Stodola, was presented with an onyx desk set. It had two pens—one for his new wife and another for himself. The old-timers believe in harmony in the family, so they got a pen for each member of the Stodola household.

At the business meeting the name of our association was changed from Golf Course Superintendents back to Greenkeepers. Most of the members feel that "greenkeeper" is a title by itself and that we can make it synonymous with the finest turf in the world. Superintendent seems to cover too much territory and does not fill the bill. That is the opinion of our majority, but Leo Feser believes in superintendents heart and soul. I want to say here that this Leo fellow has ideas—he backs them up, fights for them, is a good loser, and a modest winner. Like the horses he loves at Woodhill, he is a thoroughbred.



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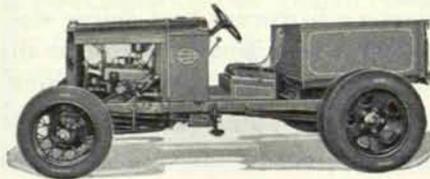
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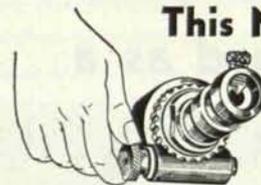
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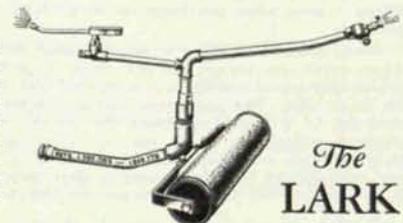


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Officers were re-elected unanimously for one year. Charles Erickson, the grand old man as president; Leo Feser, the greenkeeper with an executive's brain, as vice-president; Victor Larson, another Alexander Hamilton, as treasurer, and H. Stodola, who talks better turf than he can raise, as secretary.

We will continue to hold our monthly meetings the second Monday of each month. A new set of by-laws are to be printed. The meeting was a huge success and everyone was very pleased.

We take this means of thanking the Toro Manufacturing Company, Mr. Goit, Mr. Clark and Mr. Feser for engineering a fine meeting. The next meeting will be held at Interlachen Club, two o'clock, Monday, May 9.

Oklahoma News

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

IF PLANS of the Oklahoma City Park board are carried out Oklahoma City will have two brand new golf courses, one in Northwest Park and the other in Southwest Park and will bring the total to five courses owned and operated by that city.

Surveying work for the new courses was started April 8th and actual construction will begin soon. Arthur Jackson, well-known golf professional and architect

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