

Minnesota Notes

THE Minnesota Greenkeepers' Association had their monthly meeting at Minikahda Club, Monday, March 13, 1933. Twenty-five members were present. Charles Erickson had a sand model of a green he plans to rebuild. In fact he showed the entire hole from tee to green. The model was open to the inspection and approval of the members of his club. It is surely fine to iron out the criticisms before reconstruction and then forever after let everyone hold his peace.

Snow mold was discussed among the members. So far this district has been spared, but just today we had a snowfall with partially frozen ground underneath. We must watch closely until the greens are bare again. Keller Club has some perfect specimens of snow mold kill on their Virginia bent lawn.

Most of the clubs have their equipment thoroughly overhauled and painted for the coming season.

All the courses will open this spring and a touch of warm weather has heated up the golf enthusiasm.

New England Gossip

By GUY C. WEST

ONE of the most important meetings held this year was the meeting sponsored by the Massachusetts Golf Association Service section and the Greenkeepers' Club of New England, held on February 27 at the Braeburn Country Club.

More than two hundred club officials and greenkeepers discussed together club and golf course problems. Talks were given by President Jacques of the U. S. G. A., President Cross and Secretary-Treasurer Wentworth of the M. G. A., Manager Sherman and Green Chairman Sawyer of Braeburn, Charles Parker and Guy West of the Greenkeepers' Club.

The Greenkeepers' Club of New England has presented a strong program at the indoor meetings this winter. At the February meeting, Henri Haskins of the Massachusetts Experiment Station, for over forty years as Control Chemist, spoke on "Fertilizers." Professor Dickinson of Massachusetts State College reported at the March meeting on the results of the pre-seeding fertilizer experiment conducted by him at the college this past year from funds supplied by the Greenkeepers' Club. Some thirty members of the winter schools for Greenkeepers were guests at this meeting. The speaker for the April meeting is Dr. Howard Sprague of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

Some three hundred greenkeepers and others interested in turf problems attended the two-day exhibit and conference presented by the winter schools for greenkeepers at the Massachusetts State College, March 11-12. The exhibits were many and varied, and included several thousand dollars' worth of golf course equipment.

Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

POPULARITY of golf courses in Southern California received a sudden and violent impetus on March 10 with the arrival of the earthquake which created havoc in Long Beach.

The building-free spaces of tees, fairways, and greens seemed havens of safety to many players whose houses and office buildings continued to be rocked by a series of tremblors, the aftermath of the original shock. Greenkeepers in the stricken area reported that the greatest damage to their courses consisted in water lines being pulled apart by the seismic contortions of the earth.

Three days after the quake greenkeepers of Southern California held a meeting at the Meadow Lark Golf course, formerly the Long Beach Country club. During the course of the gathering the ground trembled continually but the attendance was good and everyone stayed, perhaps because the group convened out-of-doors.

This was the first meeting held with the newly-elected officers of the Southern California association presiding. The recently elected executives are: president, W. E. Langton, San Gabriel Country Club; vice-president, L. N. Boynton, Hacienda Country Club; secretary, L. T. Parker; treasurer, Robert S. Greenfield, Wilshire Country Club.

News from the South

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

APPARENTLY the dreams of a thirty-six hole municipal golf course with grass greens and watered fairways at Mohawk Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will become a reality within the next few months.

The Tulsa Park Board has completed arrangements for building the course and contract was given W. H. Diddle, well-known architect of Indianapolis, Ind., for construction of the greens to replace the old sand greens now in use. The project will give part-time employment to over 200 men and a portion of the funds for building this course will be made available through the R. F. C. "made work" program for the Tulsa district. The greenkeeper for the course has not been named.

SCIENCE REPLACES GUESSWORK

During the past winter several greenkeepers throughout Tulsa and the Kansas City district have taken up a study of chemicals that, when properly used, gives a more exact check-up on the condition of the soils. Various soil testers have been introduced and with these sets the greenkeepers believe they can determine the soils that need the fertilizers worst and thereby eliminate a large amount of waste.

On some links the soil on each green has been carefully studied and only the necessary amount of plant food will be applied. Such a plan will result in a substantial saving for the club in fertilizer costs.