

# Cleveland Greenkeepers Hold Fine Meetings

By FRANK W. ERMER, *President*

**T**HE January meeting of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers was held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, on Monday, January 9th. Although the weather was bad there were twenty-eight members present.

It has been the Association's desire to make these winter meetings as educational as possible, therefore the executive committee has worked out a plan to have a speaker on various subjects at each meeting, these subjects to cover lectures on chemistry, soils and fertilizers, trees and shrubs, equipment and gas engines.

At the December meeting we were fortunate to have with us Prof. J. Renschler, a practicing chemist, who outlined the study of chemistry in what you would call plain English. Prof. Renschler has made an extensive study of brown patch in the past two years and brought out many good points on this disease. (Whether Prof. Renschler knows his onions or not, I could not say, but I do know as I guess the boys will agree with me that he does know his "chemistry.")

Now to go back to the January meeting, we had with us Mr. Homer L. Jacobs of the Davey Tree Expert Co., as our main speaker, who covered trees of every description and their care. Mr. Jacobs had with him about fifty photo slides of trees that he had taken from time to time on the right and wrong way of pruning, planting and care of trees in general, which he explained in detail.

A very lengthy discussion followed along the same line,



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nearly everyone present having one or more questions to ask Mr. Jacobs concerning trees on their own courses, which Mr. Jacobs answered in a very satisfactory way to all concerned.

The regular monthly business meeting followed directly after this lecture. Two new members were taken in by the Association, namely Mr. D. Boyd, who recently came to Cleveland and now located at the Portage Country Club, Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Walter Reed, whom most of the boys know without introduction. Mr. John Morley was made an honorary member for life to partly repay the good deeds he has done for the Association in the past.

The February meeting will be held at the Hotel Hollenden at which time Dr. Salter, who is connected with the Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, will speak on soils and fertilizers.

Mr. Burkhardt, chairman of the show committee of the N. A. G. A., gave an outline on how good things looked for the coming convention and most of the boys present gave their pledge to be present at the Hotel Sherman the last week in January.

## Reduced Fares to Chicago

**I**T is Convention and Show time again and the favorite slogan of our greenkeepers is, "On To Chicago."

When you buy your going ticket, ask for a reduced fare convention certificate, explaining to the railway ticket agent that you are going to Chicago to attend the National Greenkeepers' Convention. If your wife is going with you, be sure to secure a certificate for her too.

Your certificate must be endorsed and validated at Chicago so that when you buy your return railway ticket, by presenting the validated certificate you will only be required to pay one half of the regular one way fare.

## Rutgers Announces Greenkeepers Course

**T**HE College of Agriculture of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. announces its fifth annual short course in turf management, February 20-24, 1933. Advanced courses are also scheduled from February 27 to March 3.

Tuition is free, but a charge of ten dollars is made for registration. Those who desire to enter should file their applications with F. G. Helyar, Director of Resident Instruction, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

The program covers every phase of turf culture and deals with soils and soil chemistry, composts, seed testing, fertilization and turf diseases.

## McPherson Joins Lawn Equipment

Mr. Alex McPherson, a charter member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, is retiring from the greenkeeping profession and joining with the Lawn Equipment Corp. of Detroit, Mich.