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Organized September 13, 1926

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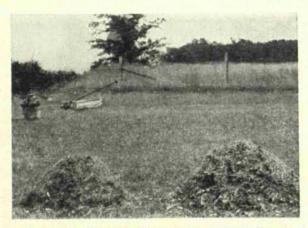
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An Editorial

This month we are introducing to you one of our greenkeepers, L. J. Feser, of the Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, Minnesota, who has written an editorial worthy of the first page in the official greenkeepers' magazine. We are glad indeed to turn it over to him, and congratulate our readers on having such a man as Mr. Feser in the greenkeeping profession.—The Editor.

I HAVE read the last four issues of the GREENKEEPER with great interest, and believe that a membership in the Association is as essential to the 1927 greenkeeper as the mower, barrow, shovel or rake suggestively pictured on the cover page of the magazine.

After five years of greenkeeping, all of which provided many hopes, despairs, successes, failures, dreams, realities, droughts and floods, I sometimes wonder at the confidence I had five years ago. When I took charge of Woodhill greens, I thought that greenkeeping was a matter of sending a number of men to specific jobs every morning, and making daily tours of inspection of the course to see that the work was being carried on properly. The confidence I possessed at that time in my ability to direct the work was, from my present point of view, humorously pathetic.

Now I look up to the progressive type of greenkeeper who has had ten, twenty or twenty-five years of experience. I find that those men are constantly seeking information, constantly puzzling their brains over old and new problems, and ever ready to give the vintage of their years of experience to those that are willing to read or listen.

Not that I believe that the older a man, the better greenkeeper he is. The profession is advancing rapidly along the road marked well by science; and the old man who disregards the markings cannot progress. But the old-time greenkeeper with years of experience in hopes, failures and successes to help him along the sciencemarked trail, is the man I believe in. It is that man that I look to for instruction. It is his failures and successes that I wish to use in working out my problems.

The pages of the GREENKEEPER are open to that type of man as well as the younger, more ambitious type, who will find that writing an article for a paper is much easier than it seems to be. I am as anxious to learn of a failure of a much-used method as I am to see new methods advocated. How many readers of the GREENKEEPER would be interested in reading of a failure that was costly to the Club? Perhaps some of us are working on a method now which was found to be a failure by some fellowman working under like conditions. It is said that newspaper men are the only ones who publish their mistakes, and that is a possible reason why the newspapers are the poor men's college.

Sometime in the future when I feel in a mood of confession, I am going to send a beautiful list of failures for publication in the Greenkeeper. But I am going to be sure that along with the failure list a success list will be attached. For I sincerely feel that during the past five years the golfing condition at Woodhill has been bettered, and the fact that the Chairman of the Green, who at Woodhill has been the same man the past ten years, thank goodness, expects me to continue, seems to strengthen my conviction.

Here is top-luck to the N. A. G. A.!

OPENS CONVENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MARCH 24 BANQUET OF MID-WEST GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



The Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association entertaining members of the N. A. G. A. at dinner at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, the evening of March 24, 1927. John MacGregor, president of the Mid-West, is seen at head of table at left, and at his right is John Morley, president of the N. A. G. A.



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SINCERITY of purpose and deep devotion to the cause to which they are committed featured the first annual meeting and convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, March 25-26.

Over 300 greenkeepers and their assistants were present at various times during the two days' session representing almost every state in the Union and many provinces of Canada. Many of the far distant clubs like Pebble Beach and Los Angeles, California sent their greenkeepers and paid all their expenses because they realize how important the association as an educational factor, is to the golf clubs of the country. Clubs in Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Minneapolis and St. Louis did likewise. As a consequence the deliberations of the convention were representative of the combined thought and experiences of the greater part of the North American continent.

"I hope and trust that God will guide you in your deliberations," said President John Morley in his opening address, "and that we will be able to adopt progressive legislation that may be a credit to the welfare of greenkeeping and the golfing fraternity in general. Being human we will undoubtedly make mistakes. But being progressive we will endeavor to correct them."

This keynote speech of President Morley's permeated the entire proceedings with the result that personal plans and ambitions if any, were entirely submerged in a unanimous and conscientious effort to do the greatest good for greenkeeping as a profession, and to make golf better and cheaper for the clubs served by these hard working men.

Three scheduled meetings were held. First the executive committee went into session on Friday afternoon and reviewed carefully all the work of the Association through the six months of its preliminary existence. Then on Friday evening an informal meeting of all greenkeepers, assistants, green committee chairmen and others interested was held. The purpose was to discuss the work and exchange ideas for the common good.

Saturday morning the real business of the week began in earnest. The Hotel Sherman management kindly reserved the Bal Tabarin room on the 8th floor, as this room is well isolated and free from casual interruption of curiosity seekers. With John MacGregor, sturdy leader of the Chicago greenkeepers in the chair, the meeting proceeded systematically and smoothly throughout the day, and frank discussion of every subject was had.

When time for adjournment came at 5 o'clock John Gray, veteran Canadian greenkeeper of Sandwich, Ontario, rose to his feet and expressed to all present his complete satisfaction over the business-like way with which the Association affairs were being handled. "I should think," he said, "that the greenkeepers had been organized six years instead of six months. I congratulate all of you upon the splendid start you have made and the high character and purpose of the men intrusted with the management of your affairs."

Briefly reviewing the results of the meeting the bylaws were amended in certain sections relating to organization and eligibility for membership. The executive committee was reduced to the five chief officers and an additional number of vice presidents were elected. Pro-greenkeepers wth five years' experience were declared eligible for membership on the same basis as regular greenkeepers of three years' experience. Supervision of the editorial contents of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, official organ, was placed in the hands of the president instead of an editorial council as previously provided.

Considerable interest was displayed in bringing the local associations of greenkeepers closer to the parent body and a motion prevailed recommending to such local associations that they include the \$10.00 annual dues of the National Association in their local dues to greenkeepers thereby making every local association member automatically a member of the National.

The opinion was unanimous that the date of the annual meeting should be advanced to the first week in March, as a number of greenkeepers reported that early spring work interfered with their attendance. It is probable too that the 1928 meeting will be scheduled for some point further east than Chicago following the generally discussed plan of holding the annual meeting and convention in different parts of the country from year to year.

On the following pages is printed the official minutes of the meetings in Chicago together with a revised draft of the by-laws as adopted permanently. Read them carefully as this is the only issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER in which they will appear.

Minutes of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

On Friday afternoon, March 25, 1927, a meeting of the Executive committee of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held in a private room at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, convening at 2:30 P. M.

John Morley, president, called the meeting to order. Members of the Executive committee present were as

follows:

John Morley, Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, Ohio; John McNamara, Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh, Penna.; James Muirden, Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hugh Luke, Garden City Golf Club, Long Island, N. Y.; Alex McPherson, Detroit Golf Club, Detroit, Michigan; W. J. Rockefeller, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio; Fred Burkhardt, Westwood Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club, Pittsburgh, Penna.

This meeting was called by President John Morley for the purpose of reviewing the work of the Association from every angle and to recommend such changes and amendments as experiences proved to be necessary for the good of the cause. Mr. Morley also asked assistance in appointing suitable committees to work out important problems for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 26, 1927.

It was decided to appoint the following special com-

mittees:

By-Laws and Constitution, Membership, Appeals and Grievances, Finance, Consulting Editorial, Permanent Organization.

Mr. Morley explained at length to the assembled group the necessity of appointing carefully selected association members to act as chairmen of these committees.

After a great deal of deliberation, which occupied nearly three hours, the following appointments as chairmen were made:

Fred Burkhardt, chairman, Committee on By-Laws and Constitution.

Alex McPherson, chairman, Committee on Membership.

James Muirden, chairman, Committee Appeals and Grievances. Christopher Bain, chairman, Committee Finance.
John McGregor, chairman, Committee Consulting
Editorial.

Bert Sheldin, chairman, Committee Permanent Or-

ganization.

A discussion of the originally written by-laws of the association occupied considerable time during the course of the meeting, and suggestions were made by all members of the Executive committee relating to changes and amendments which seemed necessary to make in order that the association may function to the satisfaction of all members and local organizations of green-keepers.

Mr. Morley asked the newly appointed chairmen to appoint and convene with their committees and submit their decisions to the membership at the annual meeting the following morning. He impressed upon each member the great responsibility that rested on his shoulders, in presenting a clear and concise report to the association

members at the annual meeting.

Mr. Bain, appointed as chairman of the Finance committee was not present, but the secretary of the association, W. J. Rockefeller, assured the Executive committee members that Mr. Bain had offered to do anything he could to assist the officers and the organization as a whole. Mr. Bain's appointment as chairman of the Finance committee was made because he had long banking experience before taking up greenkeeping as a profession.

Mr. Morley then charged the newly appointed chairmen to select their committees from lists of active association members, each committee to represent as wide

an area as possible.

There being no further business in order, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P. M., in good time for the Executive committee members to attend an informal meeting of greenkeepers scheduled for 7:30 P. M. in a specially reserved room at the Hotel Sherman.

Signed

John Morley, President, W. J. Rockefeller, Secretary.

Minutes of the FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

T HE first annual meeting of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held in the Bal Tabarin Room of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, on Saturday, March 26.

John Morley, president of the Association, opened the

first session at 10 A. M., and after greeting the members, read his annual address, a copy of which is attached. This address was received with enthusiasm, and ordered placed in the records of the meeting.

Mr. Morley then appointed John McNamara, first

vice-president, as acting chairman. Mr. McNamara turned the chair over to John MacGregor, Executive committee member and president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association as a compliment to Mr. MacGregor in his local position and because of his untiring efforts in the Chicago district on behalf of the National Association.

Mr. MacGregor immediately called for a motion to make the National Association a permanent organization. Joe P. Mayo of Pebble Beach, California, made the motion, which was seconded by Edward W. Dearie, of

Chicago, and passed by acclamation.

Mr. MacGregor then read the minutes of the organization meeting which was held in Toledo Ohio on September 13, 1926, after which he read the minutes of the first Executive committee meeting which was held in Cleveland, on February 5. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of these two meetings be approved as read.

Mr. MacGregor introduced Spearman Lewis, manager of the International Golf Show, who in a short talk welcomed the greenkeepers of America to the show, and announced that the next International Golf Show would be held the week of March 12-17, 1928. Mr. Lewis invited the Association to hold their next annual meeting in conjunction with the Golf Show.

Mr. MacGregor then read a telegram from Captain David L. Rees, newly elected president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers Association, as follows:

"Best wishes for an enthusiastic and successful ses-

sion."

It was then duly moved and seconded that a suitable reply should be telegraphed Mr. Rees, and the assistant secretary was so instructed.

It was moved by E. W. Dearie, Chicago that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon, to again convene at 1:30 P. M., duly seconded and carried.

The second session of the annual meeting was opened by Mr. MacGregor at 1:30 P. M., and reports called for from the chairmen of the following committees which were appointed by the Executive committee at a special meeting held at 2:30 P. M. on Friday, March 25.

Committee on By-Laws and Constitution—Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland, O.; Chester Mendenhall, Wichita, Kansas; Jack Welsh, Des Moines, Iowa; E. J. Corlett,

Cleveland; W. Elphick, Detroit, Mich.

Committee on Membership—Alex McPherson, Detroit, Mich.; John Pressler, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Hugh Luke, Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.; C. Bretzlaff, Indianapolis, Ind.; F. Krueger, Matteson, Ill.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances—James Muirden, Cincinnati, Ohio; Charles L. Ream, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Joe P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, California.

Committee on Finance—Christopher Bain, Cleveland, O.; W. J. Rockefeller, Toledo, O.; Gustave Hansen, Greenville, Mich.

Committee on Consulting Editorial—John Mac-Gregor, Chicago, Illinois; John McNamara, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Anthony G. Wagner, Rock Island, Illinois.

Committee on Permanent Organization—B. G. Sheldin, Cleveland, O.; Robert Henderson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan; Al Schardt, Hamburgh, New York; George Wellin, New Britain, Conn.

Fred Burkhardt, chairman of the By-Laws committee was first called upon, and read the proposed changes and amendments in the originally written by-laws, as submitted by his committee. These amendments are attached, it being ordered that they become a part of these minutes. It was moved by E. E. Snyder of Canton, Ohio, and seconded by John Pressler of Pittsburgh, that these amendments be approved as read, and so carried. (Note: A complete draft of the by-laws as amended appears in this issue)

THREE OF THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS



JOHN PRESSLER Allegheny Country Club Pittsburgh



JAS. MUIRDEN Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati



ROBERT HENDERSON Country Club of Buffalo Buffalo, N. Y.



Photograph of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, taken at their February 14th meeting. Fifth man from left in front row is Louis Evans, of the Cedarbrook Country Club, president of the association. Seventh from left in front row is Joseph Valentine, Vice-President of the N. A. G. A.

Alex McPherson, chairman of the Membership committee was next called upon. He submitted to the members the requirements for eligibility to membership in the National Association, as worked out by his committee, namely that greenkeepers and assistant greenkeepers of three years' experience or more are eligible, as are also men holding the combined position of professional and greenkeeper who have had five years' experience or more, all acceptances to membership being subject to investigation by the Membership committee. It was moved by W. J. Rockefeller of Toledo, and seconded by A. E. Lundstrom of Chicago, that these findings of the Membership committee be approved as read, and so carried.

James Muirden, chairman of the Appeals and Grievances committee, submitted a report to the effect that he had heard no complaints whatever, but as soon as any were received from any member or group of members, such complaints would be given the careful attention of his committee. It was moved by E. E. Snyder and seconded by M. M. Parsons of Wooster, O., that this report be accepted, and carried by acclamation.

Christopher Bain, chairman of the Finance committee, was unable to be present. His report was read by W. J. Rockefeller, secretary of the Association, in whose hands Mr. Bain had left his report. The report read by Mr. Rockefeller showed that the Association was in sound financial condition, and this report is attached, it being ordered to include the financial statement in these minutes. It was moved by E. J. Corlett of Cleveland and seconded by C. G. Barton of Toledo that this report be approved as written, and so carried.

Bert Sheldin, chairman of the Permanent Organization committee submitted his report, explaining that the members of his committee had been in session for a long time in selecting from the membership a list of officers to nominate at this annual meeting to serve during 1927. Mr. Sheldin submitted for nomination the following list:

President, John Morley, Youngstown; 1st vice president, John McNamara, Pittsburg; 2nd vice president, John MacGregor, Chicago; 3rd vice president, Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland; 4th vice president, H. Hawkins, Ontario, Canada; 5th vice president, Joseph Valentine, Philadelphia; 6th vice president, Charles Erickson, Minneapolis; 7th vice president, John Pressler, Pittsburgh; 8th vice president, James Muirden, Cincinnati; 9th vice president, Capt. David L. Rees, New York; 10th vice president, J. O. Campbell, Kansas City; 11th vice president, Joe P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, California; 12th vice president, Robert Henderson, Buffalo; 13th vice president, B. G. Sheldin, Cleveland; 14th vice president, Food Goodrich, Flint, Michigan; 15th vice president, Al. Schardt, Buffalo; 16th vice president, George Wellin, Hartford, Conn; secretary, W. J. Rockefeller, Toledo; treasurer, Alex McPherson, Detroit.

It was moved by A. E. Lundstrom of Chicago, and seconded by Jacob Schnapp of Toledo that the above list of officers be elected to serve for the year 1927 and until the annual meeting in the spring of 1928, and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballots for all the members present for the officers named. The motion was carried by acclamation; whereupon the chairman declared them duly elected.

The next committee to be called was the Consulting Editorial, John MacGregor, chairman who asked his first committee member, Anthony G. Wagner, of Rock Island, Illinois, to submit the report. Mr. Wagner reported that the recommendation of the committee was to place all responsibility as to the text of editorial ar-

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