

A Look Back — GCSANC Celebrates 65 Years

The year 1932 has now passed into history. It was a year which the greenkeepers will remember as the time when all turf ailments were stacked against him. He had a week of record low temperature which gave most of us another experience in the caring for greens. As an Association it should give us great courage and a measure of satisfaction to know that we are gaining in numbers and prestige. After being organized only nine months, and this is but rightly so for our aim is not only to better conditions for ourselves but for every individual that plays golf in this section.

The past nine months we have had some very interesting meetings and some good talks on fertilizers, upkeep, etc. The start we have made in this direction proves that it is practical to arrange a series of lectures on any subject that pertains to our line of work. I would like to call the attention of every greenkeeper in our organization that the time of one day a month would be well spent in attending these meetings. We must never let up in our efforts to make our gatherings worth while so that on leaving we may have attained some knowledge of greenkeeping that we did not have before.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to Mr. Bishop, Mr. Graves and Chas Berg for the efforts they made in demonstrating their various pieces of equipment. I would like to see one meeting day set apart for such demonstrations and invite the heads of the various clubs to be our guests on that day. It would bring to their attention the real value of this organization. Greenkeeping today is something more than pushing a hand mower.

Mother Nature is continually working not for the greenkeeper but against him here in California. She is at it the year round, bringing on her vast array of pests, such as wire worms, cut worms, ants, grubs, red mildew, sorrell, etc. Every one of these could ruin a fine piece of turf in short order if not controlled, and we must know how to do the right thing at the right time. I mention these things to emphasize the fact that delay is dangerous in treating any of the above pests. It is up to the man on the job to act and act quick.

In closing it is a pleasure to mention the fine fellowship that prevails throughout the organization and I cannot overlook the excellent work done by our Secretary, Sam Smith.

Wishing you all a very prosperous New Year.

Yours truly,
Will Rogers, President

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