



NEWSLETTER

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"This was a good country in the past, it is a good country today. It will be a good country tomorrow unless we fail it."

DAN BEARD

The spacious new building at the Waltham Field Station was the scene of the annual meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of New England. It was the Twenty Seventh Annual, by the way. It started off with a caterer's delicious roast beef dinner topped off with ice cream rolls of many flavors. Judging from the number of requests for seconds and thirds many of our members are cultivating new rolls, or should we say roles. The meal was even more enjoyable when we were informed that Orville Clapper had volunteered to assume the entire cost. Thanks Orville that was a fine gesture.

A preliminary to the business meeting was a short talk by O. Clapper briefly outlining the increasing difficulties in securing certain equipment and materials, the rapid upward changes in market prices and the advisability of acting now to cover on all seasons requirements. He also enthusiastically described the new book on the market, "Turf Management", by H. Barton Musser. *Editor's note.* Ye Editor has examined this book and would say it is positively a must for all greenkeepers. It is authentic and practical, backed up by a board of editors consisting of well known authorities. Fred Grau, Herb Grafs, O. J. Noer, and Marshall Farnham. It brings up to date a coverage of the whole field of turf management chapter by chapter. And the tables in the back of the book are invaluable. They cover for example, rates of treatment for control of turf insects, sizes of pipe for transporting given quantities of water, friction losses in fittings, pipes, and hose, horse power requirements for irrigation, etc. The book is tops gentlemen. By the way O. Clapper has a supply on hand. Price \$6.00 and well worth it.

The business meeting wasn't exactly a knock down drag out affair, but "it wern't no Quaker meeting neither." It vibrated with vim and vigor. **HIGHLIGHTS.** Officers and Committees presented their annual reports—The officers for 1951 listed in the December Newsletter were duly elected . . . Anthony Caranci, Jr., Louisspisset Golf Club, North Providence, Rhode Island, was voted a member . . . The Golf Committee reported its correspondence with the U.S.G.A. regarding the controversial October Shanahan

Greenkeeper-Pro tournament. The committees decision based on this correspondence awarded the win to Anderson-Sheppard. So that's settled. Arthur Anderson was voted our delegate to the National Turf Conference at Chicago. Secretary Sperandio has mailed Proxy Vote cards to all of our members who are also members of the National. These cards should be signed with your membership number and returned promptly to Arthur Anderson. An appropriation of \$200.00 was voted to cover the expenses of our President Harold Mosher to the Chicago Conference with the proviso that it will not be used if his employer pays the expense.

Discussion and action on the change in our by-laws was next on the docket and this consumed the balance of the afternoon. Certain changes received a favorable two-thirds vote and in other instances additional changes were made requiring publication in the Newsletter and action at the February meeting. Those changes favorably voted upon were:

1. Bring up to date the list of club presidents.
2. Incorporate in the history of the club that we were instrumental in bringing the National Turf Conference to Boston in 1950.
3. Omit paragraph (g) in article III.
4. Under article V change paragraph (a) to read (The annual membership dues shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars payable in advance. New members shall be required to pay an initiation fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars. Omit paragraph (b).
5. Under article VII paragraph (b) change (Golf and Entertainment) to read (Golf and Educational) and after this add (these chairmen shall select two other members for their committees. In the second section of this same paragraph (b) re-arrange the wording so that it will read—(The President shall appoint a Welfare Committee of three (3), an Employment Committee of three (3), a Turf Research Committee of three (3) and a Publicity Committee of three (3).
6. Under article VIII paragraph (h) have it read (Educational) instead of (Entertain-

ment). Omit the last sentence in paragraph (i).

The following changes are proposed for action at the February meeting.

1. Under article II paragraph (f) change to read (Any member who has ceased to be employed in the work of greenkeeping may be dropped as a member).
2. Under article VII paragraph (b) change to read (A nominating Committee of five (5)).

As was expected the greatest difference in opinion occurred over the change in the name of the Club. It was wisely decided to lay this on the table for future discussion. This discussion should continue until a substantial majority of our members are in complete harmony on the best name for our organization. Ralph Thomas helped to focus attention on the subject by exhibiting a chart with the following names;

Greenkeepers Club of New England.

New England Greenkeepers Association.

New England Greenkeeping Superintendents Association.

New England Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Which do you like and why? Give us your opinion at the next meeting.

WARNING. If there is anyone in our organization who has not yet ordered for immediate delivery complete seasons requirements on materials and equipment—boy, you better get busy.

DUES. Our Club dues are due and payable in January. Let's make our treasurer smile early this year.

PROXY VOTE. Send that proxy vote to A. Anderson pronto.

NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW

JANUARY 29 to FEBRUARY 2

Some of the boys are already pressing those loud ties, shining the brogans, and removing old banquet stains from the conference vests in preparation for the trip to Chicago. Just how many are going from this area is difficult to say at this moment. Quite a few perhaps. For those who are in doubt, here are some transportation costs.

| | Rd. Trip from Boston (Approx.) | Travel Time |
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| American Airlines | \$115.46 | 4½ hrs. |
| Pullman | 116.00 | 17 hrs. |
| Day Coach (Reclining Seats) | 66.00 | 17 hrs. |
| Greyhound Bus (Excursion Rate) | 36.69 | 35 hrs. |

Better go fellars. Its educational, rejuvenating, and well worth it to you and to your club. For the benefit of those who cannot possibly go, here is an idea for our February 5, meeting. Stage a panel discussion on the main points of the Turf Conference with practically everyone who attended participating. This would not only pass along interesting information to those who were unable to go but the rehearsing and redigesting would increase the value of the information to those fresh from the conference.

What about the February 5, meeting? It will be held in Boston, at the Hotel Bradford at 1.30 sharp. The Educational Committee is arranging an interesting program. We'll be seeing you.

"Difficulties, hard physical work and simplicity are still invaluable assets in evolving the world's most important product—a real man.

SIR WILFRED GRENFELL

H. DARLING, Editor