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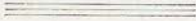


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### "IF"

("If" Kipling Had Written It  
Like This!)

"If you can see what some folk call  
'depression'

As nothing but a spin of Fortune's  
wheel;

If you can keep your poise and self-  
possession

No matter what you think or how  
you feel;

If you can view a stupid situation  
All cluttered up with 'ifs' and 'aws'  
and 'buts'

And take it at its proper valuation—  
A challenge to your common sense  
and 'guts';

If you can rise above the mess and  
muddle,

If you can glimpse a rainbow through  
the clouds

When Doubt and Dread and Fear are  
in a huddle

And hope is being measured for a  
shroud;

If you can keep a saving sense of humor  
For stories that are slightly inexact;

If you can disregard Report and Rumor,  
And not accept a statement as a fact;

If you can spread the gospel of suc-  
cesses,

If you can stir the spirit that instills  
The latent life in lathes and looms and  
presses

And lift the stream above a thou-  
sand mills;

If, briefly you can spend an extra dollar;

If you can pry the sacred Roll apart  
And buy another shirt or shoe or collar

And act as if it didn't break your  
heart;

If you have faith in those with whom  
you labor,

And trust in those with whom you  
make a trade;

If you believe in friend and next door  
neighbor

And heed examples pioneers have  
made;

If you expect the sun to rise tomorrow;  
If you are sure that somewhere skies  
are blue—

Wake up and pack away the futile  
sorrow

For better days are largely up to  
YOU!"

—Author Unknown.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, on January 9th. During and following the banquet an entertainment was presented in charge of Alec Steele, with C. C. Marble, banjo, Perley Archambeau, accordian, and Louis Moore, Magician, keeping the members in good humor.

Mr. Herbert Jaques, newly elected President of the U. S. G. A. sent regrets at his inability to be present—owing to illness. Mr. Charles Cross, President of the Mass. Golf Association, and an Honorary member of the Greenkeepers Club for several years, was present, and spoke briefly of the co-operation which now existed between the Mass. Golf Assoc. and the Greenkeepers Club. Mr. Cross called attention to a meeting which is to be held in February at the Braeburn C. C. for greenkeepers and green chairmen. He said that he had felt for a long time that the greenkeepers were the logical men to be advanced to Superintendents, as no one can save more money or make a dollar go further than the greenkeeper.

The reports of the various officers and committees were presented, and show the club to be in flourishing condition despite the depression.

Steve Hannon, Winthrop G. C., Walter Howe, Wellesley C. C., and Leslie Wildgust, Winchester C. C. were elected to membership.

Officers elected for 1933 are as follows:

President, James McCormack; 1st V. Pres., Guy West; 2nd V. Pres., Howard Farrant; 3rd V. Pres., James Sullivan; Secretary, C. W. Parker; Treasurer, Frank H. Wilson, Jr.; Trustee for 3 yrs., Ted Swanson; Entertainment Committee, R. A. Mitchell, Chairman, Edwin Hansen, Paul Wanberg, Martin Green, Joseph Oldfield; Golf Committee, Paul F. Hayden, Chr., John Shanahan, H. B. Cottelle, Tom Galvin, E. A.

Masciocchi; Membership Committee, John S. Latvis, Chr., George Volmer, E. B. Lord, Lawrence Hay, O. L. Wendell; Auditing Committee, A. E. Anderson, P. Cassidy.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to report that our club continues to grow. During 1932 we increased our membership about 20% and our treasurer's report will show that we closed the year in good financial condition.

What is more satisfactory, however, was the interest taken by the members in the affairs of the club, as was shown by the attendance at our monthly meetings and the good fellowship which prevailed.

The indoor meetings were very instructive, as our Committee provided us with speakers well qualified to talk on their different subjects pertaining to Golf Course Maintenance.

The outdoor meetings proved very popular and were much enjoyed. I cannot estimate the great benefit derived from these meetings while playing around the different courses in observing conditions and methods of maintenance, looking over the equipment and discussing the different problems with our fellow greenkeepers.

Continuing our policy of cooperation we held a meeting on October 3rd at the Bear Hill Golf Club, each greenkeeper invited his professional, and a Best Ball Tournament was held. This proved to be one of our most successful outdoor meetings. There were about ninety greenkeepers and professionals who took part in this tournament and it was the general opinion that this should be an annual affair.

We are receiving splendid support from the Greens Committee Chairmen in our district. They are showing much interest in the work which our club is doing and many of them attend our meetings.

Three of our members have served during the past year on the Service Section Committee of the Massachusetts Golf Association and Mr. Cross, the new President of that Association, has reappointed those men to that committee for another year. We appreciate the help which our members have received from the Massachusetts Golf Association not only in information on seed, ferti-

lizer and the various problems in the maintenance of our courses but in the better understanding which has been developed between the Greens Committee members and the greenkeeper.

At a recent meeting of your directors it was voted to join with the Massachusetts Golf Association in a meeting to be held some time in February to discuss the future of golf clubs in our district.

Continuing our interest in the State College we again donated \$50.00 to that institution for further experimental work with golf grasses. We hope to have a report on this work at one of our meetings in the near future.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the officers for the fine work which they have done during the past year; in particular, the Secretary, Treasurer and the Editor of the Newsletter who were so efficient in carrying out their duties. In fact, all of the officers have cooperated 100% for the best interest of the club and to each and every member I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid support which you have given me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
James McCormack, Pres.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President and Members of the Greenkeepers Club of New England:

In submitting my first annual report as your Secretary I am reminded of a favorite remark of my Chairman:

"A report is usually the sound of something that has already happened."

Your club has held the usual number of monthly meetings this past year. Starting with the annual meeting in January, the three following meetings were taken up with speakers.

Mr. Talbot C. Chase, then President of the Massachusetts Golf Association, and Mr. C. Adrian Sawyer, Jr., Chairman of the Greens Committee of Braeburn C. C. each spoke interestingly and gave us much of value.

Dr. J. L. Horsfall and Mr. H. E. Bailey of the American Cyanamid Co., spoke and lead discussions on Brown Patch fungicides and also fertilizers. Also at this particular meeting, Mr. Kenneth Welton of the United States Golf Association Greens Section spoke upon and demonstrated soil textures suitable for top soils for greens.

The last indoor meeting had Mr. O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewage Commission for the speaker. As usual he had several interesting and valuable points for our consideration.

The Golf Meetings for the year were held at the following Clubs: Woodland Golf Club, Oyster Harbors Club, Tedesco Club, Wannamoisett Golf Club, Braeburn Country Club, Bear Hill Golf Club, and Commonwealth Country Club.

For the December meeting we returned indoors for a joint meeting with the R. I. Greenkeepers Club at the Narragansett Hotel in Providence, R. I. At this meeting we heard Dean G. E. Adams, Prof H. F. A. North and Dr. T. E. Odland tell of the work they are doing at the Rhode Island State College on golf turf, and we were also given an outline of the Short Course for Greenkeepers to be given at that College this Winter.

To return to the Golf meetings. It is interesting to note that three golf courses never visited before were opened to your Club. These were:—Oyster Harbors Club, Tedesco Club, and Commonwealth Country Club.

Special mention must be made of the Bear Hill meeting. This was the first Greenkeeper-Professional Best Ball Tournament ever held under the auspices of your Club. This meeting was received with enthusiasm on all sides and there is every reason to believe that it will be an annual event sponsored by the Greenkeepers Club of New England.

In February the Greenkeepers Club of New England had a booth in the Golf section of the Sportman's Show at Mechanics Building where attractive signs called attention to your Club and to the scope and importance of greenkeeping in the golf world.

Every year since your Secretary has been a member of this Club there have been definite progressive steps made. 1932 has been no exception. The meetings have been on the same high plane of previous years and there are two very definite high lights of progress which if not called to your attention would be seriously slighting the hard conscientious work which your Officers and Board of Directors are doing at all times.

The first point is the Greenkeeper-Professional Tournament already reported on. The idea came from one of your Directors and the subsequent successful execution has clearly placed the Greenkeepers in the position of open

minded co-operation with the golf professionals, and cannot but reflect credit to the Greenkeepers Club of New England.

The last point which I present for your information is, that in a year which will be remembered more for its retrenchments than expansion your Club has lost only three members and has elected sixteen new members. What more is needed to demonstrate the appreciation of the value of this Club by the greenkeepers of New England than these same figures, only three members lost and sixteen new members elected in 1932.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Parker, Sec.

### EDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. President, and Members of the Greenkeepers Club of New England:

It is with pleasure that we submit our fourth annual report as Editor of the NEWSLETTER.

We have published twelve issues this past year, for the first six months these issues were of twelve pages. Lack of enough advertising to pay for publishing twelve pages compelled us to reduce the size to eight pages for the last six months. The size of the NEWSLETTER for 1933 depends upon the amount of advertising secured, and the amount of news matter received.

We have endeavored during the year to keep this little magazine your paper, to give it an intimate touch, so that those members who are unable to be present at many meetings will feel that they are in touch with their club. We believe that we have presented during the year some material of real benefit to our members. We have tried to make the various issues interesting reading. However, we have succeeded or failed is largely due to your efforts, as well as our own. Whether you have or have not sent us articles, whether you have or have not showed interest in the NEWSLETTER, has governed to a large extent the success or failure of your paper. However, what is gone is gone. We earnestly solicit at this time your help and your interest for this coming year and for the future.

We wish at this time to thank all who have contributed articles this past year, and all those who by suggestions and interest have helped. We wish especially to thank our advertisers for their support, as it is only through their cooperation that we can publish this NEWSLETTER without expense to the

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Respectfully submitted,

Guy C. West,

Editor, NEWSLETTER.

### SOME FACTS REGARDING VELVET BENT GRASS

(*Agrostis canina*)

(Presented by Hyper-Humus Co.)

Velvet Bent is **not** a trade name for bent grass, but is the name of an entirely distinct species. It produces a much finer textured turf than any strain of creeping bent, Seaside bent, Colonial bent, Astoria bent, Rhode Island bent, or other species of the bent grass group.

Velvet bent makes a profuse growth of narrow basal leaves, thus producing a dense turf of fine texture.

When Velvet bent seed contains 5% or more of other bent species or strains, the resulting turf is patchy and uneven in texture because the fine leaved velvet does not blend with the relatively coarse foliage of the other bents.

One of the most conservative seed houses, noted for its high quality products and moderate prices, offers stolons of Metropolitan creeping bent at the price of \$17.50 for enough stolons to plant 1000 square feet. Two pounds of pure Velvet bent seed will plant the same area at considerably lower cost.

Velvet bent turf produces a root system that is fully as extensive as that of any other species of bent grass, according to root studies reported by the New Jersey State Agricultural Experiment Station. In its native habitat, the species occur on well drained soils that are inclined to be rather **dry**, rather than on swampy or soggy soil. Velvet bent will tolerate a limited supply of moisture as well or better than related species.

Velvet bent requires far less top dressing to maintain a true surface, than creeping bent produced from stolons or from seed. With the high cost of preparing good top-dressing, and the large amounts used in the course of a season, the saving on this item from use of Velvet bent is considerable. Velvet bent requires even less top-dressing than any strain of Colonial bent, or of German mixed bent.

Velvet bent produces the toughest and **hadiest** turf when fertilizer is used

sparingly. In fact, greenkeepers that have propagated this species on their own courses, state that it seems to thrive on neglect of feeding. Excessive soil acidity is undesirable for Velvet bent as well as for other species of bent grass, but the grass will flourish over a wide range of soil conditions.

Velvet bent is a relatively inexpensive putting green grass for the following reason—

1. There are approximately ten million seeds to the pound, about twice as many as for other species of bent grass. The rate of seeding Velvet bent need not be more than two pounds per 1000 square feet on properly prepared seed beds. The cost of seeding Velvet bent is far less than for planting creeping bent from stolons.

2. No special care is required at the time of planting. Simply use the ordinary precautions as for sowing other small seeded grasses. No unusual attention, such as the careful covering with screened soil and careful watering needed by stolon plantings, need be given to Velvet bent planted from seed.

3. Velvet bent requires less top-dressing to maintain a true putting surface than any other grass used for putting greens in the United States. Stolon bent greens will require at least twice as much top-dressing as Velvet bent. One of the most costly items in the maintenance budget may be reduced to a negligible figure by planting greens to Velvet bent.

4. Velvet bent is hardy, persistent and durable. It will hold its own against the encroachment of weeds, *Poa annua*, and clover as well as any other putting green grass. Moreover, it is better able to do so with limited feeding than other bent grasses. Re-seeding and fertilizer costs may be reduced to a minimum with Velvet bent.

5. These great savings in costs are not made at the expense of quality. Pure Velvet bent produces the **finest turf** ever developed on a golf course or similar grassed area. Impure Velvet bent seed containing 5% or more of other species of bent grass will not produce a uniform smooth textured turf, but pure Velvet bent will do so.

6. The production of pure Velvet bent seed has been placed on a permanent basis in New Jersey with the assistance of the State Agricultural Experiment Station, and seed of the same high quality as that now available will be placed on the market year after year.

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Everett Pyle of the Providence Municipal Course started the New Year right by marrying Grace A. Perkins of Greene, R. I. on Jan. 1st. Everett was present at the Annual Meeting, but started soon after for Florida with his bride for a honeymoon.

Roland F. Robinson and wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on the 10th. Robbie has recently bought a house in Oaklawn, and is busy these days remodelling it in the style of the Cape Cod Cottage.

The Entertainment Committee expect to have Prof. Lawrence Dickinson as a speaker for a meeting soon.

**Dues are payable now. Send checks to the Treasurer, Frank H. Wilson, Jr., Charles River Country Club, Newton Centre, Mass.**

Tom Grady of the R. I. C. C. is spending the winter in Ireland, arriving there on Christmas Eve.

Ort. Wendell is in Florida for the winter, playing all the golf he can. Pretty soft—Ort!

# Budgets

The preparation of a budget, especially during these years of reduced income, is truly a real task.

Every piece of equipment should be carefully checked and its probable span of life estimated. Then reserves and appropriations can be set-up to replace it, thereby distributing the cost over a period of years.

Every small tool should receive a similar analysis, and its replacement made on a methodical basis.

Every pound of seed, fertilizer, chemicals and other odd items should be properly allocated with regard to the needs of 1933.

After every item has been tabulated, place your business with the dealers in advance of your needs. This permits them to purchase against orders, reduces their need of heavy stocks at critical periods, and thereby reduces their costs of operation which affect their profits and the ultimate price to all consumers.

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