

Greenkeepers Club of New England

NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 1945

True friends like diamonds are precious but rare,
False ones like autumn leaves are found everywhere.—Anon.

The February meeting was held at the Hotel Statler on February 5th. Letters were read from George Rommell, who is recovering at the Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia and from Anthony Sperandeo, who is aboard the U.S.S. Terror. There was a general discussion of present and future problems of golf course maintenance. Among the subjects discussed were the manpower shortage, the gasoline situation, the post-war possibilities of the new insecticide D.D.T. and the uncertain conditions in the inorganic mercury market which suggested the advisability of obtaining the season's supply as soon as possible.

President Wanberg appointed the following committees to serve during 1945:

WELFARE COMMITTEE

Arthur Cody, Chairman, Wollaston Golf Club, Wollaston, Mass.
John Latvis, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester, Mass.
Stephen Hannon, Winthrop Golf Club, Winthrop, Mass.

TURF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Sam Mitchell, Chairman, Ponkapoag Golf Course, Canton, Mass.
Nick Bruno, Norfolk Golf Club, Dedham, Mass.
Manual Francis, Haverhill Country Club, Haverhill, Mass.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Harry Sperandeo, Chairman, 14 Alla Road, Framingham, Mass.
Tom Mattis, 132 Houghton Street, Worcester, Mass.
Joseph Oldfield, Furnace Brook Golf Club, Quincy, Mass.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Edward Murphy, Chairman, Belmont Springs Country Club, Belmont, Mass.
Ralph Thomas, Paul Revere Golf Club, Lexington, Mass.
Tom Burke, 75 Main Street, Woburn, Mass.

MASSACHUSETTS INTER-RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Howard Farrant, Chairman, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.
Robert Mitchell, Kernwood Country Club, Salem, Mass.
Wm. J. McBride, Nashua Country Club, Nashua, New Hampshire

RHODE ISLAND INTER-RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Edward Phinny, Chairman, Acoaret Golf Club, Adamsville, Rhode Island
Oscar Chapman, Watch Hill Road, Westerly, Rhode Island
Harry B. Cottelle, Barrington Country Club, Barrington, Rhode Island

A newspaper report from London states that a Mr. James Branson has had no problem making ration points cover his dietary needs. He eats grass. His favorite food, he insists, is lawn clippings. He claims he has lived on a grass and weed diet for eight years. He is 70 years old and apparently in good health.

Fertilizer is probably the best rust-producer known. A small amount of fertilizer and a little moisture left in the bottom of a fertilizer distributor can weld together all of the moving parts.

The March meeting will be held at the Hotel Statler March 5th at 2:00 P. M. We have invited the Newsletter advertisers, Mr. O. Clapper of The New England Toro Company, Mr. C. Baldwin of Brecks, Mr. C. Sawtelle of The Worthington Mower Company and Mr. J. Gooding of The Bayer-Semesan Company, to attend this meeting. We expect these gentlemen to give us the latest developments and information about equipment, supplies, fungicides, etc. Why don't you make an effort to attend this meeting, and if you have a problem, bring it with you so that we can kick it around. We may be able to soften it up for you at the Hotel Statler, Monday, March 5th, at 2:00 P. M.

JACK COUNSELL.