

# Greenkeepers Club of New England

## NEWSLETTER

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"Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day. Wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit."—Elmer Hubbard.

The February meeting was at the Hotel Statler and it was gratifying to have such a large attendance, there was not a vacant seat in the room. Vice-President George Rommell presided at an interesting business meeting in the absence of President Homer (Sunkist) Darling. Our retiring president Paul Wanberg expressed his appreciation to the officers and members for their co-operation during his term as prexy. Paul stated that the job was not as tough as he expected it to be, in fact he really enjoyed it.

President Darling appointed the following committees to serve during 1946:

Welfare Committee Arthur Cody, chairman John Latvis Joseph Oldfield	Publicity Committee Edward Murphy, chairman Jack Counsell Paul Hayden
Turf Research Committee Sam Mitchell, chairman Nick Bruno Manuel Francis	Massachusetts Inter-Relations Committee Robert Mitchell, chairman William McBride Henry Mitchell
Employment Committee Howard Farrant, chairman Tom Mattus Wallace Peckham	Rhode Island Inter-Relations Committee Edward Phinney, chairman Harry Cottelle Oscar Chapman

The application for membership of William Mitchell, greenkeeper at the Charles River Country Club and George P. Symonds, greenkeeper at the Goodall Town and Country Club were read and they will be voted on at the March meeting.

Valentine Flood, the veteran greenkeeper at the Shuttle Meadow Club, has retired from an active part in golf. Val was an active member in the early years of the Greenkeepers Club and we extend our best wishes to him as he strolls down memory lane.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson has announced that there will not be a conference this year but he is planning to have a banner recreational conference in 1947.

Frank Wilson, who has been employed by the government for the past few years, gave a very interesting talk on his experiences with 2, 4-D and the possibility of soil sterilization. Excellent results were obtained from the use of D. D. T. but caution should be used where animals have access to treated areas. Cows eating hay that has been in contact with D. D. T. may produce milk that is not fit for human consumption. Frank had numerous photographs of various projects and experimental areas. His talk was well received and the boys kept him busy with questions until a late hour.

The next meeting will be held at the Hotel Bradford Monday, March 4, 1946 at 7 P.M. This will be a guest meeting, bring a greenkeeper or someone interested in fine turf, with you. We will have as our guest speaker our old friend Dr. O. J. Noer, one of the best turf experts in the country. You can't afford to miss this meeting.

There will be a directors meeting Monday, March 4, 1946 at the Hotel Bradford at 6 P.M. preceding the regular meeting.

The whole world is upset we've got to admit,  
But the lure of the links hasn't lessened a bit,  
The golf course provides more than a test of your skill,  
It's the source of companionship, friends and good will.

Jack Counsell