

Greenkeepers Club of New England

NEWSLETTER

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"A penny saved is a penny earned"—"Franklin."

In the last edition of the NEWSLETTER, the editor, Jack Counsell, suggested that members "Look for new blood and new ideas in the NEWSLETTER."

I shall try to discuss topics which will be of interest to everyone. My general theme will be the need of a good educational program for greenskeepers which will give new life to the age-old problem of sound economy in the operation of golf courses.

I believe that those who are experienced as greenskeepers have a definite advantage in understanding the maintenance of golf courses, however there must be new ways and means of accomplishing certain ends which cannot be done satisfactorily with our present bag of tricks. The only way we can get this information is by education.

To Jack Counsell who has been editor for the past two years—"A job well done."

The April meeting was held at Hotel Statler with the dealers present. A round table informal discussion was held. The dealers gave a good picture on what to expect in material and equipment for the coming year. A few highlights of the meeting were:

1. Increased prices.
2. Shortage of grass seed, (Bents).
3. Nitrogen fertilizers (organics and inorganics).
4. Greens and tee accessories made from steel and bamboo poles still of a poor grade.
5. Slow delivery of equipment.
6. Ample supply of chemicals.

The following helpful suggestions were submitted: Clubs having equipment, which they can possibly do without should sell; thereby easing the strain on clubs which are hard hit for this equipment. They can notify the editor who will gladly publish the notice of sale in the Newsletter. This would help carry them through the present emergency. Why have equipment on hand when other clubs are in need of it? Put your entire program on a business basis making certain that that equipment which you have is an asset, not depreciating into added loss.

Following the dealers round table discussion, a brief business meeting was held with Prs. Homer Darling presiding. Plans were completed for ladies night. The club voted to advance the golf committee the sum of \$100 to be used to purchase prizes for the monthly golf tournaments. All members were of the opinion that clubs to be visited this year should cover a larger area.

The next meeting will be held at the Charles River Country Club, West Newton, Mass., Monday, May 6th. At 10:30 A.M. the Clapper Co., will demonstrate their new Zipper sickle power mower built by Toro. Following this Bill Mitchell will demonstrate his new welding machine. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 P.M., it will consist of sandwiches and beverages served by the Charles River Country Club, donated by its members to the greenskeepers. 1:00 P.M. There will be a demonstration of a Lombard—Gas and Air Chain Saw. A short business meeting will follow and a golf tournament will be held in the afternoon.

Host greenskeeper—William Mitchell.