



NEWSLETTER

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that means
so much to you
and yours at this
joyous Christmas
time. I am proud of
my beauty and splen-
dor and you have made
me much more gorgeous
with decorations all bright
and glowing. So now I am the
true symbol of Christmas time im-
parting joy, love, peace on earth and
good will toward all men. But look, I
must warn you lest you have provided me
with water and otherwise prevented me
from drying like tinder, I can be the source of
a great deal of sadness to all in your household.
Now please be careful. Destroy me so completely
and decisively that I will be able to say with joy

A Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year
To You and Yours

The Night After Christmas

By Russell Kay

'Twas the night after Christmas, and boy what a house!
I felt like the devil and so did the spouse.
The egg-nog and turkey and candy were swell,
But ten hours later it sure gave me hell.

The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care-
The darn things were sprawled on the back of a chair.
The children were nestled all snug in their bed,
But I had a large cake of ice on my head.

And when I finally dozed off in a nap
The ice woke me up when it fell in my lap.
Then for some unknown reason I wanted a drink,
So I started in feeling my way to the sink.

I got along fine 'till I stepped on the cat
I don't recall just what occurred after that.
When I came to the house was all flooded with light
Although under the table I was high as a kite.

While visions of sugar plums danced in my head
I somehow got up and then back into bed.
Then what to my wandering mind should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

Then the sleigh seemed to change to a red fire truck
And each reindeer turned into a bleery-eyed buck.
I knew in a moment it must be Old Nick . . .
I tried to cry out but my tongue was too thick.

Then the old devil whistled and shouted with glee
While the bucks pawed the earth and looked daggers at me.

Then he called them by name and the names made me shudder

When I heard them I felt like a ship minus rudder.

"Now Egg-Nog! Bacardi! Four Roses! and Brandy!
Now Fruit Cake! Cold Turkey! Gin Rickey! and Candy!
To the top of his dome, to the top of his skull
Now whack away, crack away, with thumps that are dull!"

And then in a twinkling I felt on my roof
The prancing and pawing of each cloven hoof.
How long this went on I'm sure I can't say
Tho' it seemed an eternity, plus a long day.

But finally the night after Christmas had passed
And I found I could really think straight at last.
So I thought of the New Year a few days away
And I've made me a vow that no tempter can sway.

I'm sticking to water, don't even want ice,
For there's nothing as tasty or nothing as nice.
The night after New Year may bother some guys
But I've learned my lesson, and brother, I'm wise.

You can have your rich victuals and liquor that's red
But what goes to my stomach won't go to my head.
So a big Happy New Year to you and to all,
I'm back on the wagon, and hope I don't fall!

A Happy New Year!

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New Opportunities

Yes, an opportunity every day of the year to help yourself, your family and your club—by thinking, studying, learning, using good judgement, making wise decisions, and otherwise doing everything possible to make a complete success of your job.

How much of a Happy New Year it will be depends largely on the national leaders throughout the world. At the moment the situation looks pretty black and gloomy. Certainly far from "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward All Men". In the face of the appalling dark cloud which seems to be settling over this country and other peace loving nations it is easy for the individual to look upon the whole situation with despair. It is not hope-

less by any means. A general war is not inevitable. It yet can be averted by patient, firm, and careful diplomacy. There must be a way. And where there is a way there is hope. We all must look to the future with faith and encouragement.

What happened at the Greenkeepers Meeting held December 4, at the Waltham Field Station? (That's what the editor wants to know. He was absent)

It started with a jovial gathering and a free luncheon for all. This free meal business surely must be appreciated by all BUT as a general practice will it not speed up the drain on the treasury? This question may be deserving of some discussion at the next meeting.

Dr. Schread was the speaker for the day and he can always be depended upon for an interesting and enlightening talk. His positive, straight from the shoulder approach on a subject which incidentally, he has at the tip of his tongue every moment, held the interest of the of the audience well beyond the allotted time. Questions would have continued into the evening if time had permitted. Thanks to Dr. Schread for his excellent presentation.

Following are the details of the business meeting; The name of Anthony Caranci Jr., Louissquisset Golf Club, North Providence, R. I., was submitted for membership and will be voted upon at the January meeting— Dr. DeFrance asked for the opinion and approval of our members for the new date of August 29 and 30 for the Greenkeepers Field Day at Kingston. It was approved. Watch out Doc. This may cause an upset of your excellent weather record. Or have you had another tete-a-tete wth mother nature? The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the annual meeting January 8.

- PresidentHarold A. Mosher
- 1st Vice PresidentArthur C. Cody
- 2nd Vice PresidentMichael O'Grady
- 3rd Vice PresidentArthur Anderson
- SecretaryN. J. Sperandio
- TreasurerJohn L. Counsell
- Trustee 3 yearsGeorge M. Webster
- EntertainmentManuel Francis
- GolfAlbert Allen
- AuditorsWilliam Ash, Stephan Hannon

The National Turf Conference and Show sponsored by the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Asociation will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, January 29-February 2. The educational program is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, January 31 and February 1. The usual interesting and valuable program has been arranged. This is a meeting all of us would like to attend. How many will go is the question? This matter should be discussed at our January meeting and some one should be prepared with facts and figures on the minimum cost of such a trip. How about you Phil Cassidy?

Now the Changes In The By-Laws. Various recommended changes were approved at the meeting and according to our by-laws these changes must lay over until the January 8 meeting for a two thirds vote and the changes published in this Newsletter. Here they are:

1. Approved.—Bring up to date the list of our club presidents. Explanation. The last president listed was 1939.
2. Approved. Incorporate under history of the club the fact that we as a club was instrumental in bringing the National Turf Conference to Boston in 1950.
3. Approved. The name of our club be changed to "New England Greenkeeping Superintendents Association" Explanation. Some may wish to discuss this further at the January 8 meeting. You said it and ye editor is one.
4. Approved. Change the wording under article III paragraph (f) and entirely eliminate paragraph (g) of this same article. Explanation. Under paragraph (f) eliminate "after January 1, 1939" and eliminate, "shall automatically cease to be" and in the place of the latter these words, "may be dropped as".
5. Approved. Add a new paragraph to article IV stating, "Anyone who has been a member of this club in good standing for 30 years shall be exempt from membership dues and shall be entitled to full membership privileges". Explanation. Think this one over too.
6. Approved. Under article V eliminate paragraph (b) entirely, and 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."
7. Approved. Under article VII paragraph (b) a change in the title of Entertainment Committee to "Educational Committee" and words to the effect, "That the golf and educational committee chairman shall each appoint two other members for their committees". Later in this same paragraph (b) eliminate the words, "Educational and Inter-relations committees of six". Add to this same paragraph the words, "and a publicity committee of three".
8. Approved. Under article VIII, paragraph (h) change the word Entertainment to "Educational". Under paragraph (i) of this same article eliminate the last sentence.

That's all gentlemen. It must be clear as mud to you now, particularly to those who were absent at the last meeting. Be sure to attend the January meeting. Bring your copy of the by-laws with you.

Don't forget, the next meeting will be held at the Waltham Field Station, Monday, January 8, at 12:30. We'll be seeing you.

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