



# NEWSLETTER

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The big news at the moment of this writing is General Douglas MacArthur's return to the United States. Ye editor cannot resist getting in his five cents worth on this subject. Not on the controversial political or military angle, but on MacArthur, the man. Ye editor along with millions of others, was greatly impressed with the General's superb speech to Congress, as observed on television. General Mac has something that many other top ranking figures in Washington seem to lack. And that is spiritual guidance, a religious faith, and a deep sense of patriotism. I think more of us not only would enjoy but need this type of speech more often. The whole country needs it today more than ever before. It wouldn't be a bad idea to take advantage of the moment by asking General MacArthur to help build the morale of the whole nation. Send him throughout the land to re-sell this country to its people — To sell patriotism, loyalty and faithfulness. What's all this got to do with Greenkeeping? Not much. But it might be said in passing that if the antidote isn't found soon for the apathy shown by many of our people, the time may come when we greenkeepers will have a lot less freedom than we enjoy now.

Within our club, perhaps the big news of the month was the final action on changing our name. This took place at the Waltham Field Station, April 2. The old original, Greenkeepers Club of New England, is back on the shelf again after having been well dusted, thoroughly cleaned and stepped on a bit. Now it is again shining brightly and proudly. Perhaps it is all to the good that the oldest club of its kind in the country, after 27 years, decides that the original name is still the best.

The April 2 meeting at Waltham was a dealers meeting. Commercial men were particularly invited. Following the usual tasty luncheon, which by the way was paid for by Chester Baldwin, (thanks Chet) an open forum was held. Representatives present from the several firms were asked to express their views on the current equipment and chemical situation. The following firms were represented. The Clapper Company, Sawtelle Bros., Jos. Breck, American Agricultural Chemical Company, R. E. Jarvis Company, and the Mallinckrodt Chemical Company. One of the subjects discussed was the N.P.A. Regulations (National Production Authority Regulation) relating to the purchase of maintenance, repair and operating supplies, referred to as (MRO) and the form to fill out known by the symbol DO-97. To the layman it is the usual complicated government regulation. Greenkeepers should take note however, that this is a means of using a priority rating to obtain supplies and materials

for the golf course and by signing a DO-97 form you enable your equipment dealer to replenish his supplies for your requirements.

**SPECIALS** — The American Agri. Chemical Co. extended an invitation to the Greenkeepers Club to visit their Weymouth plant at some convenient future time. Attendance prizes were won by Plumpy Ash, Jubilant Finnerty, and Ant Hony Sperandio — At the business meeting two members were voted in. Regular membership, Ernest Stephanson, Ledgemont C.C., Seekonk, Mass. and associate membership, Casimo Piantedosi, Commonwealth C.C.

The budget committee's outstanding report was thoroughly discussed and the recommendations acted upon. Briefly here is the gist of the report and the action taken. The committee finds that the 1951 dues anticipated from the membership will hardly meet the estimated expenditures for the current year and therefore recommends a cautious handling of the budget.

One of the increased costs in the budget over recent years is the Newsletter due to expansion. The question of selling advertising space is being investigated by business manager, Tony Sperandio. Another alternative is to reduce the subject matter to one page as was previously done.

The disposal of \$651.93 left from the Boston Turf Conference Fund was voted as follows: \$100.00 each to turf research at Amherst, Mass. and Kingston, R.I., the balance of \$451.93 going to our treasury.

Recommendations were made and voted upon for the guidance of the Welfare Committee that flowers or other suitable gifts in case of serious illness be sent only to members and members wives. The same policy also in relation to the death of a member.

The club expressed the opinion that the budget committee composed of Phil Cassidy, Arthur Anderson, Narry Sperandio and ex officio John Counsell, should continue its activity and service for the balance of the year.

As you all know our first outdoor meeting will take place at the NEW BEDFORD COUNTRY CLUB, May 7. A BARBECUE WILL BE THE SPECIAL FEATURE, and that will be something. A tournament in the morning and the Barbecue at 3:00 P.M. sharp. If you haven't sent your card reservations to Mike O'Grady, DO IT NOW. Golf course equipment will be demonstrated. We'll be seeing you.

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