



NEWSLETTER

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"The right way is always the kind way".
Nelson.

The American Agricultural Chemical Company did a magnificent job in educating, entertaining, and dining the Greenkeepers at their monthly meeting, June 4. The tour of the North Weymouth fertilizer plant surely was educational and interesting. First, we were introduced to Hell's Kitchen where the intense heat and burning sulphur gave some of us a preview of our hereafter. This was the first stage in the production of sulphuric acid. From this sulphur dioxide furnace the gases pass through a large flue to mix with air, to the famous Glover tower to acquire oxides of nitrogen and then to the large lead chambers where thorough mixing with steam causes sulphuric acid droplets to fall to the floor. This spacious all lead chamber incidentally, is the largest lead chamber in New England. Large quantities of this acid are required in treating phosphate rock to produce superphosphate. Later as we gazed on a huge bin of the finished superphosphate no one who ventured a guess on the tonnage was even warm. Nine thousand tons was the answer. 18 million pounds of super duper. It was about this point in the tour that Tony Caranci of Louisquisset began to worry about the smell his new suit was acquiring and how he would explain it to his family. We hope he will report at the next meeting.

At the end of the tour it was apparent that the visitors were impressed with the vastness of a fertilizer plant. The huge building, the large quantities of materials to be handled, the electric shovels, cranes, and trucks working under cover, the narrow gauge railroad over head, the large docking space for steamships, and finally the movement of the finished goods in bags. There is something about a fertilizer plant that makes an appetite judging from the way the boys took over that scrumptious meat at the Red Coach Grille. It was Dee Licious. 68 sat down to the meal, by the way. Mike O'Grady made the remark, "It's going to be tough on us when we have to go back to sandwiches on our own spending money". The windup of this very pleasant sojourn with the Double A. C. and their officials from the North Weymouth and New York offices, was a wire recording of a speech made by the minister of Agriculture from Brazil. Did they say Brazil? A nickle says he's a citizen of the U. S. A.

At the business meeting, Paul J. O'Leary was elected an associate member. The following four applications for membership were read and laid on the table to be voted on at the July meeting: Roger Wallace, Cochecko C. C., Dover, N. H.; V. Lewis Payson, Nehoiden G. C., Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.; William D. Mahoney, Milton Hoosic G. C., Canton, Mass.; Francis Meehan, Mt. Hood G. C., Melrose, Mass.

The next move was to the Wollaston Golf Club for the usual battle with slices and hooks. The following were able to finish in good standing.

Low gross. G. Whiz Tedesco, 82-6-76— Special prize a case of beer.

1st Net. See WhatI mean Capozzi, 95-30-65
2nd Net. Ho Down Farrant, 86-20-66
3rd Net. J. Notip Butler, 90-18-72
4th Net. D. Du Barry, 83-10-73
Tie N. Atlas Sperandio, 83-10-73

One or two members were not able to play in this tournament but it is hoped that they found enough balls to play at the next meeting.

WHO IS GUILTY? Treasurer Jack Counsell reports that we still have some members who have not paid their 1951 dues. If you do not have your 1951 due card, mail your dues to Jack, 9 Cliff Street, Beverly, Mass. This is the last warning notice. A list of the members in good standing will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter. We hope to see a complete list.

DON'T FORGET the new date for this year's Greenkeepers Field Day at Kingston, R. I. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 AND 23. More details in next months Newsletter .

The Mass. Section of the New England Turf Association held a meeting at Northboro, Mass. June 28. The 1950 officers were re-elected for 1951. Progress was reported. Enthusiasm and keen interest in the Association was shown by the members who came from the Boston, Springfield, Amherst, and the Connecticut areas.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GREENKEEPERS CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE HAVERHILL COUNTRY CLUB, JULY 9th. This is a chairman meeting and your chairman has already received a notice. If it has not come to his attention explain it to him immediately. There will be an equipment demonstration at 10:30 A.M. and a turkey dinner at noon at a very reasonable price. The Chairman-Greenkeeper tournament will follow. There will also be a tournament for the Greenkeepers unaccompanied by the chairman. Take route 125 out of Andover and follow it through Haverhill towards Plaistow, N. H. The Club is just before the N. H. line. We'll be seeing you.

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