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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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"On earth peace, good will toward men".

By the time this Newsletter reaches you Christmas will have come and gone but the thoughts, the memories, and the spirit of Christmas should still linger, because it is and ought to be the happiest time of the year. It is the one time of the year when people everywhere turn their thoughts to others. How wonderful if this spirit could only live throughout the entire year.

There is no story in all the annals of man that is so dramatic and inspiring as the birth of Christ — a birth that occurred under the humblest of circumstances, but which has done more to bring happiness, hope, and assurance to human beings than anything that ever transpired.

And now, with the world so filled with fear and foreboding, comes this sacred day again. "On earth peace, good will toward men" was what this event meant at the time it occurred, and that is what it means today. Peace and good will — what could be greater assets to the happiness of all mankind.

What a sad commentary on human management, that after almost two thousand years since the birth of Christ, the world is given over to fear, to wars, and rumors of wars. Strife and bloodshed, even upon the sacred soil where this greatest of human events took place. Selfish strife never settles anything. But good will and understanding does. There could not be a better time than this Christmas to invest in Good Will — good will toward all men. If nations did this, all nations would be great.

Golf Course Superintendents in our neck of the woods may not have influence on the nation but certainly we can continue this spirit within our own organization. (Note — The foregoing thoughts and words should for the most part be credited to George Matthew Adams.)

Our first indoor meeting of the winter season was held December 3, at the Waltham Field Station, and an interesting meeting it was. It was a dealers day as well as a guest speakers event, the main speaker being Al Radko, Director Northeastern Office USGA Service Section. The dealers were all called upon for a few brief words. They were, Ralph Reynolds, Tony Sperandio, Aubrey Clapper, Chet Sawtelle, Sam Mitchell, Orville Clapper. The gist of their remarks indicated that price changes on fertilizer would be slight, if any, in the spring but equipment in general is likely to see a 6 to 8 percent increase and probably an increase on many fungicides.

Al Radko first emphasized the importance of Superintendents attending the National Turf Conferences. Although somewhat too expensive for the superintendents to absorb the costs themselves, club officials all know by now that their clubs cannot afford not to have their Supt. present at these valuable meetings with all expenses paid. It pays dividends with extra knowledge of the latest facts. Al pointed out too that a large portion of all donations to the Service Section are distributed for research. States are now recognizing that the turf industry is near the top in importance and cannot long be ignored. Other

subjects touched upon were snow mold, movement of water in the soil, layering, all followed by a question and answer period.

At the business meeting which followed two new members were voted into the organization, Vito Locantore, Hopedale C.C. and Robert Grant, Super-naut National Golf and Country Club, Bolton, Mass. An application for a new member was read, Mario Finizea, Wannamoisett C.C., Rumford, R.I. It was voted to have the Newsletter publicize the gist of a letter received from Paul Weiss in order that all our members might meditate on this important question. That is the idea that all Golf Course Superintendents or Greenkeepers associations throughout the country change their by-laws in order to make it compulsory that all members of the local also become members of the National organization. This plan has merit and sooner or later should be effected. Why not now? It would definitely strengthen the National in making it possible to carry on far more important work than it is doing now such, as research, more help to the locals, more educational work, more progress for the good of the profession. The more successful the National the more help to the locals. What do you think? Be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

The winners of the attendance prizes were, Aubrey Clapper, Elmer Fuller, John Sperandio, and H. Darling. The nominating committee recently appointed by President O'Grady were, Arthur Anderson Chr., Phil Cassidy, Paul O'Leary, Ray Brigham, John Connors, Ted Swanson, and Homer Darling. The slate of officers presented at the last meeting for the final vote at the annual meeting were as follows:

President Manuel Francis.
1st Vice Pres. Albert Allen.
2nd Vice Pres. Narry Sperandio
3rd Vice Pres. Paul O'Leary.
Treasurer Arthur Cody.
Secretary William Ash.
Educational Chr. .. Raymond Brigham.
Golf Com. Chr. Milton Brown.
Trustees 3 yrs. John Keilty.
Trustee 1 yr. Ted Swanson.
Auditors Howard Farrant
and John Connors.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of Phil Kylander. A sincere friend.

Next Meeting — — January 7th, 1957

THE ANNUAL MEETING
Waltham Field Station

Special Annual Luncheon — — 12:30

Educational feature a speaker and a round table discussion by the members on pertinent questions.

Those wishing to pick up their lapel pins may do so at this meeting, they are \$2.75 each.

"We are rich only through what we give; and poor only through what we refuse and keep"

Mad. Swetchine.

HOMER C. DARLING, Editor

List of Members in Good Standing

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