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Annual Convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America

The National Association of Greenkeepers of America held its third annual convention at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y., February 13 to 16, 1929. The convention was well attended and was characterized by the customary enthusiasm of a young organization. A program of educational addresses was presented on the first three afternoons of the convention. The program follows:

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 13

- Resodding a putting green. By Joe Valentine, greenkeeper, Merion Cricket Club.
 Greenkeeping yesterday and today in Canada. By W. J. Sansom, greenkeeper, Toronto Golf Club.
 Soils I have seen. By O. J. Noer, soil expert, Wisconsin.
 Animal vs. chemical fertilizers. By Victor George, greenkeeper, Country Club of La Fayette.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 14

- Humus and its uses. By J. A. Smith, soil expert, London, Ohio.
 Grub control. By B. R. Leach, entomologist, United States Department of Agriculture.
 Can golf course maintenance be standardized? By R. H. Montgomery, manager, Hawthorne Valley Country Club.
 Planting around the club house. By A. H. Tomlinson, professor of horticulture, Ontario Agricultural College.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 15

- Education of greenkeepers. By L. S. Dickinson, professor of horticulture, Massachusetts Agricultural College.
 Brown-patch causes and cures. By John Monteith, Jr., plant pathologist, United States Golf Association Green Section.
 The trend in the greenkeeping profession. By B. R. Leach, entomologist, United States Department of Agriculture.

On Saturday morning the association held its business meeting, electing officers for the ensuing year. Mr. John Morley was elected president, an office he has held since the founding of the association.

During the convention an exhibition of equipment and maintenance materials was held under the capable direction of Mr. Fred Burkhardt and his committee. An invitation had been extended by

Mr. Burkhardt to the United States Golf Association Green Section during the past summer to take part in this exhibition by arranging an educational exhibit representing some of the Green Section's work. Judging from the many expressions of interest from the large number of greenkeepers who spent much time at the Green Section's booth, its participation in the exhibition was highly appreciated. Great interest was shown by the greenkeepers in the Green Section's collection of books and pamphlets representing the "greenkeeper's library," many of the greenkeepers making lists of the publications which seemed to have most appeal. This interest in scientific and semi-popular scientific publications indicates that the greenkeeper of today is becoming more and more interested in the opinions of the

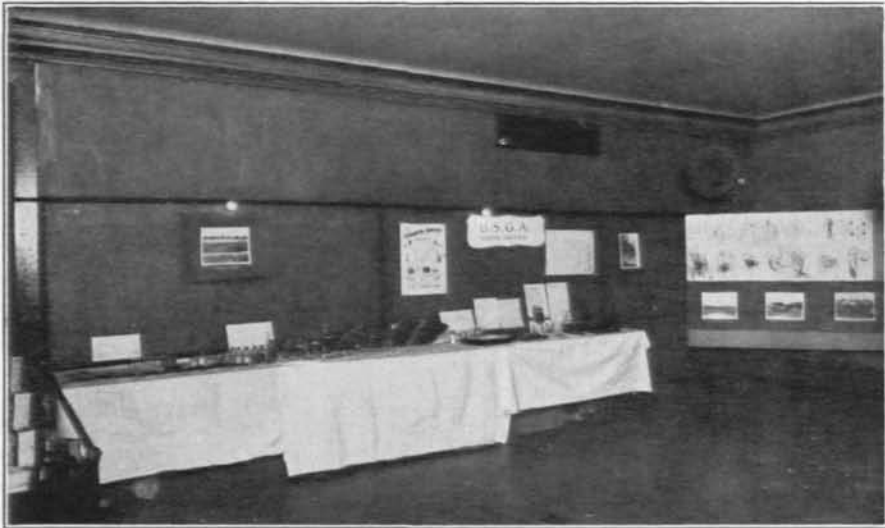


Exhibit of the Green Section at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, during the annual convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America

experts in the various fields of agricultural science which have some bearing on the growing of turf. Many requests were received for the publication of a list of this collection of books and pamphlets. It is especially gratifying to note this gradually changing attitude toward scientific work as an aid to greenkeeping—all in the face of the constant activities of a few individuals and groups with some ulterior motives who from the beginning of the Green Section have endeavored to hold the minds of greenkeepers away from modern scientific developments and expert opinions.

The demand for outdoor recreation is increasing steadily. The change of the location of the home from the farm and village to the city has greatly restricted outdoor play space, and this movement has been accompanied by increasing demand for parks and playgrounds. From 1880 to 1928 the acreage of parks and playgrounds in 127 cities in the United States with a population of 30,000 or more has increased 8 times.