

of green committees, secretary-managers, professionals, and stewards at the various clubs in our activities, as it is quite essential that all work in close touch one with another if the best interests of the clubs are to be served. After all, we are all working toward the same ends, namely, to give the players the best course possible, the steward the best service in the club house, the professional the best assistance in his shop, the secretary-manager the best help in his office, and the green committee the utmost economy possible. Our territory covers the Province of Ontario.

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### **Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania**

By John Quail

Early in 1926, a few of Pittsburgh's prominent golf course superintendents realized the benefits to be derived from an organization of the greenkeepers of the district. With this thought in view they questioned the other superintendents of the district and everywhere were met with the same answer, "Fine; go ahead and we will follow." Such was the beginning of the Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania. On March 17, 1926, the club was organized and a constitution and by-laws were drawn up. The officers elected were: President, John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club; vice-president, John McNamara, Pittsburgh Field Club; secretary-treasurer, Charles Nuttall, Fox Chapel Golf Club. There were 12 members in the original club, and it has since grown slowly but surely, until every eligible greenkeeper in the district is a member. At first the by-laws excluded the professional-greenkeepers, but have since been changed to permit them also to belong.

The club meets monthly in the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on the second Monday of the month, at which time all business is attended to and plans made for the good of the club. Other activities consist of joint meeting of greenkeepers and chairmen of green committees, equipment demonstrations, and visits to different clubs. The meetings are forums where the members can exchange ideas and discuss topics of interest and work for the betterment of their clubs. The annual meeting is held on the second Monday of December when officers for the ensuing year are elected.

Mr. Pressler has been president of the organization since the beginning; and up to November, 1930, at which time he was seriously injured by an automobile, he missed only two meetings of the club, and both times it was strictly unavoidable. Mr. Jacob was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John McNamara, one of the organizers, and was elected to serve a full term in 1930 and has since been reelected for 1931. The writer was appointed secretary-treasurer in 1927 to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Nuttall. He has since been reelected for the past four years.

The membership includes the western Pennsylvania district, which covers a radius of about 20 miles. Several more members are expected to become affiliated in 1931.

The officers for 1931 are as follows: President, John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club; vice-president, G. F. Jacob, Stanton Heights Golf Club; secretary-treasurer, John Quail, Highland Country Club, West View, Pittsburgh, Pa.