

## FROM THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is indeed proud to have the opportunity to make an official expression via an exchange plan with the USGA Green Section and the JOURNAL. We feel that this is only the beginning of further cooperative efforts of the Superintendents and the Green Section.

Many golf clubs will this year be faced with some of the problems of management and care of their courses that occurred during the days of World War II and which will require sound judgment for their consideration, as did those of yesteryear. A sound plan for proper maintenance under restrictions will be less costly than one premised on the thought of "cut down everywhere." A golf course is an immense investment and should be cared for with an eye to the future.

Open discussions in turf meetings this past winter on the labor and equipment shortages that will be felt in 1951 brought out one fact that should be uppermost in the minds of all club members. Time and again Golf Course Superintendents pointed out that, with full cooperation and understanding of the membership, handicaps due to shortages (particularly of labor) would be met with the best of their ability and, in most cases, to the satisfaction of the membership. True, this will mean longer hours by the superintendent and his crew, less frequent maintenance on some parts of the course; and perhaps some of that reconstruction planned for this year will have to wait.

A sound sensible plan for practical maintenance under today's conditions should be worked out between the superintendent and his chairman. The plan should be flexible but always with the thought of providing the best possible for the present as well as for the future.

Many golf course superintendents do not enjoy the full confidence and trust they should with their membership and, as a result, when difficulties are encountered (either God-made or man-made) the superintendent is literally made the

goat of the situation. Fortunately, these cases are in the minority.

Since its founding in 1926, the Golf Course Superintendents Association has

### COMING EVENTS

**August 20:** Golf Association of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents at Plymouth Country Club. Mrs. Ralph I. Raynor, 629 Chestnut Street, Room 303, Philadelphia 6, Pa.

**August 22-23:** Twentieth Annual Greenkeepers' Field Days, University of Rhode Island at Kingston, R. I. J. A. De France.

**August 27-31:** American Society of Agronomy Annual Meetings, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa. L. G. Monthey, Madison, Wisconsin.

**September 5-7:** Turf Field Days. The Pennsylvania State College and Turf Advisory Committee, State College, Pa. H. B. Musser.

**September 17-18:** Turf Field Days. Purdue University and Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, West Lafayette, Indiana. W. H. Daniel.

**October 7-9:** National Turf Field Days. Beltsville Turf Gardens, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md. USGA Green Section, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents co-operating. Fred V. Grau.

**October 24-26:** Turf Conference. Central Plains Turf Foundation and Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas. L. E. Lambert and Ray A. Keen.

**November 14:** Fall Turf Meeting of the Southern California Turf Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif. V. T. Stoutemyer.

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**January 8-9:** Turf Conference. Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md. E. N. Cory, University of Maryland.

**February 18-21:** Turf Conference. The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa. H. B. Musser.

**March 3-6:** Turf Conference. Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. W. H. Daniel.



been guided by the thought that advancement of the profession of turf management must be based upon sound principles. By uniting the men in the profession into district and national organizations, collecting and distributing scientific and practical information, which makes for more efficient golf course maintenance, the Association has helped to improve the individual superintendent and the profession as a whole. There is still much to be done.

#### In Scientific Era

Gone are the days of "mumbo-jumbo" grass care and the attitude of "find out yourself" and other short-sighted characteristics. In their stead you will today find an exchange of information among men of the profession by word of mouth, the printed page, and many types of conferences, schools, and courses. The profession has entered into the scientific era and, as such, requires individuals who keep abreast of the changing scene.

Much of today's turf research is being carried on under the supervision of the USGA Green Section. However, much is being done by various superintendents who are now taking advantage of research facilities available in their sections of the country, whether under the Green Section or not. Practical applications sometimes have to be worked out the hard way. There should be a closer bond between all interested in better turf.

The complexity of the job of today's golf course superintendent demands that he seek the best source of information with a minimum of "beating around the bush." Information published in the Association's GOLF COURSE REPORTER as well as in the USGA JOURNAL indicates only in a small way the various jobs coming under his direction to give you—the player—better golf.

In future columns, we would like to present some details of the job of the golf course superintendent to help you more fully understand his position.

#### Interesting Reading

"WINGED FOOT FAIRWAY," May, 1951, official publication of The Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, New York. This 4-page, printed leaflet is recommended reading for associations of golf course superintendents and greenkeepers, and other turf interests. Pages 2 and 3 embody a spread of 10 photographs illustrating various types of maintenance equipment used on the course, with a few paragraphs describing what is happening in modern turf management today. The Green Section salutes this type of recognition for the golf course superintendent and the work which he does to try to make golfers happy. If other golf clubs recognize their superintendents in this or a similar fashion, the Green Section would like to know about it.

Harold LeFurgy is the Superintendent at the Winged Foot Golf Club. Requests for copies should be addressed to him or to John Rowland, Chairman of the Green Committee.

For the more technically-minded readers of the USGA JOURNAL we commend to their attention Circular 862, March, 1951, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The author is Arthur C. Foster, Senior Pathologist, Division of Fruit and Vegetable Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Research Administration. The title of Circular 862 is: "Some Plant Responses to Certain Insecticides in the Soil." Circular 862 is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. The price tag is 15¢.

This bulletin discusses the problem of chemical residues in soils covering arsenicals, DDT, BHC, and other substances, in the field, in the greenhouse, and other places. As we said before, this is for the more technically-minded.