

### Regional Offices

This is to be accomplished by establishment of a number of Green Section regional offices — perhaps five or six eventually — rather than by having the entire staff work out of one office in the East, as has always been the case. When the plan is fully established, every USGA member club will be within easy reach of a Green Section Regional Director. Each Regional Director will be a practical scientist — a trained agronomist who has specialized in golf course problems.

Here, we believe, we have a well-rounded program. It will result in two principal benefits if the member clubs want it enough to support it:

1. Intimate, specialized consultation service on a regular and permanent basis, located so as best to serve the convenience of the subscribing clubs.

2. Maintenance of turf experimentation on a broad scale, and nationally coordinated through the several Regional Directors so as to bring the greatest possible return to the member clubs.

Ever since World War II the Green Section has been decentralizing research activities away from the Washington, D. C., area and out into various regions where peculiar sectional problems must be met and solved. When this cooperative research program was accelerated in 1945, fewer than 10 men at four or five experiment stations were working on turf management problems. Now there are approximately 100 workers, at more than a score of stations. The new emphasis is a continuation of that decentralization in terms of direct service.

In general, we believe the new program ultimately will be the strongest yet presented by the Green Section.

### Benefits of Regional Service

Here is approximately how the Regional Turf Service will be organized:

Each Region will consist of about 200 USGA clubs which subscribe for the Regional Service. They will be divided into about eight groups of 25 clubs each.

Each subscribing club will receive the following benefits (this is subject to alter-

ation depending upon the geographical distribution of the subscribing clubs):

1. At least three direct consultations with the Regional Director each year, on the following schedule:

- (a) One half-day visit to the club by the Regional Director, followed by a written report from him. (Special visits might be made as time permits.)

- (b) Two group conferences in which the Regional Director will meet with the golf course superintendents and green committee chairmen of the 25 clubs in each group.

2. Assistance by correspondence and telephone.

3. A periodic Turfletter from the Regional Director to the subscribing clubs in his Region, at least six times a year.

4. A subscription to the USGA JOURNAL AND TURF MANAGEMENT, published seven times a year.

5. A voice in the direction of broad-gauge turf research whose results would benefit golf courses.

The keynote of the whole program will be to prevent trouble, not merely to

### DR. GRAU RESIGNS

Dr. Fred V. Grau resigned as Director of the USGA Green Section, effective



Dr. Grau

February 15, in order that he may enter a national turf research project of somewhat broader scope than turf for golf.

Dr. Grau has served as Director of the Green Section since 1945. The present program of decentralized and coordinated turf research projects at various stations throughout the country was effected during his tenure in the office and has greatly increased the body of scientific knowledge concerning turf.

Alexander M. Radko is now serving as Acting Eastern Director of the Green Section office at Beltsville, Md., with Charles G. Wilson as Western Director in Davis, Cal.