

College of Agriculture. He did maintenance work on the University Golf Course and in the University Arboretum during his summers at Cornell, then served as Assistant County Agent in Westchester County, New York, before being recalled to active duty as a navigator with the Strategic Air Command. Upon his release last year he joined the USGA Green Section and has served in all five Regional offices.

Mr. Benegayfield brings a broad experience in both research and practical extension work to his new position of Western

Regional Director. The provision of direct, on-the-spot scientific information to golf course superintendents is the heart of the Regional Turf Service.

Mr. Wilson, who pioneered the Regional Turf Service for the USGA as Western Regional Director since 1952, leaves to become Agronomist for the Sewerage Commission of the City of Milwaukee, Wis.

Regional offices are also maintained by the USGA in College Station, Texas; Tifton, Ga.; New Brunswick, N. J., and Beltsville, Md.

## Green Section Grant for Bentgrass Studies in Oklahoma

A newly established Green Section research grant provides support for a study of bentgrass selections at Oklahoma A. & M. College.

A large proportion of the putting greens in Oklahoma and in the surrounding states has been planted to seaside bent. As these greens have "matured," patches of grass of different color or texture have appeared. These patches are formed by the vigorous growth of a single plant which has been able to eliminate the weaker plants adjacent to it.

It is believed that some of these strains, which have demonstrated vigor and adaptability, may produce putting green turf superior to that now being grown.

Plans call for the selection of a large number of strains and planting for increase and observation. Many of the strains will be eliminated after preliminary observation and screening. The better ones are to be evaluated under putting green conditions.

Such a program as this one requires considerable time for the development of new strains, but there is no rapid method of the selection, increase and adequate testing of the grasses that will meet the demands of future golfers. This research will be under the direction of Dr. Wayne Huffine.

### TURF MANAGEMENT

The book "Turf Management," sponsored by the United States Golf Association and edited by Prof. H. B. Musser, is a complete and authoritative guide in the practical development of golf-course turfs.

This 354-page volume is available through the USGA, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y., the USGA Green Section Regional Offices, the McGraw-Hill Book Co., 350 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y., or local bookstores. The cost is \$7.

### *Practical Training For Scholarship Recipients*

Students who accept turf scholarships at Colorado A. & M. College will receive practical as well as scholastic instruction. Dr. George Beach, of the Department of Horticulture at Colorado A. & M., says that tentative plans have been made to have students work on the Cherry Hills Country Club and Denver Country Club courses this summer. Students will also work on the turfgrass plots being maintained by the College.

Turfgrass scholarships were initiated by the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association in 1953. Additional funds were provided by the USGA Green Section in 1954 to support the establishment of turfgrass plots on the campus. This year the scholarships and turf plot maintenance are being supported by a grant of \$1,000 from the National Golf Fund.