

## WINGED FOOT'S SUPERINTENDENT

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Sherwood A. Moore's youthful looks belie his experience as a golf course superintendent. Those who meet him for the first time express surprise, for one expects to meet someone considerably older, principally because of the fine reputation he holds in the golf turfgrass field.

His interest in an outdoor profession began at an early age when he visited nursery and greenhouse establishments in and around his native Northampton, Mass., and became fascinated with the world of growing plants. There was no wavering from his chosen field during his high school years, and after graduation he enrolled as a horticulture major at the University of Massachusetts. There, influenced by Professor Lawrence Dickinson, founder of the Turf School, he transferred to the Stockbridge School for turfgrass majors. It is interesting to note that, at the time, there were only three other students enrolled.

Upon completion of his studies, he moved to New Jersey and began his training period at the Passaic County Golf Club in Paterson. After several years of experience in practical work there, he went on to hold the position of superintendent at the following New Jersey clubs before coming to Winged Foot: Lake Mohawk Golf Club, Crestmont Country Club, and Hollywood Golf Club.

Like many other superintendents, Mr. Moore's continuity of work in the golf course field was interrupted by World War II, during which he spent four years in the Armed Forces. While serving in England, he made a special effort to visit and talk with superintendents at courses in that country, and among the most memorable were his visits with Mr. Andrew Corstorphine of the famous St. Andrews course and Dr. R. B. Dawson of the St. Ives Research Station in Bingley.

In the Northeast Mr. Moore is well known at agricultural experiment sta-



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tions engaged in turfgrass research. He regularly attends field day meetings, turfgrass conferences and superintendents' meetings on a local and national level, which attests to his continued interest in the latest technical and practical developments in the field. Mr. Moore is active in several turfgrass organizations. He has been a member of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America since 1939 and presently is a member of the board of directors of that organization. He is a director of the newly organized Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents' Association. He held the position of secretary and also was a president of the New Jersey Golf Course Superintendents Association. This year he was appointed to the USGA Green Section Committee.