

## NEWS NOTES FOR MAY

### Green Section Educational Program at U.S. Open Championship

Elbert S. Jemison, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., Chairman of the USGA Green Section Committee, has announced an entirely new and different Green Section Educational Program to be held on June 13, 1973. It will be presented one day prior to and at the site of the U.S. Open Championship (June 14-17), Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa.

The innovative full day meeting will include, in addition to informative papers by the Green Section Staff, an actual tour of Oakmont as it is conditioned for the Championship. Superintendent Lou Scalzo and Harry Gray, Club Manager, will be on hand to answer questions during the tour.

The program, developed by the Green Section's Mid-Atlantic Director Holman Griffin, is designed for both Green Chairmen and Superintendents. Further details of the meeting and hotel reservations are available from Golf House, Far Hills, N.J. or your Regional Green Section Office (please see inside front cover). Advance reservations will be necessary.

### \$52,050.00—New High in Green Section Research Support

The U.S.G.A. Green Section Research and Education Fund, Inc. has awarded \$52,050 in turfgrass research grants for 1973. A. M. Radko, National Research Director for the Green Section, announced this as a record figure in research support. Eighteen universities throughout the United States will participate in the grants.

To avoid duplication of research efforts, cooperation and consultation has been established by the three major national research funding agencies; Dr. Paul M. Alexander, of the GCSAA; Charles G. Wilson, of the O. J. Noer Research Foundation, Inc.; and A. M. Radko of the USGA Green Section. In all, the three agencies will distribute \$76,220 for turfgrass research this year.

### New Correspondence Course in Turf Management Available

A new correspondence course in turf management has recently become available from Washington State University. It is offered for university credit and administered by Dr. Alvin G. Law and Kenneth J. Morrison of the University staff. Further details are available from Kenneth J. Morrison, Extension Agronomist, 169 Johnson Hall, WSU, Pullman, Wash. 99163.

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## A TURF TIP FROM *BERT*:

Bert Rost, Superintendent at Elcona Country Club, Elkhart, Ind., has bolted sections of a rubber tire to the frame of his rough mowing units to serve as bumpers. These bumpers are helpful in avoiding damage to trees. The cost of the bumper or tree guard is minimal; all that is needed are old tires and a few bolts.

