



## *FREDERICK H. WILLIAMS...1891—1974*

### *Mr. Green Section*

**G**ood men must die, but death does not erase their names." Proverb.

Life expired for Frederick H. Williams on March 4th. He died as he lived, gently, with extreme concern neither to offend nor to burdern anyone. He asked nothing, but gave totally of himself.

Fred lived two separate but completely dedicated lives—one to the Green Section of the USGA; the second to thousands of "his boys" whom he sought out at sandlots and high schools everywhere within his reach to challenge them through sports to a better life. He lit the spark through his great knowledge of sports. He then worked tirelessly every free moment of his life patiently teaching each and every fundamental in logical succession to "his boys." Each youngster received his total and undivided attention regardless of ability. He showed no partiality, he challenged everyone to greater goals. His goal for them was a better life. Within some families Fred coached three generations in various sports. Baseball, bowling

and/or basketball were his forté. His one regret he often said was that he never took up golf.

Fred retired from the Green Section in 1959 after 37 consecutive years of service. He joined the Green Section on March 15, 1922. He was executive secretary and office manager during the formative years when reams of published material on turfgrass maintenance and management was being formulated and disseminated to all interested in turfgrass management from the Green Section offices at Arlington, Va., and Beltsville, Md. Fred was the thread that held the Green Section together during the early years, through the Depression, and through changes of personnel until he retired.

He leaves no family, he was a bachelor and the last living member of the Williams family. His legacy, a host of better men, whose path crossed his, early in the game. He will be remembered by all his friends whether it be as Mr. Green Section, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Sports . . . or as a gentle man named Fred Williams.