Monteith Begins Annual Tour of Outdoor Greens Meets

JOHN MONTEITH, Jr., technical chief of the USGA Green Section, has begun the heaviest schedule of Green Section meetings in the organization’s history. He opened with a meeting at the Cincinnati CC, then jumped to Chicago, where was held, on August 31, the annual outdoor meeting at Mill Road farm in the Chicago district.


Pro vs. Members Is Event That Draws Crowd

An event that many clubs can adopt in attracting a big crowd for a late season day is the pro vs. members event used at Oak Park CC as a welcome home to its honorary member and former pro, Horton Smith.

Smith and three members started in the first foursome of the day. Each member in the entire field added two to his handicap, took ¾ of his whole handicap and matched cards against Horton. Smith’s score was posted at the back of each green.

A half dozen golf balls were given to each member who beat Horton. There were five out of a field of approximately 140 who beat the pro.

New Course Is Feature of Iowa State College Play Area

An 18-hole golf course is now under construction in a 160-acre tract adjoining the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Ia., home of one of the excellent state college short-course sessions in greenkeeping. The new course, scheduled to be opened in June, 1937, forms the main feature of a recreational area which will include picnic grounds, trails, boating, and various sport areas.

Expert design and careful construction is expected to give the course an excellent rating as a test of golf. Three sets of tees have been provided — one set for expert play, one for average golfers and one for beginners. Par is 72, total yardage runs 6000 to 6500 yards, depending on tees used. A complete watering system for tees, fairways and greens will require some 15,000 feet of piping.

General director of the course is George F. Veenker, director of athletics. Perry Maxwell, golf architect, supervised construction, and J. D. Armstrong, landscape architect, was in charge of landscaping and field engineering.

ROUND trip from St. Louis to either coast via TWA planes is one of the prizes at the Lefthanders’ national tournament to be played at Triple-A CC, St. Louis, Sept. 21-26, inclusive.

John Walker, TWA v.p. in charge of traffic, who is a portside golfer, is the donor of this prize.

Section Bulletin Revived—Revival of the Green Section Bulletin in the form of circulars on timely maintenance hints has been of great value to greenkeepers and chairmen this summer.

Maintenance advice supplied in these bulletins more than justifies the $30 annual cost of USGA membership, in the case of the majority of clubs. Details of the bulletins and USGA membership may be secured from the United States Golf Assn., 73 East 57th st., New York.

102 at Mass. Turf Day—Annual Lawn Day program at Massachusetts State College, Amherst, was held July 30. Attendance was 102, most of whom were held in wrapt interest by practical program which included papers by Prof. L. S. Dickinson and E. Klaucke of the MSC staff and the guest artists, Dr. T. E. Odland of the Rhode Island experiment station and Dr. Howard B. Sprague of the New Jersey experiment station. Fifteen minutes were allotted to each address and 5 minutes following for discussion.

Managers’ 1937 Meeting—Eleventh annual convention of the Club Managers Assn. of America will be held in Louisville, Ky., February 16, 17 and 18, 1937. Ohio Valley chapter of the Association will be hosts.

Plans for the convention program already are being made. Fred Wood, Denver (Colo.) AC, is president of the national organization; Fred Smith of Columbus (O.) University club, sec.; and Russell G. Miller, 6103 Dibble ave., Cleveland, treas.