Region VII—John W. Hughes, Nebraska Golf Ass'n. (Ark., Ia., Kan., Minn., Mo., Neb., N. D., S. D., Wyo.)
Region VIII—N. C. Morris, sec'y, Colorado Golf Ass'n. (Col., N. M., Okla., Tex.)

Jenness Peckham, Wife of Prominent Turfman, Dies

Jenness R. Peckham, wife of Arthur N. Peckham, head of the Rhode Island bent grass concern bearing his name, and assistant to her husband as manager of the Rhode Island state fair, died in Homeopathic hospital, Providence, on December 2, after an illness of three weeks. Burial was in the Peckham family lot at Kingstown, R. I.

Rhode Island, and the entire bent grass growing industry, suffered a grievous loss in the death of Mrs. Peckham. Her comparatively short life was intensely lived. Her perseverance in obtaining a tariff increase, second largest on the agricultural schedule in 1930 (namely, the tariff on the agrostic family of seed was increased from two cents per pound to 40c per pound) greatly stimulated production of seed by American farmers. And this newly created interest in an American-grown seed among the farmers sparked state agricultural experiment stations to carry on experiments with different strains of bent grass—the result of which has been the development of strains considered more superior and disease-resistant.

Mrs. Peckham was born in Des Moines, Ia., on Feb. 18, 1900. She was graduated from Denison University, Granville, Ohio, in 1922 with highest honors, being a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1924 she married A. N. Peckham, and immediately took up an active interest in her husband’s various activities, managing the farm office from which the bent grass grown by many farmers in southern New England was merchandised.

When her husband was appointed manager of the Rhode Island state fair some years ago, Jenness’ untiring efforts in its promotion largely accounted for the fact it increased in size, reputation and quality to such an extent that its rating increased from 60th to fifth position among the fairs of New England. She was appointed by the governor to represent Rhode Island

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before the 54th and 55th annual conven-
tion of the National Rivers and Harbors
Commission in Washington, as she had
worked for a rivers and harbors develop-
ment in her state for which she had ob-
tained a Federal grant of $400,000.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Peckham
leaves her mother, Mrs. Guy Ruhl, of Las
Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Sherwood, an
electrical engineer at Boulder Dam, and
one sister, Mrs. Joan McCray, of Arizona.
Jenness possessed a wonderfully sweet and
charming personality, and a resolute spirit
—qualities by which she will be long re-
membered.

Group Instruction Beginning
to Pay Dividends for D'Angelo

JIMMY D'ANGELO, pro at Baederwood
GCse, Jenkintown, Pa., and recently
appointed by John B. Kelly to the Hale
America National Sports Board, writes
that he is beginning to experience the
'pay-off' on all the group golf instruction
work he has been so interested in during
recent years. Jimmy says: In the early
part of December I was invited to give a
half-hour talk to a group of well-known
Philadelphia doctors and their wives, who
were attending a convention in Atlantic
City. I was paid $50.00.

"Early in February I began teaching a
group of adults at Cheltenham High
School, Elkins Park, Pa. This school con-
ducts adult classes in 29 different subjects,
and I'd like to point out the fact that the
largest registration in any of the classes
was in golf, with 39 registering, and more
coming in. I think that speaks well for
golf interest throughout the country. I
was paid $5.00 per hour and the class con-
tinues for ten consecutive Monday nights
from 8 to 9.

"I just wanted to pass this information
along to the boys, to show what can be
done if we're willing to cooperate when we
have an opportunity to give a few hours
of our time free."

Plan H. A. Tourney Details—Officials of
the USGA, PGA and Chicago DGA con-
ferred several days at Chicago late in
February on plans for the Hale America
Open golf championship, finals of which
are to be played at Ridgemoor GC, Chi-
cago, June 18-21.

Prizes totalling $6,000, with the winner
getting $1,000, will be distributed among
the first 30 low scorers.