Caddies, college and high school golfers, and junior members account for approximately a million golfers now in uniform. Older golfers now in uniform are estimated to number about 250,000.

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**Green Section Plans National Expansion**

Many research problems of the USGA’s Green Section and of the Dept. of Agriculture’s Division of Forage Crops are similar, since both are interested in grasses. Close collaboration of the two organizations has been in effect for some time. Now the USGA, in an effort to make the Green Section’s program more national in scope, is promoting a plan to develop cooperative turf investigations with some half dozen state experiment stations, selected on the basis of each station’s location in the U.S.

Some turf experts have felt for some time that confining Green Section research projects to the locality of Washington, D.C., was all right so far as results for Washington and areas of similar growing conditions are concerned, but hardly represented the national picture. Confirming investigations are needed in areas with different climatic conditions, different soils and different growing seasons.

Toward this end, the Green Section committee of the USGA has sent letters to all greenkeeping superintendents organizations asking them to suggest experiment stations in their sections of the country where cooperative studies might be instituted. In many states close working arrangements are already in effect between local greenkeeping groups and the stations, and it is hoped that cooperation with the new national Green Section organization will permit fitting results of parallel investigations into a more valuable national picture.

For the duration of the emergency, however, the USGA’s budget is too seriously curtailed to permit contribution of much in the way of funds to the state experiment stations; so the Green Section’s ambition for a while is merely to set up informal cooperation in which the Section will serve as a clearing-house for ideas on work that may be established or continued in spite of curtailments, and for results of research now under way. If foundations are laid now, it will be possible when conditions return to normal.

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BEN HOGAN has given golfers a new
approach to the correct golf swing in
an article in the March issue of Esquire.
Ben uses a couple of ordinary belts, one
of which is buckled comfortably around
the arms above the elbows, while the other
goes around the legs just above the knees.
“When you’re harnessed properly,” says
Ben, “you don’t have to think of a thing
except not starting the swing by lifting
the club. Go back as far as your body
will twist, with the ball of the left foot
in firm contact with the ground. Don’t
try to hit hard.”

After not many trials, Hogan says, a
golfer will get to know the feel of a good
swing and can adopt it to his game with-
out the harness.

Big Business—In a “Midwinter Commu-
nication” to members of the Detroit
(Mich.) GC, Pres. Arthur J. Lacey pre-
sents a report on golf club wartime activi-
ties that will stack up alongside any other
wartime performance record by a civilian
sport organization, and possibly stand at
the top of sport organization wartime
service performances.

Last year the club paid approximately
$80,000 in various taxes. It did a business
of over $500,000 in 1942.

Midwest to Meet—Midwest Greenkeepers
Assn., presidents and green-chairmen of
clubs in the Chicago district and others
interested in course maintenance will meet
at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, April 6, for an
evening discussion of golf course operating
conditions and plans. O. J. Noer of the
Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee, and
Herb Grafflis of GOLFDOM will address
the meeting on their observation of specific
conditions and plans at golf clubs through-
out the country.

Solves Help Problem—Henry C. Gliss-
mann, operator of four fee-courses in
Omaha, Neb., is solving his 1943 help prob-
lem by hiring men past middle age and
their sons younger than draft age. The
family income is enough to make the jobs
very attractive, especially since Glissmann
has rented houses for the help, with
grounds where the employees can have
their gardens and raise chickens. Gliss-
mann sees that the help gets off-season
jobs elsewhere.