Charles W. Littlefield Heads USGA 1946 Ticket

CHARLES W. LITTLEFIELD, Montclair (N.J.) CC, has been nominated for presidency of the USGA, succeeding Morton G. Bogue, pres. for the past two terms. Nomination is tantamount to election at the USGA annual meeting, Jan. 12, at Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York.

The nominating committee consisted of Harold W. Pierce, chmn.; Jerome P. Bowes, Jackson P. Dick, E. H. Molthan and Thomas Telfer.

Littlefield has served as USGA v.p. since 1942; has been Chairman, Rules of Golf committee during 1944 and 1945. He has been a member of the Executive Committee since 1938 and has served the Association as a member of various committees and as General Counsel. He is a partner in the law firm of Littlefield and Marshall.

Francis D. Ouimet, Allston, Mass., present sec., has been nominated as v.p. Ouimet has been Chairman, Championship Committee since 1942, and a member of the Rules of Golf and Implements and Ball committees. He has served on the Executive Committee of the USGA since 1940 and has also been an officer and member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts GA. Ouimet has been active in golf tournaments since 1913 and has played on ten United States teams in Walker Cup Matches. He is affiliated with the Clifford Mfg. Co.

Fielding Wallace of Augusta, Georgia, is nominated to succeed himself as v.p., to which position he was elected in May of this year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Veazey Rainwater of Atlanta. Wallace has been a member of the Executive committee since 1939 and for the past two years has been Chairman, Green Section committee and member of the Membership and Amateur Status and Conduct committees. Wallace is President Emeritus of the Augusta (Ga.) CC, member of the Governing Board of the U.S. Seniors GA the past six years, and President of the Georgia State GA since 1938. He is President of Southern Press Cloth Mfg. Co.

Isaac B. Grainger, Montclair, New Jersey, has been nominated to succeed Ouimet as Sec. Grainger has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan GA since 1939, serving on various committees and treas., v.p., and for the past three years as Pres. He was elected to the Executive Committee of the USGA in 1945 to fill a vacancy. Grainger is a member of the Handicap and Sectional Affairs committees. He is v.p. of the Chemical Bank and Trust Co.

James D. Standish, Jr., Detroit, Mich., who served on the USGA Executive Committee from 1921 to 1928 and was elected to fill a vacancy on this committee occurring in May 1945, has been renominated for this position. Standish has served on various sub-committees of the USGA from time to time. He has been active in promoting interest in the Public Links section and is at present Chairman, Public Links Section committee. Standish has been active in golf since before his graduation from Harvard in 1918. In 1912 he was President of the Intercollegiate GA and in 1924 and 1925 was v.p. of the Western GA. He has served as Pres. of the Detroit District GA since 1937 and as Sec., Michigan State Golf League since 1924. Mr. Standish has won major golf events abroad as well as in the United States. In 1926 he went to England with the Walker Cup Team as a member of the USGA Committee to confer with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews on ball specifications. Standish is an Estate Manager.

Richard J. Tufts, Pinehurst, North Carolina, has been nominated to the Executive Committee after many years as a member of USGA committees. Since 1926 he has been a Director and officer of the Carolina GA and since 1938 a Director of the Southern GA. He is Chairman of the Handicap Committee of the USGA. Tufts is Pres., Pinehurst, Inc.

J. Frederick Byers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has been nominated to be Chairman of the 1947 Nominating Committee.

Tom Clapper, Equipment Pioneer, Dies in L.A.

J. T. (Tom) Clapper, died suddenly Dec. 18th at Los Angeles. Tom was a pioneer in the golf mowing equipment business having been associated with his cousin, the late J. S. Clapper at the Toro plant in Minneapolis during the early days when Toro developed its first equipment for golf; the old push-type tractor. Tom moved to Los Angeles in order that he might introduce the Toro line to the clubs. He started the Pacific Toro Co. some 20 years ago. Several years before the war he took in a partner, Norman Ellis, who later purchased Tom's interest allowing him to retire.

Tom was born in Clapper, Mo. in 1873, married Edith Haughawout of Carthage, Mo. He is survived by three brothers, and two married sisters.

He was in the machinery sales and service business all of his mature life, having been in business in Billings, Montana as one of the first tractor dealers to sell the Big 4 to the large ranch owners of the great northwest.