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Accomplishments of the trip may be summarized by saying simply that the objectives were reached. The reception of the Green Section representatives was most cordial and enthusiastic. Satisfactory conclusions were reached on most of the problems discussed. A better understanding exists today among all groups represented because of the frank, open discussions which were directed solely toward the common goal: Turf Improvement.

The Grau-Noer tour was without cost to the cooperating groups. The USGA budget was set up to allow this travel to serve golf throughout the country by improving playing conditions and to acquaint non-member clubs with the value of USGA Green Section service as well as to show the wisdom of participating in USGA memberships. The Goldthwaites and Bob Dunning did a grand job of organizing the Oklahoma-Texas meetings and set a pace for other sectional groups that can have the same sort of sessions by making requests in plenty of time to allow arrangement of travel schedules of the Green Section experts and Noer, and by making thorough provisions for participation in their respective territories.

Howard Davis Honored for 25 Years as Ridgemoor Pro

Ridgemoor CC (Chicago District) honored Howard R. Davis, its pro for 25 years at a Silver Anniversary party which was featured by a Saturday afternoon golf tournament and an evening dinner which was the best attended affair of the club's many banquets. Davis was presented with a new automobile as evidence of the members' gratitude for the faithful, competent and cheerful service he's given to them and their guests. Howard came into golf in 1907 as a caddy at the old Calumet CC, 95th and Cottage Grove Ave, Chicago. In 1914 Howard and some of his pals walked from Calumet to Midlothian to follow Walter Hagen in the Hague's first national triumph. It was a round-trip jaunt of about 35 miles.
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