PLAYING FOR THE TITLE

For the first time in American history two enthusiastic golfers are competing for the presidency of the United States. Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower both are better-than-average businessmen golfers. They'll go around in the low 90s and once in a while, when lucky, will get into the 80s. Neither of them gets much time to play. Ike delights in playing the Augusta (Ga.) National course where he's a member, when he can get time off in the spring. He got in training for campaigning playing around Denver. Steve is an intermittent weekend golfer at Springfield, Ill., or at Chicago when his duties as Illinois' governor gave him a chance. He also plays at Pinehurst, where his sister lives, when he has had a rare chance for a vacation.

So. Calif. Turf Conference at UCLA, October 6, 7

Dates for the 1952 Southern California Conference on Turf Culture on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California have been set for Oct. 6 and 7, according to Vernon T. Stoutemyer, professor of floriculture and ornamental horticulture at the University.

The annual event is presented by University of California Extension and the U.C.L.A. College of Agriculture, in cooperation with the USGA Green Section.

Conference sessions will be held at the Riviera CC, west of the campus on Sunset Blvd. The conference will open with a 9:30-11:30 a.m. inspection of the University of California turf plots at 300 Veteran Ave. in West Los Angeles, and registration from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Riviera Country Club.

Some of the well-known speakers scheduled to address sessions are Robert W. Hodgson, Dean of the U.C.L.A. College of Agri., who recently returned from a year's residence in Egypt; John J. McElroy, dir. of programs, Agri. Ext. Service, University of California, Berkeley; Kenneth Smoyer, dir., Agri. Ext., Los Angeles County; William H. Daniel, agronomist in turf research and Extension, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana; Charles G. Wilson, reg. dir., USGA Green Section, Davis, Calif.; O. J. Noer, agronomist, Milwaukee Sewerage Comm., and Boysie E. Day, assistant plant physiologist, division of plant physiology, Citrus Exp. Station, University of California, Riverside.

A similar conference will be presented at the Northern California Turf Conference in Berkeley, California, October 9. Information may be obtained from Mr. John J. McElroy, Agricultural Extension, College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley 4.

Mississippi Open Assn. Headed by Cochran

Mississippi Open Golf Assn., recently organized to promote closer relations between amateurs and pros in the state, promote all golf activities, give junior golf a big boost, to handle amateur-pro events, schedule monthly tournaments and stage state cup matches between professional and amateur teams.

Amateur membership annual fee is $5.
The $2000 prize money for the State Open Aug. 14-17 was a good start for the organization.

Johnny Cochran, pro, Greenwood (Miss.) CC, was elected pres.; Gene Williams, pro, Laurel (Miss.) CC, was elected sec.-treas.; Dave Campbell, Canton (Miss.) CC, is vp; Jody Lyle, Philadelphia (Miss.) CC, honorary vp; Dr. Bob Watts of Indianola (Miss.) CC and Paul Tbilier, Jackson (Miss.) were named to handle publicity, and L. V. Lukes, pro, Clarksdale (Miss.) CC, is tournament chmn. The organization represents 3 years' work by Cochran before the idea caught on and got rolling.

Dickinson Tells Plans for U of Mass. Turf Sessions

The perennially energetic and immeasurably valuable Lawrence S. Dickinson, associate prof. of agrostology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, says that he has big plans for the annual Mass. turf conference, March 12-14, 1953.

"Dick" also advises that the nationally-famed Mass. winter school classes will start on Jan. 5 and end March 13.

Dickinson, who pioneered practical technical training in golf course maintenance at state schools, has been in fine turf education work for 30 years. Among the many ideas that he strenuously urged that have since become standard practice in fine turf work is aerification.

This year Dickinson's great program at the U of Mass. suffered a loss when Geoffrey Cornish resigned to go into the building of pitch and putt courses. Demand for the continuance of the valuable program resulted in the school deciding to get a man who would give half time to teaching and the other half to turf research.

63 Companies Send Teams to Midwest Industrial Tourney

A total of 79 four-man teams representing 63 companies from six midwestern states participated in the 1952 Midwest Industrial Golf Tournament played Aug. 16 and 17 on Milwaukee County's Whitnall Park and Grant Park courses.

The team representing Westinghouse Electric Co., Mansfield, Ohio, were the winners with a team score of 591 for the 36 holes. Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, and Studebaker, South Bend, Ind., tied for second place with team totals of 608. Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, and Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, III., placed third and fourth.

Armco Steel Co., Middletown, Ohio, will be the host for the 1953 tournament which has been scheduled for Aug. 15 and 16.

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