"Ike" Grainger Renamed to Head USGA

ISSAC B. Grainger of the Montclair (N. J.) GC will be re-elected President of the USGA at the association's 61st annual meeting to be held at the Vanderbilt hotel, New York, Jan. 29.

Along with Grainger 12 of the 14 other members of his 1954 USGA teammates have been nominated for re-election. The USGA custom is to nominate officers for a second term.

John D. Ames, Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., and Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst (N. C.), CC will continue as vps. Charles L. Peirson of the Country Club of Brookline, Mass., will be re-elected treas., and Fraser M. Horn, National Golf Links of America will continue as the USGA's General Counsel.

USGA Nominating committee report is tantamount to election. George W. Blossom, Jr., heads the Nominating committee, which includes C. W. Benedict of Winged Foot, Robert W. Goldwater of Phoenix CC, Richard Gray of the Country Club of Virginia and Hal A. White of Plum Hollow CC.

Wm. P. Castleman, Jr., Dallas, Tex., and Frederick L. Dold, Wichita, Ks., withdrew from USGA Executive committee due to demands of other duties. Their replacements are Emerson Carey, Jr., Denver, Colo. and John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.

Carey was Western Golf Assn. junior champion in 1925, captain of Cornell's 1925 football team, and pres., Trans-Mississippi GA in 1939.

Winters was captain of the University of Michigan golf team in 1923. He also served as pres., Oklahoma GA.

The USGA Executive committee to serve this year:


"Soils Clinic" Is Practical School for Midwest Supts.

FIFTY superintendents attended the Soils Clinic, Dec. 2 and 3, at University of Illinois Medical School campus, Chicago, and got highly valuable schooling in the foundation of their profession. The majority of those present were from Illinois, with Roy Nelson and Milt Wylie from Minnesota and several others from adjacent states also attending.

The clinic was co-sponsored by the Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts., University of Illinois Drug Plant division of the Pharmacy school and the Toro Mfg. Co.

Don Strand and Bob Williams, Educational committee chmn. of supt's. associations, planned the program with Dean Searles, Dr. Voight and Dr. Crain of the U of I, James Watson, chief agronomist of Toro and his asst., Jack Kolb.

The initial clinic, last year, was on plant diseases. The clinic next year probably will be on plant feeding.


Experienced, successful superintendents were unanimous in declaring the clinic valuable basic training and refresher education that is bound to have a profitable reflection in their turf management practice.

Golf Club Sales Up in 1954, Manufacturers Report

NATIONAL Association of Golf Club Manufacturers reports that members sold 3,700,953 golf clubs from Nov. 1, 1953 to Oct. 31, 1954. This is 328,352 more than the previous 12 month period's sales.

The latest report showed sales of 2,574,140 irons (233,495 more than previous 12 months), and 1,126,813 woods (94,857 more than previous 12 months.)