

Mid-West Notes

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THE July meeting will be held at one of the following places: Tam O'Shanter Country Club, Norwood Park Illinois, or at the D. Hill Nursery, Dundee, Illinois. If we meet at the Hill Nursery the morning will be spent at the nursery and the afternoon at Mr. Hill's club, the Crystal Lake Country Club. Meeting notice will contain all data.

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The annual U. S. G. A. Green Section meet will be held August 31st, at the Lasker estate, Everett, Illinois. This day also is the opening of the U. S. G. A. Amateur Championship play at Beverly Country Club. Complete details of the Green Section meet will be made in the next issue of THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER.

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High temperature and humidity have been the general weather conditions of late—and out here in Saint Charles someone must have lost cultures of turf diseases and whatnots—anyway at present they are making their headquarters at the course. One doesn't have to walk to a green to investigate, they bat you down before you get out of the shop door.

Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

THE warm, dry weather having arrived in deadly earnest, the months of July, August and September will see 40 southern California golf courses use not less than a billion gallons of water for irrigation purposes. This is enough water to form a lake 25 feet deep, 1000 feet long, and 800 feet wide—big enough to drown a refreshing number of the people who solicitously ask, "Is it hot enough for you?"

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That golf and higher education on the Pacific Coast are becoming synonymous is indicated by the presence of two fine university-owned courses. Stanford University, alma mater of President Hoover, at Palo Alto, California, has devoted a portion of its huge "farm" to a truly fine eighteen-hole layout. Washington University at Seattle has a nine-hole course in charge of Bill Jefferson which also has a non-student membership. This latter course is located on the banks of Lake Washington and offers a splendid vantage point for viewing the crew races which are held there.

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A note of sadness was sounded in greenkeeping circles when Ed Merrit, affectionately known at Pop Merrit, died recently. He was the greenkeeper and designer of the Santa Monica Municipal Golf course in California.

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Accompanying the hot and unusually humid weather has come a vicious attack of brown patch which has overlooked scarcely a single course in the district. At the July meeting of the Southern California greenkeepers not one of those present could boast of a clean record. Every available remedy had been tried without apparent success.

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Two new golf courses are under construction in or near Seattle, Washington. They are the Lake Garrett Golf Club in Seattle and the Green Acres club at Bothel.



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