condition, but its fairways frequently suffer from drought. The club has decided to construct a watering system through its entire course to protect itself, but the work will not be undertaken until the fall.

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Vice-president W. J. Sansom will attend the executive meeting of the National Greenkeepers' association at Philadelphia, June 22. He is still awaiting the appearance of the bulletin of the Royal Canadian Golf association. This bulletin was to be one of four issued annually to assist course superintendents and greenkeepers. It was to be compiled by a committee of the Royal Canadian Golf association.

## Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA



H. E. STODOLA Secretary, Minnesota Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

THE Minnesota Association met at the Somerset Club, Monday, June 8th, for their monthly meeting. The members inspected the tool house and saw a well-equipped shop with tools and machinery kept in first-class condition.

Max Schieffner, who has charge, has been with the club since it started ten years ago and he knows every blade of grass on the course. A record is kept of everything that is done on the greens, and no two greens are taken care of alike. The grounds are a model of neatness from a well-groomed course to the best grass tennis courts in the Northwest.

changing their greens to Seaside bent. They have several Seaside bent greens already and the members are so satisfied that they want all the greens of the same grass. One interesting thing about this course is that a large part of it is made up of a beautiful orchard.

After going over the course the members met in the office for their business meeting. President Erickson read a letter from Mr. Power, Editor of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, asking him what he thought of the name "greenkeeper." Because we do not like the title greenkeepers, for want of a better name we changed our name to the Minnesota Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The more we see that name in print the less we like it because we realize how inadequate it is. We have decided to adopt the name that is chosen by the National Association.

Thursday, June 12th, we meet at Golden Valley, where the Trans-Mississippi tournament is to be held Monday, June 15th.

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## Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

HE Ventura County Country Club of Saticoy, California, has a design somewhat unique in at least this area. It is an eighteen-hole, or rather eighteen-fairway, course with only nine greens.

Originally the club had a regulation nine-hole layout but it later was re-designed so that each hole is played twice, each time from a different tee. This has been made possible by some ingenious planning and is practical because the location of the club in an agricultural district does not make for congested play.

In this way the pleasure of an eighteen-hole course is afforded the club members without all of the expense involved in the upkeep of a regulation full-sized links.

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As far as current business conditions are concerned, neither the pay nor the employment of most Pacific greenkeepers have been changed. They have felt the depression in that they have been ordered to curtail expenses, but their ability to respond to this demand has kept them on the job when men in other walks of life are tramping about in the army of the unemployed.

Many courses have felt the consequences, but as a

