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moisture and followed by cold weather. This year we have had plenty of moisture and there is now no reason to feel that the climatic conditions of the fall will cause us any concern.

"I must say that the courses on which championships were held this year were in fine shape for the tournaments," he continued. "The open tournament of Canada was held at Mississauga during July. Golfers felt that the club would not be able to provide the desirable lay-out. However, the course was above criticism. Not one of the many fine golfers was able to say anything but the best concerning the work of Mr. Sansfield.

"Mr. Lloyd of Rosedale offered an excellent test during September for the Women's Open championship. There wasn't a spot on his course that could be condemned. Naturally we feel satisfied and even elated."

Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

That golf has taken another step into the realm of higher education in California is indicated by the fact that the Indian Hill golf course of Claremont has just opened nine new grass greens in cooperation with Scripps, Pomona, and Claremont Colleges. Reconstruction work and the transformation of the sand greens was in charge of William P. Bell, golf architect.

The end of the most prolific season of turf ailments is seeing considerable activity on numerous courses in completing construction work and opening new areas in preparation for the winter tourist season. The San Diego Municipal golf course is preparing to throw its new nine open to play in November and the city fathers are considering the possibility of an eighteen-hole course.

Up the coast 100 miles at the Huntington Beach golf course John Hoagland has built a new green and is planning to make his nine-hole layout a full-sized course. M. E. Marzolf of the Santa Ana Country club, W. M. Thompson of the Mountain Meadows club of Pomona, and Francisco Mari of the Rancho Country club of Los Angeles are other greenkeepers who have completed or are in the process of completing work on new greens.

It is also being noised about that the historic Los Ser- ranos Country Club of Chino, California, is contemplating many changes and improvements in its course, club house, lake, and other amusement facilities. A detailed announcement will be forthcoming at any time.

The prophets, the seers, and the scientists again have joined forces in the very dangerous sport of predicting that California is going to have an unusually wet winter. Inasmuch as they have been doing this very thing unsuccessfully for the past several years, the chances based upon the law of averages are bright at an above-normal precipitation will be forthcoming on this occasion.

Greenkeepers are hoping and predicting with the rest of them, but at the same time they are performing the difficult task of keeping their fingers crossed, the irrigation equipment in order, and the storm drains cleared.

The metropolitan water district bonds have been passed, the area around Los Angeles will be assured of plenty of water with the completion of the Hoover Dam. But in the meantime the water table is getting lower, the rates are getting higher and the golf courses are in danger, not seriously, but enough so that abundant rain would be hailed with thanksgiving.

Some enthusiastic California golfers who boost not wisely but too well have raised the cry to the effect that in spite of adverse conditions the state has some of the finest greens in the world. Local greenkeepers feel, however, that regardless of the truth or falsity of the statement it should be disregarded because the past year has proved that their knowledge does not even approximate a solution of all turf difficulties.

At a meeting of the Southern California greenkeepers on Columbus Day at the Hacienda Country club of
La Habra, the display of a sample turf of carpet grass, which, it is understood, is used on some Eastern greens, aroused considerable derision when the suggestion was made that this was a possible successor to creeping bent. It was generally agreed that the worst of the state's fairways could produce turf better suited for putting surfaces than this.

The group also was of the opinion that no matter how difficult has been the maintenance of bent greens, players would never be satisfied with anything less fine, therefore it would be the duty of the greenkeepers to give them what they wanted.

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The Hacienda course on which this meeting was held has something unusual in the way of natural features. In the rough near one of the greens is an oil seepage. This is not the leak from a storage tank nor is it the seepage from an old oil well such as is the case on the Los Angeles Wilshire course, but is a natural flow.

For the benefit of those who might be considering the possibility of establishing a claim, may it be said that oil fields established where such surface showings are in evidence are of little if any value. But this is one place where the wildcat promoter might say that the oil can be seen actually coming out of the ground.

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A professor at the University of California in relating the importance of grass in the history of mankind stated that the greatest dry land portion of the globe is covered with the growth. Therefore brown patch, depression, divot diggers, and insects still have an awful lot of work to do.

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**Oklahoma News**

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

Work is progressing nicely on the new nine-hole grass green course which Par Wood is constructing in South Oklahoma City and he expects to have it completed and ready for play by early spring.

The new layout is located on the site of the old Capitol Hill Golf Course which Wood owned and operated on a fee basis. The greens will be planted to the well-known Cocos Bent grass which has proved very satisfactory to weather conditions in Oklahoma and will be the first municipal course to have bent grass greens.

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Wood was formerly associated with Perry Maxwell, well-known golf architect, and has built many fine courses over the south.

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And Oklahoma greenkeepers still fight brown patch. The Dollar Patch which has caused so much grief recently continues to give greenkeepers a hard battle in an effort to control this deadly disease.

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**Minnesota Gossip**

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary

The October meeting of the Minnesota Association was held at Superior Golf Club, Minneapolis. Nineteen enthusiastic members attended and their attention was divided between many projects.

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Leonard Bloomquist of Superior is a greenkeeper, plus. He has the original eighteen-hole course to take care of. It is a pay-as-you-play plan and is well patronized. That means heavy maintenance. He also has charge of the club house. In addition he is building eighteen more holes, so next year he will have full charge of a 36-hole course.

His new parking space, a fine piece of work will accommodate at least five hundred cars. He has three peat