

# Mid-West Notes

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WITH an attendance of over four hundred greenkeepers and Green committee chairmen at the annual Green Section meet at the Mill Road farm experimental gardens, all attendance records for the past meetings here were shattered.

This meet is sponsored along with the U. S. G. A. Green Section, by the Chicago District Golf Association and the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association. These gardens are located on the estate of Mr. A. O. Lasker, Everett, Illinois (near Lake Forest).

These turf gardens are always open to those interested in turf maintenance—putting surfaces of various strains of grasses are maintained, so club officials and greenkeepers may personally test the qualities of each strain. Various plots are devoted to different fertilization methods—plots showing various heights for fairways. Members do not generally believe that a variation of height in fairway cutting may mean the difference of success or failure in fairway turf. Well, here again various plots prove that fact.

Without a doubt the thought that most spectators took home from this meet was the damage that the sod webworm had done to one of Mr. Tregillus's practice greens. It surely was made to order for this meet. (No injury was noted in the garden by webworm, except some slight damage to the velvet bent plots.)

A noted greenkeeper of this district later stated that previous to the meet he had not noticed any unusually distressing evidence of sod webworm at his course. A few days later the course was lousy with them. He felt that they must have followed him home from the meet, evidently they must have followed a great many home for the webworm appeared generally throughout the district a few days later, damaging both fairways and greens.

Some of the boys have made special trips to the libraries to get the low-down on this pest. It seems that there are about as many varieties of sod webworms as there are theories on what is causing the current depression.

A course on one side of the creek, road or what have you, may be absolutely free from these pests and across the way the grounds are lousy.



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