

Cleveland News

By WALTER E. KNOWLES, *Secretary*
THE past season has surely been a busy one for the greenkeepers of the Cleveland District Association.

In addition to the extra work and continued watchful care required on their own courses, this season, the boys found time to visit the following courses for meetings and inspection of said courses: Portage C. C., Oberlin C. C., Youngstown C. C., Bunker Hill Golf Course, Westwood C. C., Orchard Hills C. C., Manakiki C. C., and Madison Lake Golflands.

Dr. Robert Salter of the State Experimental Station, Wooster, Ohio, addressed the Manakiki meeting, on the subject of soils and chemical fertilizers.

The open discussion, which followed his very interesting and instructive talk, was heartily entered into and through the two mediums, many valuable points were brought out.

On Monday, Sept. 28, the boys will "strut their stuff" over the course of the Canterbury C. C. to determine the champion golfer of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers.

The wind-up of the outdoor season falls on the 12th day of October and will be held at Braeburn Golf course near Akron.

And some wind-up it will be. The annual meeting, which includes the election of officers, a clam bake and other special stunts will rule the day.

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A FRATERNAL SPIRIT

During the night, in the height of the season, Frank Ermer, President of our local association and greenkeeper at Ridgewood Golf course, lost by fire his work shop and all contents.

Through the cooperative spirit of his fellow greenkeepers, Frank was able not only to gather together sufficient equipment to carry on the following morning, as per schedule, but was able to leave his course at ten a. m. that same morning to attend a conference on the sod webworm at Wooster, Ohio.

The members of our local association are surely deserving of commendation for the spirit of helpfulness, which prevails, and Frank is deserving of a word of praise for his ability as a greenkeeper and organizer.

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ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

On Aug. 7 a number of the members of the C. D. A. of G. journeyed to Wooster C. C. where round table discussions, presided over by Dr. Hauser of the State Experimental Station, Wooster, were conducted. The topic of discussion was the new "play boy," the sod webworm.

Those who participated in the meeting in addition to Dr. Hauser and several greenkeepers were Drs. Noble and McClure and Prof. Parks.

Much valuable information was gained as to the results obtained from the several methods of combating this pest used in both the Wooster and Columbus districts.

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PROFIT AND LOSS

If Jake Nickoloff continues to demonstrate his championship qualifications at a dinner table, the Stewards profit and loss statement is certainly going to look sick.

More power to you, Jake. We would much prefer to see said statement, rather than you, in the above mentioned condition.

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JUST A LITTLE OFF COLOR

With peacock likeliness, diminutive Robert Zink of Shaker Heights C. C. proudly strutted up with what he thought was a record eight on a three-par hole. But—lo! and behold! This mark of distinction was soon shattered when C. F. Miller of Orchard Hills C. C. turned in a fourteen.

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A SURPRISE PARTY

Mr. Bert Sheldon, greenkeeper at The Country Club, sprang a little surprise on the boys, who attended the meeting at his club.

At the business meeting, which followed nine holes of morning play and a very delightful lunch, Bert announced that he and Joe Mitchell, the Club pro, were going to donate an all-metal club to the winner of the afternoon's play, with the understanding that the handicap to be used would be based on the morning's card.

Some of the contestants are of the opinion that the winner, Percy Bolitho, the red-headed greenkeeper from Portage C. C., had been previously informed as to the requirements for his morning's score of 52 gave him a handicap of 12.

We are not sure whether it was the "tip-off" or lunch that enabled Percy to turn in an afternoon's score of 40, which gave him a net of 28. But we all agree that he deserved the prize.

Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

ANOTHER of the greenkeeper's myriad enemies has been found, or possibly scented, by Greenkeeper William Thompson of the Mountain Meadows club of Pomona, California.

"Bill" must keep his green sprayed with lead arsenate, not because the worms and grubs themselves are damaging his greens, but because a local army of skunks in search of them will ruin a green over-night if the animals find the hunting good. Fortunately for the players, but not for the night irrigation gang, the skunk is usually only a nocturnal prowler.

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It may or may not be because of the skunks that Thompson has been the least bothered by brown patch of any of the greenkeepers in the Pacific Southwest. At any rate only two new greens which have not yet been put in play were in the least affected. More to the point perhaps is the fact that his course is situated on a high, breezy plateau and also that he has been careful in his choice of fertilizers.

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The head of the department of forestry at Washington State College suggests that the eradication of poison oak and poison ivy is entirely feasible though rarely attempted. He stated that the important thing to remember is that the plants arise from underground creeping stems which are widely spread a few inches under the ground and from which new plants do or may arise at short intervals. If the eradication work is to be a complete success these underground stems must be removed entirely. The professor recommends digging by hand, plowing followed by clean cultivation, or smothering by tar paper held in close contact with the soil as methods of eradication.

He cautions, however, that those taking part in this work should be immune from infection by the plants. Now all greenkeepers have to do to get this pest out of their rough is to find a few martyrs willing to determine whether or not they are immune.

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The wholesale destruction of rodents by greenkeepers and others has been blamed for the scourge of grasshoppers which have infected some parts of the country. There may be some tiny justification for this accusation but a glance into the records will show that there were plagues of grasshoppers in many districts before they had been touched by rodent traps or poison.

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Golf courses in Los Angeles which rely upon the city water supply, piped for hundreds of miles from Owens Lake, are up in arms just at present because a motion has come up before the city council to put them on the domestic water rate. If carried this will mean that those

clubs using metropolitan water will have their regular monthly bills of \$700 and thereabouts more than doubled. Wilshire, Hillcrest, California, and Los Angeles are some of the country clubs involved.

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Kenneth MacLean, formerly greenkeeper at the Del Mar, California, club has just returned from a visit to his native Scotland. He reports that conditions economic and otherwise on "Old Country" courses are very favorable.

Oklahoma News

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

WITH the completion of the new nine-hole layout at Lincoln Park which is expected in the near future, Oklahoma City will have ten golf courses. The Lincoln Park links operates on a fee basis as does Green Hills, Rancho Beach, Shepherd's Lake, Capitol Hill, Edgemere, and also the Six Lakes club, a newly completed golf links northwest of the city. The Lincoln Park nine is rapidly nearing completion according to Tom Gillock, greenkeeper and will probably be ready for play sometime in September.

This will give Lincoln Park thirty-six holes of Bermuda greens and will somewhat relieve the congestion which has caused Art Jackson, the manager no small amount of worry during recent years. The Park course has been considered one of the most scenic links in the state of Oklahoma and always a true test of golf.

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About two years ago several recognized grass authorities seriously advised against planting bent grass in Central Oklahoma. It was their belief that bent grass could not stand the hot summers of Oklahoma and would be just a costly experiment to any club that should aspire to bent greens.

However, two well-known greenkeepers at Oklahoma City have completely dispelled this theory and have

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