

two centres in the United States might be applied to other parts of the continent.

"I assume it holds in Canada as it does in the United States that clubs are experimenting frequently along haphazard and costly lines," he continued. "For instance a club which may be having trouble with its greens and fairways will make a comparison with the results of another course and suddenly become panicky and turn to another grass for no reason whatsoever. We had an example of this. A friend sent us Bermuda grass. We sent it to Florida and then we suddenly found that 18 greens had been sown with it. This was ridiculous because it might be a failure. Grass can't be judged in a year."

Dr. Monteith pointed out that Illinois red top had been sold in the United States as German mixed bent. He explained that the product from Illinois had been shipped to Germany and had come back as the most desirable seed for greens. Clubs purchased it and failed to secure the result promised from the German mixed bent. He claimed also that the only difference between two varieties of bent as placed on the market was the price and the name.

Dr. Monteith expressed the opinion that while Canada might be a natural climate for velvet bent results revealed that it did not stand up as well in Canada as in other parts of the continent. He added, however, that velvet bent was a slow grass to become established.

#### COMMENTING ON BROWN PATCH

COMMENTING on brown patch, Dr. Monteith remarked that it was with some amusement that he received reports commenting on the rarity of the disease in Canada. He referred to some of it which he had seen in the plot and remarked that it would be of no concern to people in other parts of the continent, in St. Louis for instance.

"When a method for treating any condition arises some people desire to apply it to everything," said Dr. Monteith. "For instance, in Pennsylvania beetles do a great deal of damage. Methods taken to destroy them should to some officials be used to destroy other vermin. All that we can say is that there are certain places for certain treatments."

Members of the staff of the Ontario Agricultural College who followed Dr. Monteith through his discourse stated that the two lessons to be secured from his visit was the supremacy of Washington bent and the value of fall seeding instead of spring seeding.

President Plant, of the Royal Canadian Golf association, presided at the dinner held in the club in the even-

ing. Mr. Depew commented on the cordial relations existing between the golf associations of Canada and the United States.

"The United States Golf association has worked faithfully through its green section for 16 years and we hope now in the interests of the greenkeepers of Canada," said Mr. Depew. "We like to regard the greenkeepers of Canada and the United States as one of a happy family. I consider it an honor to carry a membership in the National Greenkeepers' association."

## Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

NEWS emanating from the Pacific Coast for the past the Olympic games, although it may be difficult to conceive how golf courses and the Olympiad could in any way be connected. Nevertheless, the phenomenal success of the American team as a whole may be laid to the fact that the athletes of this country constructed for themselves on the spacious lawns of the Olympic village a miniature golf course.

The architect, layout, greenkeeper and other details have not been ascertained, for although it may be a comparatively simple task to drive a camel through the eye of a needle, it was practically impossible for all but athletes to invade the sacred confines of the village.

Much amusement was afforded the Italian athletes by the rotating sprinklers employed to keep the grass green. Mussolini's muscular men spent minutes at a time viewing the wonders of water pressure whirling the sprinkler arms. It would seem that sprinkler manufacturers have been neglecting a market in Italia.

The Riviera Country club of Santa Monica contributed largely towards the procedure of the international sports program. It was here that the equestrian events were centered.

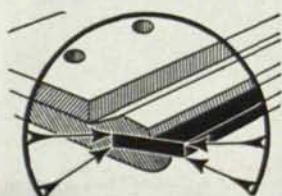
#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GREENKEEPERS ELECT OFFICERS

THE newly-organized Northern California Greenkeepers' Association recently elected the following officers: Will Rogers, Contra Costa club, president; Tom Nichols, Los Altos club, vice president; H. Sam Smith, Union League club, secretary and treasurer. These men will serve on the board of directors in addition to T. Duncan MacFarlane, California club of San Francisco; William Mayo, Presidio club; Roy Hanna, Castlewood club; and E. W. VanGorder, Stanford University golf course.

Incidentally, the new president, Will Rogers, is no relation to the Oklahoma and Beverly Hills comedian, but his friends will testify that he is a humorist in his own right. The last meeting of this group was held at Stanford University Golf course. There are thirty-five members.

Scientific American reports the latest innovation from California in the world of golf. A player from Girard,

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being somewhat of a naturalist, knew that butterflies are attracted by certain scents. Being also a scientist he compounded a strong perfume with which he sprays his golf balls. If he loses one, he waits around in the approximate vicinity until butterflies, attracted by the scent, gather around the ball, revealing its presence.

No longer is there need for greensmen to go to the expense of cutting the rough. All that is necessary is a few cans of perfume for the dousing of golf balls at convenient intervals.

WEATHER HAS BEEN COOL ON THE COAST

**T**HUS far the weather has been unusually cool on the Coast. This combined with the fact that greenkeepers have not been able to afford too much fertilizer seems to have reduced the ravages of brown patch over the record of last year.

A scientist at the University of California has discovered that dogs and cats may be kept out of shrubbery by spraying the plants with a dilute solution of nicotine sulphate. He neglected to state whether or not it would be useful in keeping careless golfers out.

The sometimes golf championship of Pacific Southwest greenkeepers was held on Monday, August 8, at the Palos Verdes Country club. Gomer Simms on his home course walked off with all the honors, turning in low scores in the pitch and putt tournament, the putting tournament, and the regular 18-hole round.

## The Cover Photo

Liza Commander, one of the band of well-known Indian caddies at the French River Golf and Country Club, is the daughter of Peter Commander, old-time Indian resident and one of a family of nine children.

Liza is an all-round sportswoman. She can stay in the water for hours and the present intention of the C. P. R. camp at French River is to enter her in the women's marathon swim at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto this year.

## Control of White Clover

National Greenkeeper,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

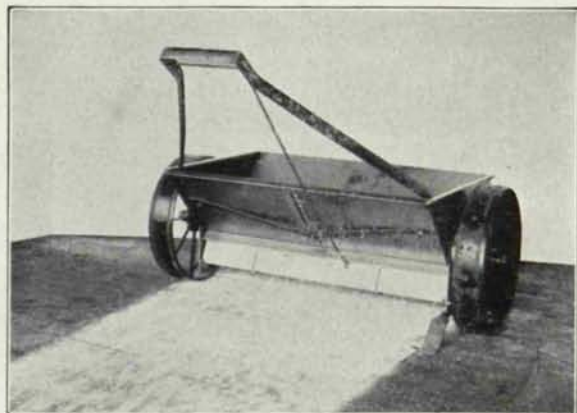
Sometime ago I made an inquiry as to how to control white clover in putting greens. Your answer was to use sulphate of ammonia and make the greens acid. I am following your advice along with raking the greens thoroughly both ways with a very sharp garden rake. Our greens are much improved and we hope they will soon be much better.

At the same time I wrote to you I wrote to the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, where I attended college asking them for information and Mr. V. T. Stoutemeyer of the Pomology section in his letter suggested that it

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