



## FEBRUARY

- 12th Southern Section Lecture, "Fertilisers", Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, Moorgate, London, E.C., 6-30 p.m.
- 17th North-West Section Lecture, Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester
- 18th Northern Section Lecture, "Weeds and Weedkilling", The Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford.
- 18th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, Glasgow Dr N. Jackson, "Grass Identification"
- 19th S.G.G.A. Lecture, North and Midland, Nicoll & Smiberts, Nethergate, as above.
- 20th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Free Gardeners' Institute, Piccadry Place, Edinburgh, as above.
- 20th North East Section Dinner, Gosforth Golf Club.

## MARCH.

- 9th North-West Section, Lecture, "Turf Topics. What do you know?" Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester
- 13th Southern Section, Annual Dinner
- 28th S.G.G.A. North and Midland Section, Annual Social Evening, Nicoll and Smiberts Restaurant, Dundee.

## APRIL.

- 16th S.G.G.A. West Section, Annual Spring Competition, Kilmarnock Brassie.

## MAY

- 5th Midland Section, Spring Tournament, Little Aston Golf Club.
- 12th Southern Section, Spring Tournament, Croham Hurst Golf Club.

## SEPTEMBER.

- 22nd Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, Stourbridge Golf Club.

## GOLF IN RUSSIA

There is no golf in Russia. That is, there wasn't until a pair of American businessmen visited Moscow a few months ago. One of them, Robert F Dwyer, of Portland, Ore., is a member of the executive committee of the U.S.G.A.

He persuaded his luncheon host, Dimitri F Varaksin, a Soviet Deputy Minister in charge of lands, timber and power, to try a golf swing—and this could very well be the beginning of the end of the U.S.S.R.

It was in the sunshine of Moscow, with the staff of Mr Varaksin's headquarters watching that the Russian took the driver in his hands, writes Jerry Pratt, Business Editor of *The Portland Oregonian*, in the August issue of the U.S.G.A. *Golf Journal*.

"Our host took the long-stemmed club back above his shoulders and swung viciously and well, both feet planted powerfully on the ground, his shoulders coming through in a natural swing. He missed.

"When the club came down again it smacked the golf ball cleanly on the cheek so that it rose in a drive of 60 yards to the wall of a shed at the end of the garden, bounced off the shed and rattled around in the rough. There was applause and Mr Varaksin gave an order that was equivalent to 'Find that ball'

"They were still looking for the ball when we left. Mr Dwyer said that was a good sign."

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