

time being, although many a greenkeeper has to put up with such conditions year after year. Any green with a pronounced tendency to scald had best be remodeled with one eye on sporty putting and the other on surface drainage.

Silver Lining to Trouble.

The past summer, according to all accounts, has been pretty tough for greens and greenkeepers—and a very good thing it has been tough. The welfare of the greenkeeping profession demands that at least one year in each five be real tough, so tough that budget-shaving golf clubs won't get the idea that an ex-railroad section hand can run the course without any trouble. Other things being equal, the tougher a greenkeeper's job looks the more jack he can demand for his services. Let greenkeeping become too easy and greenkeepers will be working for 40 cents an hour.

In this connection I pass on to you a crack made by Bruce Barton, one of the highest paid lads in the writing racket:

"Never complain," says Barton, "about your problems. They are responsible for the greater part of your income. Whenever I think I am having a tough time I remember that jobs with no worries carry small pay. It's because I have larger worries that I draw a larger income."

Michiganders Put Pep in Annual Greens Meeting

MEMBERS OF the Western Michigan Greenkeepers' association, headed by President M. F. Webber of Lansing, and the Detroit and Border Cities Greenkeepers' organization, marshalled by their chief, Herb Shave of Oakland Hills, assembled at the Country Club of Lansing for the liveliest joint business session and tournament the groups ever held. Almost 100 men were in attendance. Al Sherwood won the golf championship. Andy Peck, Battle Creek supt., started more than 70 players around the perfectly groomed course that Henry Chisholm had ready to defy the divoteers. Eight prizes put up by the association, equipment houses and Lansing business men, encouraged some smart competition.

Competition was not so close when the boys sat down to pack away the luncheon with the Country Club as host. John Phelps went around a championship plate

in seven under par with a knife and fork to beat out Floyd Hammond, runner-up, by six biscuits and the greater part of a cow's carcass. The greenkeepers paid high tribute to the manner in which the club's manager and chef teamed with their pal Chisholm in making the Lansing plant a model of operation.

Each of the Michigan sections meets every two weeks in its own territory and



H. E. Shave



M. F. Webber

the annual tournament is the windup of the outdoor season. In December the course superintendents gather at Lansing for the short course at Michigan state college.

The associations hope to have all eligible greenkeepers in the state as members and will welcome inquiries regarding membership from greenkeepers or from clubs that would like to have their men and courses profit from the benefits of membership. M. F. Webber, pres. of the western group, is supt. of the 45 holes of Lansing municipal golf, and may be addressed Route 5, Box A, Lansing, Mich. Herbert E. Shave, pres. of the Detroit and Border Cities group, is supt. at Oakland Hills and may be reached at the club, Birmingham, Mich.

The associations cordially invite every greenkeeper to attend their meetings. The organization officials also would like to hear from course superintendent association officials in other states with information about any ideas that have been found especially helpful in putting on well attended and practically valuable meetings.

Professor Mallar of the Michigan State college, W. B. Matthews, supt. of Grand Rapids Masonic C. C., and Herb Shave spoke at the noon business conference.

Motion pictures of the tournament were taken by the Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co., and will be shown at one of the short course sessions this winter.