



Country Club of Virginia's rich looking clubhouse where verdant acreage of bent from Murphy nurseries provides greens turf

of the dressing is picked up and thrown into the catcher the first time the treated green is moved. If the green could be closed to play to allow the peat to become incorporated in the soil, all would be well, but sadly enough the millennium is not yet. Many western greenkeepers dispense with this form of humus rather than take a chance on striking the hairbreadth happy medium.

By the practice of diligent topdressing a new growing surface can be applied to any green, but not such a one as popular fancy would conceive. An examination of greens in Southern California revealed the fact that though they are topdressed regularly throughout 12 months of the year, the average depth of material applied after the grass was grown did not exceed three inches. This may give some idea of the cost in time and money of deliberately trying to supply a new surface to an old green. To get an inch of topdressing applied in one year would mean that the putting surface would be in a perpetual state of repair, a condition which even the most rabid advocate of new and softer turf would not condone for long.

Like the stories in confession magazines, this is written only to serve as a warning and to present a great moral lesson: If players must have soft greens to rectify their playing faults, then let this pitch-holding quality be incorporated during construction and not as an afterthought.

Green Section Announces Summer Meeting Schedule

EVIDENCE OF how highly the work of the Green Section is rated by course superintendents and clubs shines out in the schedule of summer meeting dates recently announced by the Section. This year, due to shortage in the Green Section budget, it has been necessary for local groups to arrange financing of summer meetings instead of having the expenses of Green Section officials paid from Washington out of the USGA funds as was former practice.

Prolonged hot weather and the insect pest trouble following a couple of open winters has given the courses plenty of trouble to discuss and attempt to solve this season. Consequently the summer meetings have a definite cash value for clubs at this time particularly.

Summer meetings now booked:

- Aug. 1, 1 p. m.—Philadelphia (Pa.) C. C.
- Aug. 1, 4 p. m.—Pine Valley G. C., Clementon, N. J.
- Aug. 8, 2 p. m.—Allegheny C. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Aug. 9, 4 p. m.—Municipal G. C., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- Aug. 12—Royal York G. C., Toronto. (Meeting sponsored by Royal Canadian G. A.)
- Aug. 15, 4 p. m.—Century C. C., New York City.

Aug. 17 — Charles River C. C., Newton Center, Mass.

Aug. 22, 4 p. m.—Country Club of Virginia, Richmond.

Sept. 8, 3 p. m.—Midwest Turf Garden, West Lake Forest, Ill.

Sept. 14, 2 p. m.—Arlington Turf Garden, Arlington, Va.

There also is possibility of a meeting at Hyde Park G. C., Cincinnati, O., on Sept. 12.

The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents which is sponsoring the two meetings in the Philadelphia district, tells of the busy day it has arranged in the following letter over the signature of M. E. Farnham, secretary:

Meetings will be held on the United States Golf Association Green Section Demonstration Gardens in the Philadelphia District on Monday, August 1, 1932, as follows:

1 p. m.—Garden at Philadelphia Country Club, Spring Mill Course, West Conshohocken, Pa.

4 p. m.—Garden at Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, N. J.

Dinner will be served at Pine Valley at 6 p. m. A meeting following dinner will provide opportunity to discuss any points which may come up during the afternoon, as well as other questions which you may have in mind. A question box will be pro-

vided to facilitate organization of questions.

The U. S. G. A. Green Section finds itself able to hold such meetings this summer only when financial assistance is provided by local groups. This step is necessitated by a reduction in funds which leaves the Section able only to carry on the obviously essential research work.

Accordingly, the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents is sponsoring the above schedule, and representatives of the Green Section will be present throughout the program.

The meetings are open to any one interested in fine turf, and they are urged to attend any part or all of the day's activities. It is felt that the opportunity to see the same grasses and fertilizers under the two different soil conditions on the same day is unique and offers considerable value.

In order that proper arrangements may be made, you are urged to notify the secretary at your earliest convenience if you will be present at dinner.

TAKE A TIP from the stop-and-sock practice courses and roof over a part of the practice tee. Then, on days of drizzling rain, the pro can boost his income considerably by giving golf lessons to impatient members until the rain is over.



Sixteenth at Rockford (Ill.) C. C. where Western Amateur will be held August 22-27