

miles away over land which is now occupied by golf courses among other things.

Just within the past 5 years a little heavier than ordinary rain swept several acres of ground from the course of the San Gabriel C. C. and caused the officials of that course to have a concrete flume constructed through their property. It was noticeable at Hillcrest that Bill Stewart had been banking his few hundred yards of wash with everything except the cutting machinery just in case a flood came. It would be to Hillcrest's advantage to put a flume through now before real damage is inflicted.

However, the worst has not yet happened and so far the golfing year has started out auspiciously in California, if interest displayed in the Los Angeles Open is any criterion.

Prospect of Green Section Money Shortage Alarms

COMMENT ON WHAT USGA reduced income might mean to Green Section activities, as made in January GOLFDOM has aroused some far-sighted club officials to a studious consideration of what the USGA is up against in its efforts to maintain and extend its valuable work.

Indication of how ably the USGA officials are handling this job comes from the 1931 annual report which shows that although the association's usual chief source of income dropped \$33,292.15 from 1930 figure, the turf troubles of 1931 and the other additional work of the Green Section necessitated an increase of \$5,114.24. The section's importance plainly is recognized.

USGA annual dues of \$30 to many clubs represents what is paid to have the services of the Green Section constantly available. Other valuable and necessary performances of the USGA are to this good sized group of clubs much in the nature of a welcome and appreciated bonus. In all cases, however, it is undeniable that the service of the Green Section in bettering the standard of course maintenance has been one of the biggest bargains in the field. To the average metropolitan district golf club member, the cost of his club belonging to the Green Section is about a dime a year.

Some of those who have expressed a deep interest in vigorous continuation and extension of the benefits of the Green Section have suggested that a revision in the method of charging for USGA membership

be made, with the larger clubs paying more for the availability and service of the Section. The suggestion is one that probably is based more on good sportsmanship than on a strictly hard-boiled business platform as some of the 9-hole clubs where the finances are nip-and-tuck may, in proper spirit, make disproportionately large demands on the Section for service.

One comment points out that under the present set-up there is no provision by which a club may pay more than \$30.00 to the USGA for Green Section and other services, even if desiring to do so.

The contrast between the American method and that of the British is interesting. Even in these times a number of the British clubs support their national green section work to the extent of \$50 annually per club. In addition, many British sectional organizations and greenkeepers' groups supply substantial financial assistance to the national research program. In the U. S. the attitude is the reverse. Many who are acquainted with the expense and time of agricultural research marvel at the work the USGA Green Section has been able to do for the limited money it has had at its disposal.

According to the remarks club officials have made about the Green Section's financial future as it was considered in January GOLFDOM, the Section most certainly rates so high in results and appreciation that there should be no difficulty in arranging an acceptable and adequate financing basis regardless of the USGA tournament income.

WHITE MFG. CO. BOUGHT BY NEW ALLIED INTERESTS

Chicago, Ill.—The White Mfg. Co., formerly at 2037 Carroll ave., and later at 14 E. Jackson blvd., has been dissolved. Taking over its office and other facilities is a new organization known as Allied Golf Corp. James White, formerly president of the White Mfg. Co., no longer is connected with the company.

A new line of Allied clubs and bags is announced for 1932, having as a leading feature a line of clubs exclusively for the pro and sold with the policy of putting the pro on a competitive basis with other retail outlets of golf clubs and bags.

Company is represented in the east by Frank McDonough, the midwest by H. J. Foley, the south by James T. Lawson and in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland by Curley-Bates Co. Jack Redmond, trick shot exhibitor, is demonstrating the Pro-Allied line during his exhibitions and to the pros along his line of march.