

SECTION MEETINGS

Experts to Visit Chicago, St. Louis, Tulsa and Cincinnati Turf Gardens

ATTEendance and interest at the August sectional meetings of the Green Section amply demonstrated that the golf field realizes the value of this phase of the USGA work. This year the association's budget made it necessary to change the financial plan of the sectional meetings from one in which the USGA paid expenses of the Section's authorities to a platform requiring payment of expenses by the sectional groups sponsoring the sessions.

The sectional bodies gladly assumed the expenses and assured continuance of these directly productive summer meetings.

First on the September schedule is the meeting Sept. 8, 3 p. m. at the Mid-West turf garden, West Lake Forest, Ill. This experimental station figures prominently in the turf culture progress of the central states. Greenkeepers and chairmen have been apprehensive that it might be discontinued due to the expense involved. Much important research work is at a crucial stage at this station and the loss, should such work be discontinued, would be a serious one. Recent developments indicate that the USGA and A. D. Lasker, on whose estate the course is located, probably will be able to work out the financial salvation of the establishment. When fear that the station might have to be discontinued hit greenkeepers in the central states, informal sessions were held to discuss means of assisting in the financing.

Lasker, by providing space on his estate and assuring those interested in course maintenance that visits to the station were cordially invited and desired, has given the enterprise vital help. Now, in these tough times, to dig into his pocket deeper for the general benefit of golf, he has given additional confirmation to the knowledge that he is right side up with care as a disciple of Col. Bogey.

On Sept. 9, the Green Section experts will journey to the demonstration gardens at Westwood C. C., St. Louis, Mo. for afternoon session. Dinner and evening meeting will begin at 7 p. m. Further details of this meeting may be secured from Eberhard Anheuser, of the Anheuser-Busch Co., St. Louis.

Sept. 11 a sectional meeting will be held at the Tulsa (Okla.) C. C. demonstration garden. The meeting is called for 10:30 a. m. Jay C. Painter, sec. and treas. of the Oklahoma State Golf assn., P. O. Box 972, will supply complete details of the meeting to those interested in attending.

Sept. 12, 1 p. m., the sectional meeting at Cincinnati will be held at the Hyde Park G. C. This meeting will draw from a 100 mile radius as will the other meetings, with the exception of the midwest session at West Lake Forest which probably will have visitors from as far away as St. Paul. The Green Section experts, prior to the Hyde Park meeting, will inspect the Kenwood course where the 1933 National Amateur will be held. The Green Section, by the way, now has a conspicuous place in the selection of courses for the championships. For details of the Hyde Park meeting, green-chairmen and greenkeepers of the Cincinnati zone should write to William Harig, 2702 Johnstone place, Cincinnati.

On Sept. 13 the present schedule of summer meetings will conclude at a meeting to be held at the Arlington (Va.) Turf garden, beginning at 2 p. m. The executive committee of the Green Section will meet in Baltimore on the following day.

There is a possibility that a meeting will be held in conjunction with the Iowa greenkeepers at Wakonda C. C., Des Moines, at which time will be discussed establishing a demonstration garden in Iowa.

Plan Keeping Members' Interest Alive During Winter

GOLF CLUBS already have started to plan against a lapse of member interest during this coming winter.

Some of the early plans involve pro indoor schools at the clubhouse, table tennis tournaments, bridge and keno parties and home movie showings. These plans do not involve operation of clubhouse all through the winter. Heat will be maintained in accordance with insurance regulations and for maintenance of property against depreciation but house staffs will be let off at usual time of year.

MAKE a list of what your members have in their bags before the season closes. Then you will know what to suggest to their friends as Christmas presents and have selling information that will help you get an early start on the 1933 season.