

# GREEN SECTION MEETS

Midsummer Meeting Held  
at Mill Road Station  
During Open

**M**IDWEST annual summer meeting of the USGA Green Section was held June 8 at Mill Road station on the estate of A. D. Lasker, West Lake Forest, Ill.

The meeting was not as well attended as previous midsummer meetings due to the competition of the National Open at nearby North Shore, but those who did attend got a close-up of one of the most valuable meetings the Section has held. The association officials headed by Herbert Jacques, president of the USGA and Ganson Depew, chairman of the Section, John Monteith, Jr. and Kenneth Welton, of the Section's technical staff, and C. A. Tregillus, superintendent of Lasker's estate and former technical head of the Royal Canadian GA Green Section addressed a group of about 60 of the foremost greenkeepers and club officials from Chicagoland.

Jacques brought out that the USGA considered the Green Section the most important phase of the association's work because this activity had an intimate and weighty bearing on almost every round of golf played in the country. He made a plea for more members for the USGA so the association could extend the Green Section's usefulness. He also referred to the work the greenkeeper could do in adapting the architecture of the course in making playing more interesting.

Ganson Depew outlined the policies of the Green Section in making its work of utmost practical value to the working greensmen and chairmen.

Monteith especially referred to the Section's work on control of clover with nitrogen feeding. He pointed out the demonstration plots' freedom from nappiness in calling attention to the manner in which the station was operated to solve puzzling everyday problems of maintenance. He also reviewed the work at the station, plot by plot.

Ken Welton gave a demonstration on the use of sodium chlorate which the Green Section has found effective in controlling crab grass. He showed how it supported combustion and for this reason must be handled carefully. A match on the pure material does no damage but when a spark

strikes clothes or shoes or organic material having sodium chlorate there is a violent explosion. He warned the greens executives to see that their men were warned to change and wash clothes after using sodium chlorate.

A couple of problems on which the Green Section authorities answered frequent questions concerned seaside bent and black prairie muck. To introduce Seaside in a green of other bent, ordinary seeding isn't sufficient. The Seaside catches only in the low spots. The Section advised dibbling through the green in strips 3 or 4 inches apart, seeding and topdressing.

Black prairie muck does not have enough sand in it to be used for topdressing, the Section men explained. The muck packs, so the Section experts recommended using either 20 per cent pure organic peat or 30 per cent to 40 per cent sand with the prairie muck, which, the men in attendance, were informed, was often not more than 10 per cent organic.

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By E. M. ESTABROOKS

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*It must be fun to have time to play  
Sixteen or eighteen holes a day,  
(Or even nine would be great, I'll say!)  
I'd give a lot if I could!  
To hear the click of the wooden face  
Against the ball (in the proper place!)  
And once in my life to get an ACE!  
But then, I never would!*

*To know that my grip and stance were right,  
To play a match and put up a fight,  
To win a cup! Oh, if I might!  
I'd sure be stepping high!  
But I can't find the time to shoot;  
I've got the clubs and other loot,  
An extra snappy knicker suit,  
But not the time to try!*

*Oh no, I'm no administrator,  
And not a daring aviator,  
Nor an efficiency dictator  
Of any office force!  
All those can have their extra fun  
And take up golf; yes, every one!  
But I must work from sun to sun!  
My job? I own a course!*