

cago's political purity, have inferred must be a part of any deal given a private concessionaire.

The ingenuous remark of the present park board, in explaining the grant of public facilities to private operators, was that under the old regime of entirely political operation of the course it was impossible to eliminate graft or keep the payroll down to a reasonable basis. This probably is the classic run-out of the season. If you can present a more pitiful confession of incompetence and weakness you can have the whole board for a birthday present.

Ernest Heitkamp, golf editor of the *American*, built a fire under the situation and the whole deal is providing plenty of heat for those guilty of giving the taxpayers a neat and thorough gypping.

The Hearst paper has been giving a lot of space to golf lately. In addition to the expose of the West Park deal the *American* promoted a big \$5,000 driving and approaching contest within the walls of Soldier Field, Chicago, June 4, as part of A Century of Progress athletic program. A conflict with the concluding date of the St. Paul Open unavoidably prevented some of the big-time pro talent from competing in the *American's* event. Many of the pros signed up at St. Paul before they realized the dates of the St. Paul and Chicago events clashed and so went through with their St. Paul commitments because of the work St. Paul has done in putting on its annual golf events.

This conflict was especially regrettable because of the *American* event being the first big money newspaper event in this country. In England and Scotland the newspaper tournaments are the big money events and had the conflict on the June 4 date prevented, the *American* affair might have done much to encourage other U. S. newspapers to put up golf tournament money.

## Rhode Island Greenkeepers Hold Fourth Annual Meeting

**T**HE FOURTH Annual Greenkeepers' Field Day was held at Rhode Island State College and Experiment Station May 22nd. About 80 greenkeepers and other turf enthusiasts were present.

Greenkeepers visited the turf experiments at the experiment station under the guidance of T. E. Odland and H. F. A.

North. The season has been favorable and the grass plats were in good condition. Various fertilizer tests, variety tests, bent grass strains from different clubs, bent grass for seed production and many other experiments and tests are under way.

After luncheon the visitors were extended greetings from the college by President Raymond G. Bressler. Director Gilbert of the experiment station acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced a number of the greenkeepers and others present.

Chief address of the day was made by Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of the Green Section. His topic was "Turf Diseases and Their Control."

Following the dinner and talks, the annual business meeting of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers' Club was held. The following officers were elected:

President, Chas. B. Mulaney, Meshanticut G. C.

Vice Pres., Everett Pyle, Providence Municipal Links.

Treas., Martin Greene, Wannamoisett C. C.

Sec., Woodworth Bradley, Providence, R. I.

A number of firms were represented with various lines of equipment. Demonstrations of equipment occupied the time from 3 p. m. to well toward 6 o'clock. The exhibits included lawn and putting green mowers, sprinklers and sprinkler equipment, water pumps, seeds, fertilizers, and miscellaneous golf equipment.

## BACK HOME WITH GLORY

**T**HE SAND green article in May GOLF-DOM which was credited to *Golf Monthly* of Scotland, should have been credited to the USGA Green Section *Bulletin*.

It was the most practical sand green story we have been able to dig up anywhere, which opinion probably was shared by *Golf Monthly*, but which omitted giving credit to the Green Section.

The incident shows how the Section contributes widely to betterment of course maintenance and doesn't rule the little sand green courses out of the running simply because they aren't paying anything toward the Section's maintenance. Many of the larger courses are benefiting from the Section's work without kicking in, so the sand green courses don't need to blush.