

These results are quite comparable to those obtained at Arlington and other experimental turf gardens. Judging from results obtained on these latter gardens one can assume that the sulphate of ammonia ratings in these demonstration gardens would be somewhat lower if they were continued a number of years. It is also probable that a light application of lime in 1932 or in 1933 to the sulphate of ammonia plot would have resulted in decidedly better ratings of this plot. On the other hand a great excess of lime would probably have had a depressing effect, such as is noticeable in the plot which received both lime and sulphate of ammonia each year.

### Lack of Association Interest Handicaps Golf

**F**AILURE of golf clubs to join their sectional and national associations is a handicap to the growth of the game and its fullest enjoyment by its present players, says Jack Wilson of the Salina (Kan.) CC.

Wilson is of the opinion that golf club officials are negligent in the duty they owe their members by refusing to extend lively co-operation to the associations.

He sets forth his case as follows:

"In a recent issue of *Golfing* an article giving the number of golf courses by states showed Kansas in fifth place. Recently the state tournament was played and of the 283 courses in the state only 13 were members of the state association with legitimate right to have their members represented in the tournament. Does this indicate the unity and co-operation there should be in a state enjoying fifth place in the nation's golf course ranking?"

"The one-day tournaments that flourished throughout the state during the depression now are going dead. It is my belief that these tournaments were run primarily on a mercenary basis and patronized eagerly by pot-hunters. Now there seems to be a condition favorable to the establishment of tournaments on a sporting, rather than commercial, platform. The pot-hunters made the circuit of the one-day events but were missing from the state tournament.

"Golfers deserve the protection of sportsmanship that they would be given by membership in a strong state association, but interest in this phase is so lack-

ing there is not one member club in the state association from among five grass green courses that one of the state's cities boasts. In the present condition of the state association its annual tournaments keep going to the same few towns and a great opportunity to develop golf interest is missed.

"It may cost the club some money to be host to a tournament. The course may require some work that costs money. Even so, the increased interest, new life in membership campaigns and greater pleasure of the members warrants the expense.

"The caddie problem at the state tournament in Kansas is something to worry about also as the traveling caddies are so bad that clubs are forced to ask for police protection while the nomadic young irresponsibles are in town. With a state association able to function widely you could look for more and better local caddies.

"The entry of the Trans-Mississippi tournament showed only 14 cities represented. Does this not indicate that some one has been asleep in not developing more good golf talent in the smaller towns?"

"It is my conclusion that if the state associations were given more co-operation and memberships from clubs that should be members there would be far more golf in the United States, a more interesting competitive situation, and that the individual clubs themselves would benefit substantially.

### Riverdale Fee Course in N. J. to Have \$3,000 Open

**R**IVERDALE CC, near Westwood in the northern part of Bergen County, N. J., is to have its first Open tournament Sept. 13-15. There will be \$3,000 in pro prize money and a big prize list for amateurs. There will be 15 pro prizes ranging from \$600 for first to \$55 for fifteenth.

John Handwerg, president of Riverdale, is confident that the tournament will attract considerable interest to the club and spread its fame as one of the country's fine fee courses. The establishment is 6,440 yards with 72 par. It is five years old and has an automatic high-pressure watering system. Orrin Smith was designer of the course. It is 16 miles north of the George Washington bridge and 28 miles from Newark.