

worry about any of the piping in the northern clubs freezing during the winter months.

### Maintenance Costs Negligible

The question of maintenance cost has often been raised by clubs contemplating an installation. Any one of the club employees can take care of the equipment. It might take about ten or fifteen minutes of their time each week. The electric power consumption necessary to pump air in the system is negligible. There wouldn't be any noticeable difference in the electric bill. Consequently the maintenance item can be ignored.

A system of automatic sprinklers would be of tremendous fire protection value to any country club, whether large or small and of any type of construction. Any club that has a fire insurance bill of \$1,000 a year or over should check into this plan of reducing their insurance budget and making their clubhouse safe from fire. Sprinkler installation companies are glad to submit preliminary figures on cost of installation and insurance savings.

Any club that has had a fire knows that even if they were fully insured heavy losses were encountered. Invariably a larger clubhouse is erected and the insurance settlement does not begin to pay the bill. That means, in most cases, assessments or additional financing. Members lose golf equipment and clothing, to say nothing of the inconvenience of being without a clubhouse during the playing season.

### Green Section Holds Fall Garden Meetings

**J**OHAN MONTEITH, JR. of the Green Section finished the active outdoor season in the central states with a series of Green Section meetings at turf gardens in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and Indianapolis.

At these meetings were presented resumes of the season's work. Great interest was shown in the Green Section's research in weed control. Monteith reported that no positive recommendations were to be made on sodium chlorate as a weed control material. In some cases it worked perfectly and in others it wiped out all vegetation. Just what factors are responsible for this variation has not been determined although some observers report that moisture seems to have a governing effect.

At the Midwest Turf garden meeting there was considerable interest in the texture plots and much progress was shown in the work done at this station, which was kept operating this year by contributions from the Illinois PGA, the Chicago DGA, the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn., the Women's Western GA and other parties.

Consensus of the meetings was that the Green Section's work during a trying summer had proved of vital value to clubs availing themselves of this service and more than ever demonstrated the necessity of clubs financing this work by membership in the USGA.

At each meeting following the death of Ganson Depew, former head of the Green Section, tribute was paid his memory.

### Death Takes Mrs. Holland, Double Rotary Secretary

**T**HE MANY FRIENDS of the Double Rotary Sprinkler Co., Kansas City, Mo., will regret to learn of the death early in August of Mrs. Lou E. Holland, formerly Edna B. Peterson. Mrs. Holland had been the secretary and the guiding spirit of the organization since its beginning more than fifteen years ago. The large and rapid growth of the company has been due mostly to her untiring efforts, boundless enthusiasm and deep belief in the merit of the products for whose success she worked so hard.

The Double Rotary Sprinkler Co. has lost not only an efficient executive, but a warm personal friend of all employees. She had been in fragile health for more than a year, but carried on valiantly and uncomplainingly. Her passing has left a void that can never be filled, but her vibrant, lovable personality will always live in the ideals she implanted in those around her.

### Alex Pirie, Former PGA Head, Married at Lake Forest, Ill.

**A**LEX PIRIE, one of the best known figures in professional golf and for several years president of the PGA, was married on September 29 at Lake Forest, Ill., to Miss Martha Schaefer. Miss Schaefer is prominent in Lake Forest women's club affairs.

Several enthusiastic "farewell" parties were given to the eminent Alex by his pals in pro golf and his amateur comrades.