

Iowa-Minn.-K. C. Greenkeepers Have Day in Des Moines

ON Sunday, July 21, a delegation of greenkeepers from Minnesota, under the leadership of Arthur Anderson and Leo Feser, and a delegation of greenkeepers from the Kansas City area, under the leadership of their president, Wilhelm Peters, had a joint meeting with the Iowa Greenkeepers Association. Over 30 greenkeepers were present.

The day was spent in a tour of golf courses in the Des Moines area. At the municipal golf course at Waveland Park considerable construction work was in progress. The group next visited the Des Moines G&CC, where the greens were in unusually good condition. Some interesting equipment was observed here, and also large bent grass nurseries of Metropolitan, Washington, Woodhill and Atlantic City bent. The beautifully situated Hyperion Club was the next stop on the itinerary, followed by a picnic lunch served on the Woodside golf course, owned and operated by C. G. Yarn.

It is hoped that this unusually successful tri-state meeting will be the start of many future ones of a similar nature.

Ohio Fee Course Owners to Strengthen Their Group

ALL privately-owned fee courses in Ohio are to be solicited for membership in the Ohio Golf Course Assn. the latter part of August, advises B. R. Darby, sec. of the organization.

Ohio fee courses are having their troubles with legislation, cut-price competition and absence of concerted business drive. Effects of lack of comprehensive organization among the state's fee courses now has been so generally felt it is believed the membership drive stands a good chance of getting nearly 100% representation of Ohio's fee courses.

True Temper Open Scheduled for Cleveland, August 16-18

AMERICAN Fork and Hoe Co. is sponsoring its second big open tournament. The first was held several years ago at New Orleans during the winter tour to give the boys a profitable stopover on their way eastward to Florida.

This year's True Temper open will be held at Acacia CC, Lyndhurst (Cleveland), O, August 16-18. Prize money is divided into 24 parts with first prize of \$700,

eighth to twelfth prizes inclusive, \$100; and twenty-first to twenty-fourth prizes inclusive, \$25.

Cleveland district pros are conducting the affair for the True Temper people and making energetic efforts to treat the northern Ohio public to a star pro show in advance of the National Amateur championship to be held at Cleveland CC a month after the True Temper affair.

Entry fee is \$5 and should be sent to Capt. C. Clarke at the Acacia CC.

Golf Club Robberies High Over Par This Year

GOLF clubhouse robberies and hold-ups of players out on courses have been far more frequent than ever before. Club officials in many districts consider the current robbery problem extremely serious and one to which no satisfactory solution has been found.

During prohibition suburban and rural police always could be sure of getting a drink at a golf club, hence the clubs had enough law popping in to keep burglars away.

Now when getting a drink anywhere is no trouble for the coppers the isolated golf clubs have to shift for themselves.

One member was shot during a robbery on the Ridgewood (N. J.) CC course last month. Two Chicago district clubs have been robbed twice each this year. Pro shop burglaries all over the country continue to be popular crimes, with this year's development being that many of the pro shop robberies have not been committed by caddies, but by complete outsiders.

First big robbery of a golf club in the Chicago district this year was at Westward Ho. Suspects identified as having taken part in that affair are out on bond and politicians and criminal lawyers are doing the usual stunt of having the case postponed and the righteous heat taken off. In the meanwhile robberies in the district continue.

It has been proposed that golf clubs in districts where robberies occur be sent bulletins concerning activities of politicians and the law, naming names in all cases, for display on club bulletin boards. Data of a definitely personalized character on these cases would inform golfers of developments to the extent the robbers would be too hot for the political scum to help by the usual "fronting", or too widely known to get away with threats of reprisals in case prosecution is insisted upon by club officials.