

climate in the coast section of the Pacific Northwest which permits year round golf and does not present the maintenance problems caused by extremes of heat and cold. In a section of the country where year round golf playing is not possible, that condition would be a factor which would have to be taken into consideration in applying the principle of the Alderwood plan, as it would mean almost an entire cessation of income from green-fees during the months when winter weather stops play.

When Mr. Craig first mentioned the plan to me before it was adopted by the Board, I felt that the plan might give the club the color of a pay-as-you-play course, but I am compelled to confess that the actual operation of the plan has apparently brought with it all of the desirable effects which were claimed for it by Mr. Craig, and also has aroused enthusiasm among members, both old and new, has increased club spirit and loyalty and has brought about an unanimous feeling in the membership that the financial burden of the membership is on a fair and equitable basis. Proponents of the plan point out that all exclusive downtown men's clubs are operated on the same principle as is involved in the Alderwood plan and it must be admitted that in that respect they are correct.

Any one who might be sufficiently interested to desire more details concerning the plan, may address A. H. Craig, Manager, Alderwood CC, Portland, Oregon, and I am very certain that in his usual obliging and courteous manner he will be glad to answer fully any questions that may be asked.

John Shanahan Dies

JOHAN SHANAHAN, greenkeeper at Brae Burn CC (West Newton, Mass.) for the past 31 years and honorary president of the Greenkeepers Club of New England, died on October 31 in his seventieth year. The Greenkeepers Club, in its November *Newsletter* says:

"Known and loved by the many thousands who have enjoyed Brae Burn for his devotion to his job and his fidelity to his club, John was particularly gifted with powers of observation and a vision to comprehend the various phases of his work.

"In his passing each and every greenkeeper has lost a friend and help in time of stress, and the Greenkeepers Club of New England has lost not only its Honorary President, but also its ablest advisor."

The club proposes to establish a John

Shanahan memorial, details of which have not yet been decided, although it will probably be in the nature of a scholarship fund for greenkeeper education, plus a trophy to be competed for annually by New England greenkeepers and pros.

Women's Western Restores 6-Par Holes at Annual Meeting

SEVERAL changes were made at the annual meeting of the Women's Western GA, held November 26th in Chicago, in the association's by-laws. Foreign players in this country may now compete in WWGA events at the invitation of the executive committee. Holes more than 550 yards in length are now rated as par-6 holes; formerly all holes over 375 yards were par-5, regardless of length.

An important change, which is expected to encourage more competitive play by the younger golfers, is to open the Junior Open tourney of the association to any golfer under 18 years of age. Heretofore, the junior event has been limited to girls who have not competed in any other event of the association.

Mrs. Howard T. Raymond of the Evans-ton (Ill.) GC, was reelected president of the WWGA.

No Greens Short Course Planned This Year at Rhode Island

RHODE ISLAND State college is about to start a remodeling and buildings program, which will necessitate shifting the institution's regular scholars from room to room as the program proceeds. With classrooms in constant use, there will be no room for short courses, and accordingly, T. E. Odland advises, there will be no greenkeepers' short course at Rhode Island this season.

"The college plans to offer this course again," he says, "as soon as conditions permit. When the new buildings are completed, there should be ample facilities."

IN THE BOOKKEEPING system of many clubs there are no depreciation charges. Property is carried on the books at its original purchase price, and replacements and repairs are charged as operating costs. Officials claim that this is the proper policy, as the club operates "not for profit" and does not consider liquidation at any time.