

PAY UP!

New Plan for Green Section Solicits Funds From All Those It Helps

MONEY sufficient to enable the Green Section of the USGA to function in the manner urgently required is to be solicited from sources outside the present membership of the USGA, according to plans drawn up at a meeting of the USGA executive committee held at Oakmont, June 7.

Hundreds of clubs that annually write in asking for Green Section help but which do not belong to the USGA, will be asked to contribute the \$30 yearly dues to the USGA. It is expected that many of these clubs will realize their responsibilities in Green Section research financing and grab an oar instead of stowing away as steerage passengers. There is to be a temporary reorganization of the Green Section committee. In the new line-up representatives from various sections of the country will be appointed. These men will be those whose interest in the Green Section's work and problems is such that they will be active in seeing that clubs in their districts belong to the USGA and will be active in obtaining funds required by the Section.

There also will be an effort made to obtain Green Section contributions from such associations as those of the mower, seed, fertilizer, club and ball associations, green-keeper associations and the PGA, inasmuch as the Green Section work has direct and important bearing on the work and profit of the members of these associations.

No subscriptions will be accepted from individual concerns that could benefit directly from any tests made by the Green Section to the exclusion of other companies. An exception to this ruling is to accept contributions from individuals who feel that they have benefitted directly or indirectly from Green Section work.

The Executive committee appropriated \$750 for work in Mid-West turf garden; this money to be spent under the direction of Dr. John Monteith, jr., technical head of the Green Section.

Now It's Up to You

In the letter to members of the Green Section and Advisory committees and members of the Executive committee, which told in detail of action taken at the Oakmont meeting, Harold Pierce, chair-

man of the Green Section committee of the USGA, bluntly stopped the buck-passing that has been going on since the Green Section ran short of money.

"Quit kicking and kick in" is the substance of the Pierce advice and that it's the right answer no one can doubt. The USGA is fully cognizant of the vital value of the Green Section to golf in the United States but the Association isn't disposed to take up counterfeiting to raise money.

Pierce concludes his official letter with these paragraphs:

"The income from our member clubs this year will be in the neighborhood of \$21,000. We have appropriated \$15,750 for Green Section work. In past years when our receipts from tournaments were larger than they are today, we spent more per year on Green Section work than was received from member club dues.

"In other words, those that claim that Green Section work is more important than the other functions of our Association would do well to remember that if we had not been able to use funds received from gate receipts, far less money would have been spent in the past in research work.

"The officers of our Association can not be expected to do all the work, so this letter is an appeal to you to go out and do your part and get the money necessary to carry on this more important work which is vital to every golfer, though very few realize it."

Demonstrations Replace Lectures On Mass. State Program

IN PLACE of the usual formal Lectures at the Massachusetts State College Lawn Day which is to be held July 23 at Amherst, Mass., under the direction of Prof. L. S. Dickinson, the day will be devoted to a series of demonstrations and discussions concerning the important factors influencing the culture of fine turf grasses. The demonstrations will show the correlation of each factor one with another and will typify conditions found in private estates, home grounds, parks, golf courses and cemeteries.

There will be opportunities for discussion and for the visitors to practice the theories brought out by the demonstrations.

The programs as arranged are unique and will be well attended by those interested in turf management.

Sessions will be conducted by the following members of the MSC department of agronomy: Lawrence S. Dickinson, Elfriede Klaucke, Benjamin Isgur.