

credit on their new club dues for any monies so paid.

In order to avoid the great loss of members over the winter season, it is intended to reduce the dues to \$120 per year, of which \$60 will be payable April 1st, 1935, and the balance in monthly installments up to and including the month of September, 1935.

An executive committee of three is to be appointed by the president, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, whose duties are rather novel in the way of golf club management. One member of this committee is to be an expert accountant and all of them must be familiar to a certain extent with golf club operation. This committee will prepare the budget for the year and from month to month, and their directions will be followed implicitly by the Board of Directors. They will employ a manager and will be in direct charge of the various departments of the club involving the expenditure of money.

The only regular committees which the members will operate will be the Sports and Pastimes and the Entertainment committees. It is commonly known that most of the operating losses sustained by golf clubs are through the activities of the various and sundry committees who do not always follow their budgets very closely.

It is also intended to have the president of the women's organization in the club serve in an advisory capacity with the Board of Directors so that more consideration can be given to the women's activities.

A Membership chairman of the new organization has been appointed and he is gathering around him a group of the most energetic members. A very active membership campaign will be conducted, and the Chairman promised that we should have at least 150 new members in the club by the first of May. This is quite an undertaking, but considering the cost of playing golf at our club as compared with other clubs, and the fact that it ranks up with any of them as far as its course is concerned, should be helpful in securing new members. Most clubs have dues of \$200 a year or better. Our new club fills the need of a great number of people who must play at a private club and still cannot quite afford to allot too much money for their golf.

**A** BILL has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature to authorize leases of state forest lands by the state conservation committee to non-profit organizations for public golf courses.

## S. P. Jermain, Veteran Golf Notable, Dies at Toledo

**S**YLVANUS P. JERMAIN, one of the beloved and constructive factors in American golf for many years, died in a Toledo (O.) hospital, April 20, after a lingering illness. Jermain was perennial president of the Toledo Golf league, active in the formation and operation of the amateur circuit that includes Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo, and a long time member of the USGA Public Links section. He was active in the formation of the Public Links section and was honored by the Toledo public parks players and authorities.

Jermain was one of the first club officials to waive the old caste restrictions on pros. At the National Open of 1920, held at Inverness where he was one of the leading members since the club's inception, Jermain saw to it that the pros were treated as welcomed and honored guests. The pros never forgot that, and when the National Open was played at North Shore in 1933 Jermain was presented with a token of pro esteem.

In his youth he was a good player, and always an ace of sportsmen. Reverses in business and health during his declining years, worked severely on him, but never to such an extent that he would not eagerly contribute of his remaining energies to the advancement of the game.

As a farewell to Jermain, golf can repeat, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," with sincerity and sorrow.

## Golf Course Costs Solved; Members Do the Work

**P**ERHAPS the answer to getting members acquainted with the problems of golf course maintenance is that given in smaller town golf clubs, such as the lively club at Lander, Wyo. Here there are committees responsible for the maintenance of each hole. Instead of hiring men for the work, the committee members themselves clear rocks, level and grade ditch banks, raise tees, rake fairways, construct sand greens and trap and do all the other early season work on the course.

Membership of the club is divided into committees which do this work each Sunday. After the course was put into shape team matches were played with neighboring clubs.