

Greensman Ask Consideration When Jobs Are Open

FROM New Jersey GOLFDOM receives the following letter:

"The greenkeeper has me on the payroll as a 'laborer' but I have confidence in myself and my future in golf so I call myself a greensman.

"I'd like to know what my fellow workers and I have to look forward to.

"Now the most we can expect is an escape from a bawling out from the boss whenever greens go bad and he has sleepless nights. We, too, worry about our greens but there's seldom one of us promoted to greenkeeper at our courses when the greenkeeper moves on to a better job, or is discharged, with or without just cause. Some man who has never seen the course before is selected. Still, greenkeepers make much of 'local conditions' and how important it is that these peculiar conditions be considered when budgets are made up.

"When the new man comes, the greensmen who have nursed each blade of grass affectionately and know it from the ground up, wonder whether they are going to be able to keep their jobs.

"Isn't it one of the good greenkeeper's many jobs to consider this neglect of the future for his staff and to see that a well-trained man who knows the course from experience is given at least the endorsement of his chief, whenever a greenkeeper job is going to be open?

"I'd like to hear what some of the leading greenkeepers have to say about this condition."

Sincerely,

J. H.

Revival Week at Battle Creek Stirs Golf Interest to a Peak

THE boys are still talking about the biggest thing in a golf way that ever happened to Battle Creek. Called "Revival Week" the schedule of events held recently ran the gamut of golf promotional ideas. Included in the festivities was an exhibition by Spalding's missionary troupe of Horton Smith, Lawson Little, and Jimmy Thomson. The idea had the enthusiastic backing of all the clubs and civic bodies in Battle Creek, but to E. W. Harbert and Art Kennett, golf pros, and Arch Flannery, president of the chamber of commerce, goes most of the glory for making the party a success.

The week was sent off to a flying start

on Monday with a pro-amateur best ball affair, won by Art Kennett, Chic Harbert, and J. Weisner with a score of 66. Chic Harbert had low medal honors with a 74 over the Marywood CC course.

Riverside CC played host to the juniors the following day, and J. Kneer with a gross 58 for 9 holes was the winner. The ladies had their inning on Wednesday at the Battle Creek CC, and Mrs. Reed Orr showed the way with a gross total of 100. Mrs. Orr also won low net honors. In a long driving contest held in conjunction with the tournament, Mrs. Orr won with a combined yardage on three strokes of 432 yds. The shortest drive against a stiff head-wind went to one contestant with a 30-inch effort.

A four-man team play held at the Marywood CC occupied Thursday's spotlight. The 20 teams entered were from industrial plants and the Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary clubs. The Kiwanis entry captured first honors with a net 306.

A gallery of more than 2,000 saw Lawson Little and Jimmy Thomson finish their 18-hole match all square against Horton Smith and Chic Harbert at the Marywood CC. Smith was low scorer with a 72. Harb showed he could hit balls right along with the best of them and took second honors with a 75.

An invitational dance at the Marywood CC following a big day's play at all of the city's courses featured the Saturday program. A mixed foursome tournament at the Battle Creek CC was the highspot on Sunday. The tournament was won by Chic Harbert and Mrs. Reed Orr. Pat Haines scored a hole-in-one during the week, sinking his tee shot on the 8th at Battle Creek CC.

All together, it was a big week for Battle Creek, and a "revival program" such as this turned out to be has certainly gotten some of the pseudo golfing addicts thinking and talking their favorite sport again.

PLANS are progressing for this year's \$3,500 Glens Falls Open, August 28-30, dates officially assigned by Bob Harlow of the PGA Tournament Bureau.

From advance commitments, it appears that the field for the event will include practically all of the topnotchers among the tournament players, which in itself assures the success of the event.