



Golf classes conducted by Joe Patelli at the new munny course designed and constructed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., at Amsterdam, N. Y., have had a registration of more than 200, about 80% of whom never played golf before. The success of the Patelli classes shows the tremendous development possibilities for golf at new municipal courses, says Jones, who was responsible for the introduction of the idea at Amsterdam.

REVIVAL IS ON

NAGA Certain of Boom in Greenkeeping Activity

AN indication of how prospects in the course maintenance field look to those who have expertly surveyed the situation comes from Frank Ermer, chairman of the show committee, National Association of Greenkeepers of America. Ermer said, Dec. 14: "With only three booths left in the main exhibit floor for the eleventh annual Greenkeepers conference and exhibition, the certainty of a sell-out of space in the main hall has forced us to engage additional display space in the lobby adjoining the hall. Reports from various parts of the country promise a record attendance and indicate a great volume of business will be placed at the convention to meet the tremendous demand for equipment and supplies resulting from improved conditions at golf clubs and the buying curtailment of depression years."

The exhibition and conference will be held at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., Feb. 2-5.

A strong bid is being made to have golf clubs send their greenkeepers to the Greenkeepers annual sessions and set the convention expense down as a course budget item. Many of the nation's best operated golf clubs of varying sizes have adopted this policy. It has been pointed out by GOLFDOM that greenkeepers spend approximately \$50,000 annually in their self-edu-

cation for the betterment of operation at their courses, and that such expense is manifestly unfair considering the generally low point of greenkeepers' salaries and their remarkable achievements in depression maintenance, much of which is due to their lively interest in educational work.

To keep expenses down the association has arranged for standard rates at the Wardman Park of \$3 for a single room and bath; \$5 for a double. Lowered railroad fares since the 1936 convention and excursion rates in several territories are expected to swell attendance and reduce the expense of greenkeepers attending.

Exhibitors booked for the Washington convention:

Johns-Manville Co.; International Harvester Co.; Perfection Sprinkler Co.; F. H. Woodruff and Sons; John Bean Mfg. Co.; Skinner Irrigation Co.; GOLFDOM; L. R. Nelson Mfg. Co.; Standard Mfg. Co.; Gravelly Motor Plow & Cultivator Co.; Philadelphia Toro Co.; McClain Bros. Co.; Mallinckrodt Chemical Co.; O. M. Scott & Sons Co.; Jacobsen Mfg. Co.; Buckner Mfg. Co., Milwaukee Sewerage Commis-