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The courses are open to anyone more than 16 years of age without entrance requirements or examination, and costs are moderate. Fee for the 8-week course is \$5 for residents of Michigan, \$10 for non-residents. Books and supplies will run about \$10 and board and room from \$7 a week up, depending on accommodations. Fees for the 2-day conference are nominal.

For literature, write Director of Short Courses, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

Tells Origin of Washington Strain Bent

RALPH BARTON, well-known golf architect, passes on some interesting information he recently secured from Bobby McWatt, pro at Lancaster (N.H.) GC, relative to the origin of the Washington strain of creeping bent. Writes Barton:

"At the time of the first seeding of the greens of the Columbia Country club at Washington, the seed was purchased from Carter's as German creeping bent. It happened that a heavy downpour of rain following soon after the seeding washed



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McNamara, who succeeded his late and widely-known father as the club's greenkeeper, had the course in marvelous condition for the tournament. Commenting on the Field club's excellent maintenance, Emil (Dutch) Loeffler, veteran pro and

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