

the clubs rented during the season. As the Commission's rentals of sets of golf clubs reached a figure in excess of \$9,000 during the year 1936, it is obvious that the Commission is obliged to have a considerable supply of equipment and that these are adequate for the golf lessons.

Cotton balls, which are used in place of the regular balls, in order to make it possible to conduct the classes indoors, cost \$1.50 per dozen. The Commission uses about fifteen dozen each year. Cocoa mats, another indispensable item in the layout for the lesson, cost about \$1.00 apiece.

We have demonstrated in Cincinnati that our group golf lessons are of benefit to the private golf clubs. We do not accept anyone except beginners for golf instruction. Many whom we introduce to the game, on finding two municipal courses crowded, become members of private clubs.

It is self-evident that the free group lessons do not in any way hurt local golf professionals. Rather, these lessons serve to introduce beginners to the game, and arouse the interest in the sport which leads on to the taking of private lessons. We have observed that many private lessons given on both private and public golf courses in Cincinnati have been given to those who have finished the series of group lessons and wanted to learn more.

When we first launched the group lessons, many professionals objected to the Commission's policy. Since that time, their attitude has changed to one of approval. The fact that so many of them are assisting in connection with the group lessons evidences their support.

We have noted that the semi-public courses in and around Cincinnati are being played much more heavily now than during previous years. We believe that some of the play is due to the municipal promotion of the game.

### Michigan Golf Organizations Hold Good-Will Meeting in Detroit

**A** GOOD-WILL dinner attended by officials of nine organizations of golf interests in Michigan was held April 26 at Hotel Statler. Detroit District Golf assn. was the host.

The dinner, over which Jimmy Standish, DDGA president presided, was a rather historic occasion inasmuch as it is believed to be the first time that officials of

all golf organizations in a metropolitan section have met to discuss their common aim.

Represented, besides the DDGA, were Michigan State Golf league, Michigan GA, Michigan Seniors' GA League of the Lower Lakes, Michigan PGA, Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Supt's., Detroit Club Managers' assn., and the Detroit District Caddymasters' assn. The roster would have been complete had the representative of the Detroit municipal courses been able to attend.

Detroit newspapers were well represented and covered the affair with yarns that ought to stir further the current return of lively golf interest. Harry Taylor, chairman of Oakland Hills for the National Open and Chris Brinke, vice-chairman, told of the Open plans.

Plans of the various organizations represented were presented briefly. Judge Charles C. Simmons made a terse and penetrating address on the part that golf should play in the developing social scheme. Fred Wardell, E. L. Warner, Sr., and Kenneth A. Moore related details of the caddie welfare work in which Detroit has an edge on other districts of the country.

Plans were announced by Standish for financing the Detroit team to the National Public links tournament by a team match in which the teams are to be composed of a pro, a private club amateur, a public links player and a junior. The event is a novel one that ought to draw.

### Chicago DGA to Push Ticket Campaign for \$10,000 Chicago Open

**T**HE Chicago District GA \$10,000 Open, which will be played at Medinah CC, July 23-25, is putting on an energetic preliminary ticket selling campaign with the idea of showing a substantial net profit which can be devoted to caddie welfare.

Idea behind the CDGA plan is that with better times returning more attention should be given to caddie selection, training and assistance so the caddying careers of the youngsters will be planned preliminaries to the right start in business life.

Chicago's centennial as an incorporated city is one of the angles of the tournament promotion, which is being ably managed for the CDGA by Howard Roberts and Bob Harlow.