

after we turn on the water and see 8 or 10 little geysers popping all around us (broken pipe). If you think making out your income tax is tough you should try standing on the first tee of a golf course with your fingers crossed hoping that nothing will happen . . . and see it happen.

We could go on and on, raving about rolling the fairways, overhauling tractors and mowers, taxes, insurance, interest charges, etc. (I'll make a motion we let the treasurer worry about those details).

What I really want to say is that you have no idea how a golf professional feels about your visit to the course in the Spring, unless you have a picture of some of the above problems. I suppose it is something on the order of the worries that a bride's mother has getting the house ready for the day of the wedding. No detail is overlooked to make the set-

ting perfect for the wedding guests. Finally, the big day arrives (you know the rest). The sun is shining, the grass is green. Say where are we? At a wedding, or at Westgate. Hope to see you soon.

With kindest regards,
TOM WALSH.

Big Game Hunters Hagen and Kirkwood Return to States Soon

WALTER HAGEN and Joe Kirkwood, after spending several months on an exhibition tour throughout the Orient, including big game hunting in Africa and India, expect to return to the United States around May 1st, according to a letter received by E. Leroy Pelletier, of the L. A. Young Detroit office. Hagen hopes to play in the 1938 National Open at Cherry Hills Club in Denver, June 9-11, and will enter the qualifying rounds later in May.

In his letter, "Haig" said he fought and won one of the greatest battles of his career when he picked up a malaria bug while on a tiger shoot back in the interior of India. "I had 10 days of it, and believe me I went through hell." Kirkwood had his share of trouble, too, again quoting from Hagen's letter: "Both Kirkwood and myself had quite a time of it in Calcutta. The very first match Joe broke a bone in his right shoulder during his exhibition and that finished him for the rest of the week. I carried on with the show, first playing 18 holes and then giving an exhibition of every kind of golf shot."

Walter said they had a grand time, but admitted, "I am getting a little anxious to return. I feel a little homesickness getting in my veins." The two expect to play exhibition matches in Singapore, Batavia or Java, before sailing from Hongkong to arrive in Los Angeles around May 1st.

Purdue's Initial Greenkeeping Course Is Grand Success

APPROXIMATELY 50 greenkeepers, green-chairman and others interested in fine turf, attended the first Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., greenkeeping short course held March 22-23. M. L. Clevett, intramural director, was in charge of the event.

Speakers at the opening day's sessions, which were held in Purdue's recently

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completed fieldhouse, were G. A. Young, president of the Indiana State Golf Assn., who spoke on problems of the association; "Turf Diseases and Their Control," by Dr. John Monteith, Jr.; "Greenkeeper's Diplomacy," by A. L. Brandon, secy-treas. GSA; "Soil Testing on the Golf Course, Why and How," G. H. Enfield, Purdue U. Dept. of Agricultural Extension. In the afternoon O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, spoke on "Recent Developments in Turf Culture." "Insect Control" was discussed by J. J. Davis of the Purdue Dept. of Entomology, and Dr. Monteith spoke on "Research as an Aid to Greenkeeping."

Soil Lab Visited

The first day's activities were concluded with a visit to the university soils testing laboratory, and a banquet in the Lincoln Lodge that evening. Speakers at the banquet were O. J. Noer on "Around the Country"; Herb Graffis, GOLFDOM Editor, "The Editor's Viewpoint"; J. H. Skinner of the Purdue Experiment station, and Carl A. Bretzlaff, state assn. of greenkeepers.

Wednesday's program got off to an early start with T. E. Hienton and R. H. Wileman of the Purdue staff giving pointers on trouble shooting on the course, motors, engines, and mowers. William Diddle, Indianapolis architect, spoke on "Golf Course Design—Building Greens." Dr. Monteith again addressed the greensmen on two topics, "Weed Control," and "Use and Abuse of Water Systems." M. O. Pence, Purdue Dept. of Agricultural Extension, concluded the morning's sessions with a talk on the International Grasslands Congress.

After lunch Walter Lommel, Purdue Dept. of Horticulture, spoke on "Trees and Shrubs on the Golf Course," and in a two-hour panel discussion of greenkeeping were heard O. J. Noer, William H. Diddle, Carl Bretzlaff, George Scarseth, Purdue agronomist, and M. L. Clevett, director of intramural sports. An inspection of the Purdue athletic plant concluded the highly successful two-day greenkeeping session.

TO teach members to smooth out their footprints in traps the Royal Melbourne (Australia) club did not rake the traps for two weeks. The condition of the traps at the end of that time was so god-awful that the members were effectively impressed by the cumulative result of their carelessness.

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