



The PGA annual convention concluded with the usual banquet—this one at Hotel Morrison's Terrace Garden. The boys used their knives for banqueting, not politics, at this affair. Peace, ain't it wonderful!

PGA KEYNOTE: HARMONY IN '40

A LONG over-due peace descended upon the PGA at its annual meeting held in mid-November at Chicago. Following a costly venture in emphasizing political maneuvering at the expense of pressing business problems, delegates and officials pledged themselves to a harmonious and constructive program. After the annual election which produced a virtually complete new executive line-up, all present sighed with relief. Former officers welcomed cessation of hostilities and future freedom from the cares of state. New officials rejoiced in the opportunity to tackle their tasks with a unified membership.

Without any loud fireworks the convention endorsed the action of officials who maintained that the association's rule should have been applied in the case of Denny Shute's eligibility at the 1939 PGA championship. It was generally admitted that application of the rule under the circumstances was severe beyond the point intended when the rule was made. That case as a possible cause of explosion fizzed out innocuously.

Avoid Time Limit on Officers

Limitation of officers' terms also was discreetly detoured as a possible subject of embarrassment and a blast on the new-found harmony. Foresighted PGA mem-

bers have considered limitation of national officials' terms as one of the matters requiring action. Their opinion is that restricted terms would develop executive ability, fresh viewpoints and a thoroughly national scope of executive viewpoint.

Educational Session Clicks

There was in evidence a general determination to focus on the pro self-educational job in order that PGA member service to their clubs would be strengthened and extended. The concluding session featured a session at which Dr. Robert Dyer of Chicago lectured on the physiology and psychology of golf instruction from the medical man's viewpoint. Lively discussion took place during this highlight of the convention program. The idea of providing pros with a scientific analysis of their teaching problems was first introduced at an Illinois PGA clinic. Great interest shown at the PGA annual meeting assures extensive sectional employment of this educational idea.

Golf market promotion and pro publicity also were given earnest attention by the PGA delegates and officials.

Plans were laid for a closer coordination of PGA sections with the national organization in the educational program and

in other fields of the pros' ambitions and endeavors.

Officials elected for the ensuing year:

President, Tom Walsh, Westgate Valley GC, Chicago; secy., Capt. Charles Clarke, Willowick GC, Willoughby, Ohio; treas., Willie Maguire, Houston, Texas. Nine vice-presidents representing as many dis-

trict divisions are: Alex Cunningham, North Shore GC, Chicago; Joel Smith, Wallingford, Conn.; Johnny Farrell, Short Hills, N. Y.; Howard Beckett, Atlanta, Ga.; Wendell Kay, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Frank Sprogell, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed Gibson, Kansas City; Charles Congdon, Tacoma, Wash; Joe Novak, Los Angeles, Calif.

It's Short-Course Time Again!

ONCE again, GOLFDOM strongly urges that clubs make the arrangements necessary to send their greenkeepers to at least one of the greenkeeping short courses and turf conferences to be held within the next few weeks at various educational institutions. In return for the small amount it will take to send your course superintendent to one of these schools for greenkeepers, your club will be more than repaid in better course conditions and finer operating methods.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State College's 14th annual winter school for greenkeepers got under way January 2. First term of the two term course will be concluded Feb. 6; the second will run from Feb. 7 through March 15. The second term is coordinated with the work of the first and certificates are issued to students only at the completion of the full ten weeks' course. However, it is not necessary for students to take both terms consecutively in order to receive certificates.

Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson is the founder and director of the course, which is the oldest of its kind in the country. In addition to regular MSC staff members, Prof. Dickinson is being assisted by Carleton E. Treat, greenkeeping superintendent at the Montclair (N. J.) CC.

MARYLAND

Second annual greenkeeping short course sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Greenkeepers Assn. and the extension division of the University of Maryland, will be held Jan. 24-26. The course is open to all; greenkeepers and others interested in turf from outside the state are welcome. A registration fee of \$3 covers all university expenses for the three-day program. Applications and complete information concerning the course may be obtained by writing Prof. Ernest N. Cory, director of course, College Park, Md.

RUTGERS

Rutgers University college of agriculture's 12th annual short course in turf maintenance will be held Feb. 12-17. Subjects to be covered include soils and soil management, drainage, turf, plants, insect pests, diseases, seeds, fertilizers and lime, and methods of management. Tuition is free, but there is a \$5 fee for registration and a \$1 fee for lecture outlines. For applications and further information write Prof. Frank Helyar, Director of Resident Instruction, Rutgers U., New Brunswick, N. J.

PENN STATE

Twelfth annual Fine Turf Conference at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., will be held Feb. 21-23. Again, attention will be concentrated on the technical phases of greenkeeping rather than instruction in elementary soil fertility and related subjects. H. B. Musser, associate professor in experimental agronomy, is general chairman of the course, assisted by Fred Grau, also of the Penn State staff. For additional information, write Prof. Musser or Grau at the college.

PURDUE

Dates for the annual greenkeepers conference at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., are Feb. 27-28. Scheduled to appear on the speaking program are Dr. John Monteith of the USGA Green Sec-