

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-

tion, plus a corps of capable experts in several lines of greenkeeping. A registration fee of \$2.00, which includes ticket to the banquet, is charged. Complete details on the Purdue conference may be obtained from M. L. Clevett, Recreation Dir., Purdue U., West Lafayette, Ind.

MICHIGAN STATE

Michigan State College's annual greenkeeping conference will be held March 7-8. Curricula will include study of the nature and properties of soils, fertilization, insect control and turf diseases, and studies of various grasses. For further information on this conference, address Director of Short Courses, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

IOWA STATE

Annual greenkeeping short course at Iowa State College will be held March 5-6.

Tentative plans are now being made by Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. and Iowa State College officials. Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section, will be on hand to assist in the course. S. W. Edgecombe, Extension Horticulturist at ISC, is general chairman of the course, and he will gladly supply complete details regarding the conference to interested parties. Address him care of the college, Ames, Ia.

WISCONSIN

Tentative dates for the Wisconsin University greenkeeping short course have been set as March 8-10. Plans are now under way between joint committees of the Wisconsin and Midwest Greenkeepers Assns. in arranging the course. Information may be had by writing either the secretary of the Wisconsin or Midwest group, or to Prof. James G. Moore, Horticultural Bldg., Madison, Wis.

Bill Members for Caddie Clothes

ONE of the fine things about golf is the consideration many clubs of all sizes and financial and social ratings show for their caddies.

The swanky Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., doesn't take this caddie responsibility lightly. Each member receives a check for \$10, requiring fill-in of the name and address of the member's bank, date and the member's signature. With that blank check comes the following letter on the personal stationery of W. K. Warren, trustee for the Southern Hills Caddies' Clothing Account:

The cool crisp fall weather is with us again and from all indications winter is not far away; nevertheless, most of the golf playing members of the Southern Hills Country Club, comfortably clothed, will still continue to enjoy their game of golf. Our caddies, however, cannot look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the approach of cool weather unless they can depend upon the generosity of the members to again make it possible for them to wear suitably warm clothing.

As you know, most of the boys are in

very meager circumstances, wholly dependent upon this caddying job, and it is not unusual to see them scantily clad in thin shirts, threadbare pants, with possibly holes in their shoes. You will undoubtedly agree that it is practically impossible for the boys to keep physically fit and free of colds unless they are more adequately clothed.

Last year about 110 of our club members contributed \$10.00 each to a clothing fund for the regular caddies, and everyone familiar with the golf course will recall how nicely the boys were outfitted. We want to repeat the plan this year, and for your convenience are enclosing herewith a blank check which requires only your signature and filling in the name of your bank. Please return the check in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

I feel sure that the boys can count on your continued generosity and, needless to say, promptness in mailing your check is essential as outfits are being ordered for these caddies immediately.

Sincerely,

Warren personally signs the letters. The letters are sent out in mid-October. No Southern Hills kid goes cold in the winter. The kids' self-respect is elevated by new garments. It's a bargain all around for \$10 so no member yowls, even though some of them do forget or delay in the usual manner of human beings

John McGregor, greenkeeper at Chicago GC, warns against use of ethyl gasoline in weed extermination. McGregor tells of an employee assigned to this work who developed symptoms of lead poisoning. The employee recovered when use of ethyl was discontinued and untreated gasoline was used.