

Michigan State

Michigan State College has scheduled its annual greenkeeping conference for March 13-14. The conference is designed to give instruction in the classification, nature and properties of soils, and the suitability of various soils for greens construction and maintenance. Director of the course is Prof. James Tyson; registration fee is \$1.00. For further information write Prof. Tyson, care of Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

Purdue

Annual greenkeepers short course at Purdue University will be held Feb. 25-26. All educational sessions will be held in the field house, with the annual greenkeepers banquet to be held on the 25th (7 p. m.) in the Memorial Union building. A program somewhat similar to other years is being arranged, and the list of speakers is expected to include Dr. John Monteith, USGA Green Section; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; A. L. Brandon, secy., GSA and editor, The Greenkeepers Reporter; plus several members from Purdue's agricultural and horticultural staff. Complete details on the Purdue conference may be obtained from M. L. Clevett, Recreation Dir., Purdue U., West Lafayette, Ind.

Denver

Greenkeepers short course in the Denver (Colo.) district will be held February 18-20 at the Park Lane Hotel in Denver. The conference is being held in conjunction with the florists and nurserymen's annual short course. Speakers tentatively lined up for the session include O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, and Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section. Further information on the Denver conference may be obtained by writing J. L. Haines, supt., Denver (Colo.) CC.

USGA To Re-Elect 1940 Officers—The USGA nominating committee, Findlay S. Douglas, chairman, presents for re-election in 1941, the same officers and executive committee who served the association in 1940. The report of the nominating committee thus proposes the election of Harold W. Pierce, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., for a second one-year term as president. The nominations, which are tantamount to election, will be presented for final action at the USGA annual meeting this month.

John G. Jackson, a former president of the USGA, heads the 1942 nominating committee.

Double Tees Lend Variety to Nine-Hole Course

NINE-HOLE courses that want to increase their member attraction without undue expense should give careful study to the possibilities of two sets of tees. Competent architectural advice frequently will give the 9-hole course with an additional set of tees much of the interest of an 18-hole layout.

One of the most interesting two-tee 9-hole courses in the country is that of the Country Club of New Canaan, Conn. Mike Buckley, pro at the club, tells of the additional tees and their effect in expansion of the course's interest:

"The double set of tees at our course has given us shots that we've never had before, and has had the value of giving our members a mastery of shots that stands them to good advantage when they visit other courses. One of the instruction problems of the pro is that of teaching the member how to study a course and plan shots accordingly and I have found that the emphasis on shot-planning provided by different tees for the same green has been educational, both for the members and myself.

Added Maintenance Cost Is Low

"James Scott, our greenkeeper, says that the additional maintenance cost of the extra tees is not much. He points out that division of tee wear by the addition of an extra set of tees reduces the expense of keeping one hard-used set of tees in the first-class condition our members want—and get.

"We were careful not to place the additional tees too far from the preceding green, so the walks from greens to tees are not tedious, nor do the new tees' locations appear to be merely an afterthought.

"Tees of the first 9 holes have white markers; the second, red.

"We have only one tee for the first and tenth holes. The second green is

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Press book of the LA Open, published and circulated by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County in cooperation with LA Junior C of C, is the most complete job of compiling pre-tournament information GOLFDOM has seen. Among other information the booklet records that \$193,880.96 has been the total cost of the LA Open, 1926-40 inclusive.

played from 190 and 280 yard tees. The third green is 490 yards from one tee and 458 from the other. The fourth has distances of 300 and 340 yards, with a dog-leg that makes the hole from the different tees two entirely different problems in golf.

"The fifth green has both tees of about 115 yards but at different angles from the green. The sixth has distances of 420 and 475 yards. The seventh is 340 yards from one tee and 373 from the other. The eighth has one straight line 310 distance, and from the other tee a slight dogleg hole of 330 yards.

"At our ninth, from one tee the hole is 300 yards in a bee line and a bit of a dogleg for 350 yards from the other tee.

"It has been our experience that this ingenious arrangement of tees has given us one of the most interesting courses in the smaller cities of the country, and the course, together with our swimming pool and tennis courts, give us a well-balanced country club plant that will more than hold its own with the plants of other clubs in towns of comparable size."

GSA's Indianapolis Rally Goes Over in Big Way

THE GSA sectional educational conference, equipment show and golf tournament held in Indianapolis October 27-29, was an event that long will be remembered by every greenkeeper who attended. The conference was a success from every viewpoint, and just to make sure the event would receive the national attention it deserved, Emil Masciocchi, superintendent at Chicago's Onwentsia Club, shot two record-breaking rounds in the annual GSA championship to post a score of 135, and thereby win the greenkeepers' golf title.

When the first educational session got under way Monday, October 28, within the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, everybody was still talking about Masciocchi's victory the day earlier. ('Mashie's' rounds included a final 64, seven under par for the 6,700 yard championship Speedway course—runnerup was the defending champion, Don Boyd, who was 16 strokes in arrears).

A short talk by GSA President John Gray got the program under way, and he was followed by Dr. George Scarseth of Purdue University who enlivened his talk on general greenkeeper problems with many humorous remarks that put the 'boys' in just the right mood for the first

technical subject of the day, "Present Economic Trends," delivered by Dean M. O. Ross of Butler U. Dean Ross' words proved exceptionally interesting to the greenkeepers, who are generally somewhat unaccustomed at greens educational conferences, to listening to a subject covering national and international general business matters which affect everyone's future life.

Other subjects included a talk on how to express oneself, by Prof. Lee Norvelle, director of speech, Indiana U., and "Fairway Watering," led by Prof. Scarseth, and assisted by John Darrah. The greenkeepers' banquet held Monday evening at Indianapolis' Claypool hotel, was attended by 150. Eugene Pulliam, publisher and radio operator, was master of ceremonies.

General chairman of the conference was Carl Bretzlaff, Meridian Hills (Indianapolis district) CC supt. Carl got help, too, from C. W. Harvey and many other Indiana greenkeepers, in putting the show over so successfully.

Phoenix, Denver Awarded Top WGA Tourneys

THEODORE BUTZ was elected president of the Western GA at its annual meeting, Chicago, Dec. 12. The organization's 1941 Open was officially awarded to the Phoenix (Ariz.) CC., and its 1941 amateur to the Broadmoor (Colo.) CC.

The association is planning an energetic publicity campaign to increase the Evans scholarship fund during 1941. Evans scholars at Northwestern University have received more than \$50,000 as a result of the financing begun with Chick's contribution and continued by the WGA.

A remarkable scholastic and post-graduate showing made by the Evans scholars has identified the work as one of the stand-out jobs done by any golf organization. Details of the enterprise are seldom known to golf club officials and members, and it's this condition the WGA resolved to correct.

Nathan Ayers Is Sedgefield President—

Nathan M. Ayers, prominent young executive and sportsman, has been elected president of Sedgefield (N. C.) Club, where the opening rounds of the annual \$5,000 Greater Greensboro Open will be played this spring. The club's newly elected board of directors also named Frederick Johntz, of Winston-Salem (N. C.), as club manager. Mrs. Orville White, wife of Sedgefield's popular pro, was re-elected to serve as club secretary.