

of viable seed prove successful it would probably necessitate devising new methods of harvesting seed. Seed bearing stems are very short so seed is borne very close to the ground.

We have tested different methods of introducing these grasses into greens. The most successful has been to produce sod in a nursery and transfer to the green. Sod which can be lifted and rolled without breaking can be produced in one year. It is almost impossible to accomplish this feat with ordinary bermuda.

We will be glad to show these difficult

strains to greenkeepers, or others in authority, from any Southern course where existing bermuda is not producing greens to satisfy discriminating members. It is our belief that much can be done to develop and produce bermuda grass which is better for putting greens. Should anyone decide to inspect above grasses for the purpose of comparing them with the grass on their greens we suggest that they bring samples of their own grass. A sod cutter should be used to take samples, in order to compare root systems as well as top growth.

Steel District's Industrial League Tourney Is Major Amateur Event

By GUNNAR OLSENIUS as told to ALEX PENDLETON

AUGUST in the Calumet Region (northwestern Indiana district) sees the playing of the comprehensive golf event known as the Calumet Industrial League annual golf tournament. The championship goes to the league member represented by the best aggregate 4-man team. This is followed by second and third places, as well as individual awards.

This event had its inception several years ago when the industries began to realize the popularity of golf among their thousands of employees. Its promotion and operation is unique and simple.

All industries in the region were contacted and invited to join the league, and to sponsor a team. The 1940 league boasted an entry in the tournament of 24 teams, representative of every kind of industrial plant in the region. Each of these industries had selected their teams by a series of elimination events throughout the summer, which events were conducted within their own plant league. In

From year to year different industries are asked to serve as the sponsor. This makes for greater efficiency as it centralizes all the work of fixing the details of selection of course, purchasing of prizes,



Field at 1940 event keeps close check on tourney's progress.

checking entries, determining questions of rules, and special ground rules; and handling the sale of tickets for the banquet, etc.

The distribution of awards which has proved most popular is to have the award of champion go to the industry represented by the best aggregate 4-man team, with second and third places; and also to have three classes, A, B and C, selected with A class being the best, and B class representing the team which placed in ninth place, and C class representing the team which placed in 17th place. This introduces the element of luck in the tournament, but still gives other than the best teams an opportunity to secure recognition as a winning team. In addition to these, there are numerous blind bogey,



'Driving off' at 1940 tourney, held at Turkey Creek CC, Gary.

a number of cases these plant leagues were in fact important leagues within themselves, and their own tournaments were major amateur events.

and feature prizes, so that everyone participating can share in the merchandise and trophies.

And last, but not least, is the Industrial League banquet which follows the play, and which features the awarding of trophies, accompanied by suitable presentation speeches, pictures, etc.

The popularity of this event has become so great that it represents the major amateur tournament of the year in the district. Its success has resulted largely because of the business-like manner in which it has been conducted.

Charley Erickson, Minikahda Greenkeeper 42 Years, Dies

CHARLES ERICKSON, since 1899 greenkeeper at the Minikahda Club at Minneapolis, died May 11. The end came unexpectedly and peacefully, although Charley had been partially incapacitated for some time by a hip injury.

Charley was born in Sweden. He would have been 78 years old July 22. He came to the U. S. 50 years ago, locating in Minneapolis. For several years he worked for the Minneapolis Park Board in landscaping. With Senator Wm. F. Brooks as



Charley Erickson

his chairman, Charley installed at Minikahda what is thought to be the first fairway watering system at a golf club.

During the late part of his 42 years' service at Minikahda, Charley was honored several times at testimonial dinners given by the club. He was inventor of several devices now in common use in course maintenance, and during his entire career was an open-minded, progressive

leader and exponent of first class course maintenance.

He was honored and beloved by all who knew him. They all feel, as one of his friends of years said, that "they'll miss Charlie a lot because he was a kindly gentleman."

"Uncle Ed" Kelly Dies—Ed Kelly, owner of the Green Valley CC, Wheaton, Ill., for the past 20 years and widely known to amateurs and pros in the midwest as "Uncle Ed," died May 7 at the Geneva (Ill.) Community hospital following a heart attack four days prior to his death.

Although he didn't look it, Uncle Ed was 71.

Prior to buying the Green Valley course, Mr. Kelly was a jewelry salesman. He was an enthusiastic and proficient golfer. Two years ago he played Green Valley in 73, using a brassie, No. 6 iron and putter.

Booklet Gives Valuable Tips on Women's Activities

HANDBOOK FOR GOLF CHAIRMEN, issued by the Chicago Women's District Golf Assn., is a manual of great help to women's committee heads. Men chairmen could use it to decided advantage, too.

The booklet includes such material as an outline of the make-up and duties of women's golf committees, duties of handicap chairmen, handicap charts, duties of rules chairmen, winter rules, CWDGA suggestions for general rules in match play, settling ties, suggestions for local rules on back of scorecards, local rules to be posted, pairing for medal play events of more than one day, special events and mixed foursome play, miscellaneous suggestions and information, and caddie instruction suggestions.

The only detail in which the exceedingly competent and careful girls seem to have slipped is in the spelling of caddie, which is caddie by the dictionary, USGA and other authoritative usage, but "caddy" by the CWDGA book. However, why mention this in view of the practical value of this long needed book.

Copies of the book are furnished free to heads of women's committees of CWDGA clubs. To others the book is 75 cents. Mrs. Andrew D. Collins, 1232 Maple ave., Evanston, Ill., is president of the CWDGA.