

Buffalo Ready for Managers' Convention

CLUB Managers Assn. of America has completed planning the program for its 15th annual convention which will be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, March 9-14.

The New York State chapter of the association, headed by President Franz Bach and convention chairman Ruth Jones, has planned a program of entertainment that is expected to set a new high in the famous demonstrations of how to present club parties. This pleasant educational feature of the Managers' conventions invariably brings forth food and drink service ideas that soon are generally in evidence at the nation's better clubs.

Highlights of the CMA Buffalo convention program:

Sir David Young, president of the Piccadilly club, Kent, Eng., will make an address during the opening session.

Prof. H. B. Meek, founder of Cornell university's hotel course, will speak on "The Club Manager of Tomorrow", during the Monday afternoon session.

Edward J. Tobin, University of Syracuse, will speak on meats; John N. Horwath, club and hotel accounting authority, will talk on "Essentials of Budget in Club Operation", and Harold Grossman of Julius Wile Sons & Co. will talk on "Wines" during the Tuesday afternoon session.

Wednesday's session will be devoted to round-table divisional conferences of managers of country clubs, town clubs, university clubs, and beach and yacht clubs.

Purdue Short Course Draws 80 Turfmen

ANNUAL greenkeeping short course held at Purdue University Feb. 25 and 26 drew about 80 from courses in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

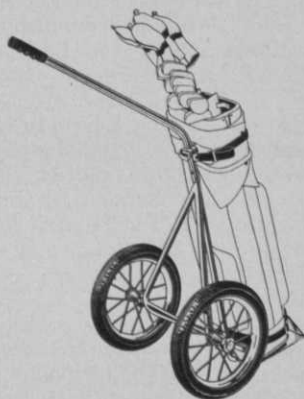
The conference was intensely practical and broad in its service inasmuch as the program addresses were used as leads to discussions bringing out the experiences, observations and opinions of the attending greenkeepers, and the appraisals of such expressions by the lecturing authorities and greenkeepers.

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reflected a valuable spirit of scientific operating in course maintenance.

Subjects and leading speakers who started the discussions: Cooperative Fertilizer Tests . . . Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA; Turf Maintenance Problems . . . Dr. George D. Scarseth, Purdue; Fertilizers . . . O. J. Noer, Sewerage Commission; The Editor's Viewpoint . . . A. L. Brandon, GSA; Golf Course Minimum Essentials . . . W. L. Diddle, architect; Golf Course Weeds . . . O. C. Lee, Purdue; Chemical Weed Control . . . Dr. Monteith.

Short course registrants visited Purdue's interesting 18-hole course now under construction, with Wm. Diddle, architect of the course, piloting the group and explaining architectural elements and construction problems.

Dr. W. V. Lambert of Purdue spoke on scientific research, and C. H. Robertson of Purdue spoke on golf history and its world growth, at the banquet held Tuesday evening.

Sarazen Syndicate Takes Over Mount Vernon CC

GENE SARAZEN heads the organization that has taken a long-term lease with option to buy on the former Mount Vernon CC in the New York Westchester district. The club is now known as the Lakeview CC.

Membership will be on a \$60 a year basis for men; \$100 annually for families. Each member pays \$1 each round played. Membership is limited to 250 regular members and 75 associate women members.

The clubhouse will be operated by a well-known and successful restaurant company.

The club is in excellent physical condition, but will be given a thorough touching up and some clubhouse remodeling prior to the opening of the season.

Membership applicants are subject to approval by a committee that adheres to the private club standards. Numerous applications for membership have been received and approved.

The Sarazen plan of operation is receiving considerable attention in the New York metropolitan district, with the probability of the success of the Lakeview operation extending this principle of financing.

Heart Attack Fatal to

Elmer Biggs, Peoria Pro

ELMER BIGGS, for 16 years pro-greenkeeper at the Country Club of Peoria, Ill., and prior to that time in the service of Illinois, Missouri and Indiana clubs, died of a heart attack at Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 1.

He had not been in good health for about 6 months, but continued active. He suffered an attack of flu in Florida, but recovered sufficiently to play a round two days prior to his death.

He was president of the Illinois PGA for two terms, and was active in national PGA affairs. He was a native of Elkhart, Ind., and came into golf via the caddie route at the Skokie CC (Chicago district). After war service he became a pro.

Biggs was widely known and admired as a gentleman, sportsman and businessman in golf. An indication of the character of the man was a wreath from his club's caddies among the many floral tributes at his funeral.

He is survived by his widow, his mother, two brothers and a sister.

Alex Law Suicide

Laid to Auto Mishap

ALEX LAW, one of Scotland's fine contributions to American pro golf, was found dead from a self-inflicted wound, Feb. 1 on the Elmhurst (Ill.) CC course, to which club he was pro.

Alex normally was a genial, high-hearted fellow of exemplary habits and rejoicing in a happy family life and in his work at a club where he was held in highest regard. An automobile accident he suffered a few days prior to his death is believed to have resulted in a head injury.

46 Attend Denver Conference—Forty-six greenkeepers from Colorado and states as far away as the Pacific Northwest attended the greenkeepers' short course held as one of the departmental sessions of the educational conference of greenkeepers, florists and nurserymen at Park Lane Hotel, Denver, Feb. 18-20.

Dr. John Monteith, jr., of the Green Section, was among the speakers at the greenkeepers' conference.

O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, was unable to attend, but the paper he had prepared was read in his absence.