

in shorts. Why? Can the boys keep their minds on the game that way? The shorts mean attraction, don't they? Who dressed them that way? And how about taking them back to town? No, I think the careful club will avoid the employment of girl caddies.

Clubs and their officials must plan carefully, and prepare the membership for the idea that they may have to do a little "lugging" of those clubs themselves. We can't afford to have anyone point to golf as a consumer of necessary labor. We don't want the finger of "hoarder" pointed at us.

We will have to give up many of our caddies to war work. Regardless of how "soft" we may be, or how much money we possess to hire someone to do our undesirable job, many of us will either give up golf, or do the job ourselves—or use a bag carrier on wheels.

USGA Urges Clubs To Provide Golf For Army Camps

A USGA announcement dated March 26 tells that the association is now urging local and sectional golf associations and golf clubs to assume responsibility for the establishment of golf practice facilities for men in the Army within the bounds of their camps and training stations. Official USGA action on the practice range idea for training centers to help promote wholesome recreation, physical fitness and morale continues the planning begun last fall when GOLFDOM circulated among officials of men and women's district golf associations a proposal that the associations consider a plan to collect used clubs and balls to be turned over to servicemen for golf practice ranges.

The USGA, with the cooperation of Army officers, has compiled a list of larger camps where installation of golf facilities might be most feasible and desirable. Accordingly, members of the Executive Committee and certain sub-committees have drafted a list of recommendations under the general head, "Golf for the Armed Services," which they are sending to golf organizations located near these camps.

The highly successful golf practice range project at Camp Gordon, Ga., described in March GOLFDOM, and the realization of the popularity of the game at other camps where golf facilities al-

ready existed, was a motivating factor in the USGA move to get organized golf to provide our servicemen this type of recreation on a much broader scale. Clubs, or golf associations who have not received the USGA release outlining these recommendations may obtain same by addressing the USGA, 73 E. 57th St., New York City.

Heavy Winter Play Spurs Golf Promotion Classes

IT'S been a good year for winter golf play in the Kansas City district, according to recent word from that section. Players who were 'out' whenever weather permitted missed only two weekends this past season. This heavy winter golf play in the district has also worked in very well with a golf promotion idea originated by Harry Railsback, supt. of K. C. muny courses, who worked in conjunction with John Moore, president, Board of Park Commissioners.

An indoor golf school was held each Tuesday and Friday during the month of February at the K. C. Municipal Auditorium. Two classes were handled each of these nights—a beginners class from 7 until 8:30, and the advanced group, from 8:30 till 9:30. From 200 to 250 students attended each of these sessions. All were required to register at each session, and the entire series was conducted on a very efficient and workmanlike basis. Nearly all the Kansas City pros attended these classes, offering free instruction.

Considerable enthusiasm for the classes was plainly evident among the students, and it is expected this 'pepping-up' will transform itself into actual play when the regular outdoor season gets under way. About 80% of the students were women.

Nearly Sixty Attend Iowa Greens Short Course

BETWEEN 55 and 60 turfmen attended the recent annual greenkeepers short course at Iowa State College, Ames. This total, while considerably under the usual attendance for this course, was equal to the average of the other short courses being held at ISC this year.

Dr. K. A. Welton, agronomy dept., Ohio Agricultural Experiment station, got the program under way with a fine presen-

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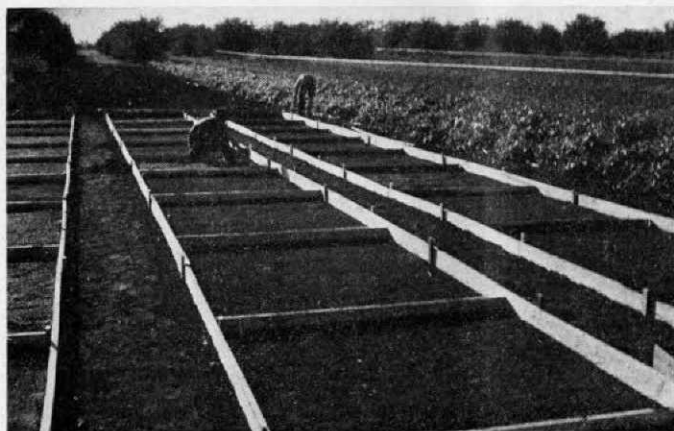
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tation on the control of weeds in lawns and fairways. His data on the use of arsenate of lead was especially interesting to the greenkeepers in that it showed the differential between the killing action on bluegrass and some of the weeds. Dr. Welton pointed out that fertilizers and proper care of grass were more important than the use of chemicals to kill weeds.

Dr. L. C. Chadwick, floriculture dept.,

Ohio State U., spoke on the fertilization of trees, shrubs, and evergreens. He spent considerable time pointing out the need for proper soil condition before fertilizers are applied and followed this with material on the methods of fertilization (surface, crowbar method of punching holes, the method of air blasts and water pressure). This talk was especially well received by the entire group.

Paul Sandahl, executive secretary of the



View of some of the bent grass test plots at the Iowa State College fine turf gardens.



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Des Moines Park System, presented data from the two demonstration plots in the D. M. park system. He pointed out that all of the fertilizers, regardless of combination, were an improvement over the unfertilized plot, both as to the type of grass and the length of time the grass stayed green; i. e., the period of brown grass in midsummer was shortened through the use of fertilizers. The point particularly noticeable was the reduction in the weeds in the plot.

Remedy For Winter-Injured Turf

The data from the Iowa State College fine turf project indicated that fertilizers, and watering carefully were the best methods found during the past year to renovate winter-injured turf. Also, data was presented to show that C15, one of the newer grasses, seems to be particularly susceptible to mercury treatment and should be handled very carefully during hot weather. The strains of bent, C19, C15, C17 and C36, were most outstanding on the ISC fine turf plot during the past year.—S. W. Edgecombe.

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