

Iowa Greenkeepers Discuss Wartime Jobs

ON TUESDAY, June 15, the annual meeting of the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. was held at Des Moines G&CC, with Bill Keating in charge.

The late spring has troubled Iowa greenkeepers. There was little real golf weather in May. The winter was long and steadily cold. Bent grass greens in this area suffered considerable damage.

The bent grass strains growing in the turf garden at Ames showed some remarkable differences in their resistance to winter-kill. In Area A, which was planted in September, 1939, the plots were scored on April 22, May 3 and 20. The grass has made some progress, but the growth has been slow because of unseasonable weather. The bent grass strains which were badly hurt have not fully recovered. The strains which came through with the least winter injury in Area A are as follows—C15, C1, C19 and Washington. The strains which were badly hurt include C36 and C17.

In Area E, planted in September, 1941, the resistance to winter injury was variable which may in part be due to location or soil or both.

Fertilizer tests on bluegrass were started this spring in cooperation with the Green Section of the USGA. The Section furnished the materials and suggested the plot arrangement which was followed. Twelve different fertilizers and combinations of fertilizers are included in the experiment, using thirty 10x10 foot plots. The object is to compare fertilizers of inorganic origin with those of organic origin on bluegrass.

The 10 strains of bent grass, which we received in 1941 from Dr. H. B. Musser of the Penn. Agr. Expt. Sta., State College, Penn., all made an excellent growth in 1942 in the nursery row. These strains were planted in triplicate 6x6 foot plots in Sept. of 1942. These grasses all wintered well and several strains are at this writing completely filled out. One series in this area will be grown without treatments for brown patch and dollar spot. These Pennsylvania bents vary a great deal in their habit of growth, vigor, color and size of blade.

The labor situation hasn't eased very much. Some high school boys are taking employment on golf courses. This will help. The members of our country clubs are

busy people but they understand the labor situation and will in many instances cooperate with the greenkeeper in doing a moderate amount of work when needed. In one instance members have volunteered to help apply top-dressing. A gang of men can do a lot of useful work in a short time if the work is properly organized and supervised.

Those of you who have victory gardens will, we trust, be able to bring them through successfully. Three things need to be stressed at this time—(1) get the weeds when they are small (2) thin such vegetables as spinach, swiss chard, beets and carrots (3) be on the lookout for insect pests. Strike them early. There is little that can be done if the insect population is heavy before going all out against their depredations. For aphids, a 0.5% rotonone dust applied every 7 days is recommended. Potato bugs, cabbage worms, and leaf hoppers are controlled by a dust of 10 parts dusting sulphur and 1 part lead arsenate. If sulphur is not available, gypsum or "spent" hydrated lime may be used with the arsenate.

Golf in Broad Program at Camp Gordon

PFC. WILLIAM F. (Bill) LYNCH, well known in pro golf, has been assigned to take charge of the Enlisted Men's golf course at Camp Gordon, Ga. The course is a 9-hole one and has a 36 hole practice putting course and 20 matt driving tee. The practice green and range was suggested by Maj. (then Capt.) Bob Jones when he visited the course near Augusta (Ga.) last year. Members of the Augusta National club financed the construction of the practice green and range and supplied clubs and balls.

Bill is giving golf instruction daily to soldiers. The course and practice facilities are very popular with men at Camp Gordon.

Among the uses of golf at the Georgia camp are in the recreation program for convalescent soldiers, in charge of Lieut. Anthony C. Reiger of the Physiotherapy Dept. This use of the game recalls the experience of Maj. Thomas Donaldson Ar-

"Our members still need and enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, green grass, trees, shrubs, and singing birds. So I say let's keep that in mind and not bother our club officials who are already in most instances snowed under with war problems of their own, any more than is absolutely necessary with operating details. Give them the best possible under the circumstances and I'm sure they will enjoy the more their few hours of relaxation."

—J. L. Haines, Superintendent,
Denver (Colo.) CC.

mour who as a battered casualty in World War I applied himself intensely to golf study and practice in diverting his mind from his troubles Tommy's application not only developed him as one of the world's greatest golfers but directed his genius to the simplification and crystallization of golf swing theories that have stood the test of years as fundamentals.

Private Lynch says the Camp Gordon layout is excellent as an Army post golf establishment. He remarks "we have a beautiful golf shop, in which there are a lot of old golf magazines that the boys eat up." He asks for old golf books and magazines, assuring that any shipped to him at the Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga, golf course "certainly will be put to good use."

Bill also writes: "We are in great need of some old golf balls. If we could get some more the boys would have a hell of a swell time from golf as a relaxation from hard work at soldiering."

Lynch's request for old golf balls is the usual thing. It is plain that despite the popularity of golf at army camps and navy stations and the wise provision generally made by authorities in supplying needed sports equipment to men in uniform, no arrangements have been made to provide golf balls.

Urge Nationwide Tourneys for Red Cross July 4

NATIONAL Sports Advisory committee of the Red Cross has broadcast an appeal to all golf associations to promote to the utmost the July 4th week-end "Hale America" tourneys in their districts.

Last year, golf raised \$101,300 from 851 reported tourneys at clubs nationwide. Grantland Rice, chairman, and John Kieran, vice-chairman, of this season's independence Day events are hopeful for an

even better showing in 1943.

"Every course in the country," says Rice, "whether public or private, is asked to conduct a Red Cross benefit tournament among its members. Suggested entry fee is \$1 (perhaps 50c at public courses). All fees are to be delivered to the nearest local Red Cross chapter. Red Cross prize certificates for each separate event may be obtained free, along with posters and other information, on application to American Red Cross, Nat'l Sports Advisory Comm., 1 E. 57th St., New York City."

Clubs are urged to get certificates and materials at once.

Biggest Golf Plant Asks Members Help on Grounds

MEMBERS of Olympia Fields CC (Chicago district) have been invited by letter to come out in golfing regalia plus a pair of canvas gloves and help the green-keeping force get the grounds in attractive condition.

The invitation says:

"It has decided to give one afternoon—at least 4 hours—of time of each well conditioned member who can possibly get there to help the groundkeeper, the gardener, and the greenkeeper to clean up the place. Removing leaves from hedges, cleaning traps, raking the lawn, clearing flower beds of leaves, and doing whatever may be indicated in the eyes of the triumvirate who is responsible for the beauty of Olympia's gardens, grounds, fairways and greens in making them more fair and more beautiful. Because of the shortage of help this year, our help is very much needed, and we are preparing to meet that need."

Sell \$365,000 in Bonds—The Ulen CC, Lebanon, Ind., held a party in honor of its members in the armed services. Harold Van Orman former lieut. gov. of Indiana, was auctioneer at a bond drive at the dinner, which sold more than \$365,000 in war bonds. Lebanon's population is 6,257.

"Gay Nineties" Parties Popular—Meridian Hills CC (Indianapolis, Ind.) is finding that foresight pays. Winter "horse and buggy" parties at which members got to the clubhouse from bus and carline stops by being hauled the rest of the way by club hay wagons brought out big crowds to affairs flavored by Gay Nineties type of entertainment.