

Caddies, college and high school golfers, and junior members account for approximately a million golfers now in uniform. Older golfers now in uniform are estimated to number about 250,000.

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## Green Section Plans National Expansion

**M**ANY research problems of the USGA's Green Section and of the Dept. of Agriculture's Division of Forage Crops are similar, since both are interested in grasses. Close collaboration of the two organizations has been in effect for some time. Now the USGA, in an effort to make the Green Section's program more national in scope, is promoting a plan to develop cooperative turf investigations with some half dozen state experiment stations, selected on the basis of each station's location in the U. S.

Some turf experts have felt for some time that confining Green Section research projects to the locality of Washington, D. C., was all right so far as results for Washington and areas of similar growing conditions are concerned, but hardly represented the national picture. Confirming investigations are needed in areas with different climatic conditions, different soils and different growing seasons.

Toward this end, the Green Section committee of the USGA has sent letters to all greenkeeping superintendents organizations asking them to suggest experiment stations in their sections of the country where cooperative studies might be instituted. In many states close working arrangements are already in effect between local greenkeeping groups and the stations, and it is hoped that cooperation with the new national Green Section organization will permit fitting results of parallel investigations into a more valuable national picture.

For the duration of the emergency, however, the USGA's budget is too seriously curtailed to permit contribution of much in the way of funds to the state experiment stations; so the Green Section's ambition for a while is merely to set up informal cooperation in which the Section will serve as a clearing-house for ideas on work that may be established or continued in spite of curtailments, and for results of research now under way. If foundations are laid now, it will be possible when conditions return to normal

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to make the most efficient use of time and money in getting under way a coordinated turf research program in various sections of the country.

**BEN HOGAN** has given golfers a new approach to the correct golf swing in an article in the March issue of *Esquire*. Ben uses a couple of ordinary belts, one of which is buckled comfortably around the arms above the elbows, while the other goes around the legs just above the knees.

"When you're harnessed properly," says Ben, "you don't have to think of a thing except not starting the swing by lifting the club. Go back as far as your body will twist, with the ball of the left foot in firm contact with the ground. Don't try to hit hard."

After not many trials, Hogan says, a golfer will get to know the feel of a good swing and can adopt it to his game without the harness.

**Big Business**—In a "Midwinter Communication" to members of the Detroit (Mich.) GC, Pres. Arthur J. Lacey presents a report on golf club wartime activities that will stack up alongside any other wartime performance record by a civilian sport organization, and possibly stand at the top of sport organization wartime service performances.

Last year the club paid approximately \$80,000 in various taxes. It did a business of over \$500,000 in 1942.

**Midwest to Meet**—Midwest Greenkeepers Assn., presidents and green-chairmen of clubs in the Chicago district and others interested in course maintenance will meet at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, April 6, for an evening discussion of golf course operating conditions and plans. O. J. Noer of the Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee, and Herb Graffis of GOLFDOM will address the meeting on their observation of specific conditions and plans at golf clubs throughout the country.

**Solves Help Problem**—Henry C. Glissmann, operator of four fee-courses in Omaha, Neb., is solving his 1943 help problem by hiring men past middle age and their sons younger than draft age. The family income is enough to make the jobs very attractive, especially since Glissmann has rented houses for the help, with grounds where the employees can have their gardens and raise chickens. Glissmann sees that the help gets off-season jobs elsewhere.