

established, the *Zoysia* is a very drought-resistant grass, it is obvious that in order to initiate and accelerate good stolon development it is wise to use water as consistently as when planting the bents or any other grasses vegetatively. In planning a nursery, therefore, it should be so located that water facilities are conveniently at hand.

For use on tees it will be necessary, because of the slow growth of the *Zoysia* to establish sod nurseries of it and subsequently sod the tees with the well established turf. In this way the grass is readily established on the tees and should be able at once to resist weed invasions as well as the wear and tear of the game.

The Green Section has selected and increased numerous strains of both species of *Zoysia*. Some of these are being increased in nursery rows this year in order that at least small amounts may be available to member clubs which are interested in experimenting with the potentialities of *Zoysia* under their conditions. It is to be hoped that, through breeding, the cold resistance of *Zoysia japonica* can be combined with the fine texture of *Zoysia matrella*. With this idea in mind, the Green Section has furnished vegetative material of both species to the Indiana and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Stations, at both of which institutions there are well trained men interested in the breeding of superior strains of turf grasses particularly for use on tees and fairways.—USGA Green Sections, Timely Turf Topics.

Ohio GA Stages Clinic and Tournament

★ OHIO GOLF ASSN. held its first annual clinic and championship of club champions at Scioto CC, Columbus, Aug. 25-26 with good attendance of state golf presidents and club champions.

John B. Gillespie, pres., Ohio GA, at the clinic said that plans for expansion of the idea to have other club officials, pros, greenkeepers and managers at the next annual session already were taking form. One suggestion advanced was that club officials bring club financial statements for discussion and comparison. Harold B. Donley, Scioto pres., and Gillespie, a previous Scioto pres., paid tribute to their own club's department heads in endorsing the proposal that the clinic field be expanded to have the executive and operating officials of clubs of the state get together for an annual business session.

Harry Moffitt, pres., Ohio Section PGA, made an excellent presentation of the pros' collective effort to promote golf. Harry detailed difficulties in the pros' job of trying to get the public acquainted with the steady advance in golf instruction results. Moffitt explained considerable of the

backstage operations and troubles of pros during wartime. Sharp drop in sales made it tough for many of the pros to get by.

Greenkeepers Work Appreciated

Evidence of considerable improvement in greenkeeper public relations was cited. The players could see how excellently courses had been maintained despite war conditions, and for the first time clearly realized what a task the greenkeepers were performing.

L. W. St. John, director of athletics of Ohio State university spoke on "Inter-collegiate Golf." Basing his opinions on the great growth of golf interest at Ohio State's 36-hole establishment St. John forecast a big place for the schools in golf's enlargement.

Emphasis on strictly business operations of municipal golf, with political pressure applied only to assure that golfers got efficiently run establishments without adding to taxpayers' loads, was said by Mayor James A. Rhodes of Columbus, to be the only acceptable policy for many golf these days. Rhodes can cite the Columbus public courses as first class examples of the application of this policy. He is a former caddie who still plays in the high seventies. In Ohio they're talking about the Rhodes business handling of Columbus civic problems and his personality as indicating he is destined for national political prominence.

The Mayor has taken personal interest in the many course caddie situation as affording an opportunity for the citizenship training of kids. His references to the caddie matters stirred considerable discussion on caddie training and management. In some places high school coaches were engaged as caddie-masters for the summer. Several instances were cited of the caddie situation being better handled when pros' wives took over during the wartime absence of their husbands. Several golf club presidents spoke of the possible qualifications of women for caddie-master jobs at clubs where experience has not been satisfactory.

Golf Double by 1949?

Herb Graffis, GOLFDOM'S editor, spoke on "The Future of Golf." Graffis declared that estimates based on reports from army and navy sports authorities and industrial recreation executives, together with other data, pointed to the probability of the number of golfers being doubled by 1949. He said that if all of the nation's present 2,250,000 decided to play on one day there would not be enough courses for them. Daily total play capacity of all U. S. courses is less than 1,500,000. He referred to the plans and inquiries for new courses now receiving the attention of golf course architects as being more numerous than during the boom years of the twenties.