

GSA Annual Meet

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cational and research phases of greenkeeping, in most of the addresses at Cleveland. Dr. H. B. Musser of Pennsylvania State college advocated drastic revisions and extensions in the greenkeeping educational facilities in his address on "The Short Course as a Training Medium and Source of Technical Information on Turf Problems." Musser referred to numerous inquiries from war veterans who wanted to study course maintenance under the GI Bill of Rights educational provisions. J. E. Morley, regional supervisor of the U. S. Dept. of Labor also spoke on the problem of apprentice training in supplying golf with the good men it needs. The employees' training problem has been one of great perplexity and demands during the war and shows no signs of easing. The certain increase in use of machinery and chemicals in golf course work made especially interesting the convention address of Judge Lee. E. Skeel, pres., Cleveland Safety Council, on "The Safety Factor in Accident Prevention."

This matter of making golf course maintenance work more attractive to desirable young men, as well as retaining the competent experienced men, was mentioned in the USGA Green Section annual report by Fielding Wallace, chmn. of that section, in advising club officials of the situation that was bound to be spotlighted at the GSA affair. Wallace bluntly set forth that golf cant expect to get the sort of course maintenance it needs unless there's a warranted revision in the traditional scale of greenkeepers' salaries.

That realism of the USGA Green Section was further indicated by the close connection of the USGA with two developments that were subjects of GSA papers; "The Regional Cooperative Research Program," by Dr. O. A. Aamodt, head agronomist in charge, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Research administration, who is head man on the government's end of the government-USGA collaboration; and the ad-

dress by Dr. G. O. Mott, executive sec., Purdue university. Dr. Mott spoke on the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, a very attractive phase of the Green Section's new regional cooperative policy.

One paper scheduled for delivery at the convention was cancelled by the grounding of a plane bringing Dr. James Tyson to Cleveland. Tyson was to speak on "Importance of Water and Air Drainage in Turf Production and Maintenance."

Probably of greatest general interest to golfers would have been the address of Wm. H. Johnson, supt. of Los Angeles' Griffith Park municipal course. Johnson spoke on "Some Trends on Municipal Golf," and in telling of progress and problems in that direction brought out that public course players now expect—and frequently get—course conditions superior to those of the best private clubs a couple of decades ago. The vast and speedy growth of public golf Johnson believes is only in its earlier stages and will be the strongest factor in more than doubling the number of the nation's golfers within the next few years. Other authoritative forecast of the imminent great growth of the game was made in the talk by Howard Dwight Smith, head advisory architect for the American Commission on Living War Memorials.

Papers presented at the educational conference will appear in GOLFDOM, from time to time, and will show the trend of today's growing importance of the turf field.

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