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\$2,000 which the Coastal Station will use in turf improvement over a period of 5 years. The grant was made known to the group in a letter from Col. Lee S. Read, Pres., Southern Golf Assn. Committee members in attendance revealed that similar action is being taken by the Georgia State Golf Assn. and additional support sought from the Florida Golf Assn.

Impressed with the work being accomplished by the Coastal Station, the committee agreed to seek donations from manufacturers with the help of the USGA Green Section in obtaining badly needed machinery. Especially needed, the committee was told, are a power putting green mower, power lawn mower, a power screen to prepare topdressing, and irrigation equipment. Also strongly stressed was the need for a turf superintendent to maintain turf plots at the station at a salary of \$2,000 to \$2,400.

In cooperation with the Advisory committee, the Coastal station is preparing a turf conference or short course in late May or early June of 1947 for all professionally interested in better turf.

The turf program at Tifton is supported at present by grants from the USGA Green Section, USDA Bureau of Plant Industry, the Southern Golf Assn. and by far the largest portion by the station itself.

Committeemen expressed upon the meeting's conclusion their great encouragement at the prospects of a far-reaching, broad turf development program for the entire Southeast.

Attending the conference were: Hall, Baumgardner, Kendree, Ritchey, Grau, Wilson, Matthews, Landrum, Deavy, Rogers, and Zawn of the Advisory Committee and from the Coastal Station R. L. Carter, H. J. Hodsen, Director George King and Dr. G. W. Burton.

GREEN SECTION ASKS CASH HELP

Officials of all district and state golf associations have received from Fielding Wallace, chmn., Green Section, USGA, a letter asking for cooperation in financing the extended and intensified national program of turf research and advisory service. The Southern and Georgia golf associations already have contributed to a regional program.

In his letter Wallace mentions as one of the needs of course maintenance that of training more young men for the job. There's a shortage of young men now in the profession. As an indication of the existing situation A. L. Brandon, sec., GSA, recently noted that the average age of that association's members was 45.

Wallace's letter:

"The USGA Green Section has launched

a broad national turf program of cooperative research, education and advisory service. The program is based on cooperation with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry; State agricultural experiment stations; The Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn.; the PGA; and all other groups, including industry, which are vitally interested in turf development. The Green Section will act as a focal point for correlation of projects, for dissemination of results, and as a source of suggestions and many experimental materials.

"Decentralization of the experimental work obviously is wise so that the major problems can be attacked in the sections where they exist. Variations in soils, climate, and species of grasses emphasize the need for this policy. A considerable portion of Green Section funds will be allotted to cooperating institutions where turf research is made a part of their program. By this method, advisory service to member clubs will be greatly expanded.

"We have been informed that many state and district golf associations may have surplus funds which may not be needed for ordinary operations. These funds might be used to assist the Green Section further to expand the Turf Development program, thereby realizing more fully the value of 'Better Turf for Better Golf.' An example of this suggested financial assistance has come to reality only recently. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the USGA, Richard Tufts, a member of that committee, reported that the Southern Golf Assn. has approved the expenditure of \$2,000 to support the work of the Green Section now being conducted cooperatively with the Georgia Coastal Plain experiment station, Tifton, Ga. This appropriation will be paid to the USGA Green Section at the rate of \$400 a year for 5 years for use at the Tifton Station. We congratulate the Southern Golf Assn. for their foresight and for this action.

"We wish to commend the Georgia State Golf Assn. also. Hugh D. Carter, Jr., Pres.,

has just announced that a contribution from them to the amount of \$500 has been approved for expenditure at the Tifton Station at the rate of \$100 a year for 5 years.

"The Green Section recognizes the need for training more young men in the turf profession and actively is encouraging training programs at state agricultural colleges. The additional work made possible by contributions from golf associations will go far to encourage these training programs.

"Cooperative investigations, supported by USGA Green Section research grants and by new materials, are in progress at several stations, including Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Purdue, Georgia, and Florida. Additional cooperative work is planned for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon and California, as soon as funds and personnel are available.

"It will be appreciated if this letter is brought to the attention of the Executive committee of your golf association, with a request for comments or questions. We shall be pleased to advise you of any recent developments in cooperative work in your area."

LITTLEFIELD TO BE RE-ELECTED USGA PRESIDENT

Nominations for 1948 administration of USGA, which are tantamount to election, have been submitted by the USGA Nominating committee, for voting at the association's annual meeting, Jan. 11, Waldorf-Astoria, N. Y.

Charles B. Littlefield, Montclair (N.J.) GC is proposed for re-election as pres. Re-elected as vps. will be Francis Ouimet and Fielding Wallace, as sec., Isaac B. Grainger and as treas., Daniel A. Freeman, Jr. General counsel again will be James H. Douglas, Jr. On the executive committee will be 5 members from the east, 3 from the mid-west, 2 from the Pacific slope and 3 from the south; a division proportionate to USGA membership and in accordance with

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