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doesn't have to worry about them for a few hours, until ten o'clock or so, when he worries about a change on them. If they run 3 or 4 hours we don't worry, either. We figure on at least two-and-a-half hours.

Al Linkogel, Westwood CC, St. Louis, Mo., after his address on "Tee Maintenance on Private Courses" remarked: In establishment of Zoysia, I don't think you have to worry about crabgrass. I haven't. That was one reason I put it on Number 8 tee. It was down low in the valley and there was very little irrigation and I couldn't keep bent and bluegrass there, and that is one reason why I put Zoysia on that tee. You can never see a spear of crabgrass on Zoysia. It is thick all around it but not on the Zoysia and that is one reason I am so enthused about it.

**QUESTION:** If Zoysia is a slow-grower, wouldn't that be a disadvantage in putting it on a one-shotter and filling in the divots?

**LINKOGEL:** No, I also have it on one of our shortest holes. It is 125 yards, a par-3 hole, and they don't take very many divots out of Zoysia grass after it is once established, and with very little care you keep a pretty good tee on your short holes, and this tee of mine is not any too large.

**QUESTION:** I am under the impression that Zoysia produces a deep mat. Is that not objectionable to the stance of the golfer on a tee?

**LINKOGEL:** If you cut it too long it will produce a pretty heavy mat, but you want to cut it short because it will stand a short cutting, and you want to keep it cut down short.

*At GSA convention*

**CLUB "HOLDS THE LINE"**

**Fort Wayne CC Cited by Newspaper as Island in Inflation Sea**

Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC is possibly the best publicized country club in the world. Sec.-mgr. Carl J. Suedoff sees to that. Latest of the smartly-angled stories of such general interest they make good reading in Ft. Wayne newspapers is one on the club holding to the pre-war line of initiation fees and dues.

The piece by Ray L. Scherer in the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette reads:

"These days when a nickel beer takes a dime and a five thousand dollar house goes for nine, maybe ten, it's time to ring bells when something pops up that costs the same as it did back in 1940 before the dollar climbed on an escalator.

"There is one of those things in Fort Wayne. There's a catch in it, though—not

everybody can buy it. At least not as many as would like.

"You, the citizen, may not be hugely impressed to learn that annual dues at the Fort Wayne Country Club has remained at a pre-war \$125 per year. Or that the membership fee is still pegged at \$100.

#### Clubs of "Best" People

"It may, however, tickle your civic pride to know that the club's dues are, dollar for dollar, the lowest in the Middle West. Have a look at what other leading country clubs charge. As far as possible the list is confined to comparable clubs—the clubs to which the so-called "best people" belong.

"Dues are \$312.50 for the year at the Milwaukee Country Club. South Bend charges \$162. The Louisville Country Club nets \$180 each year per family. The figure is \$206 for the Portage Country Club near Akron. Closest to the Fort Wayne dues is the \$150 annual fee for the Evansville Country Club. Tax is additional.

"Others are Columbus, (O.) Country Club, \$206; Cincinnati Club, \$250; Sunset Ridge Country Club, Winnetka, Ill., \$324; and Highland Golf and Country Club, Indianapolis, \$240.

"Most of these clubs harpoon members extra fees for dances, use of the pool and other social gimcracks; \$125 at the Fort Wayne establishment covers all these extras.

#### "Junior Family" Dues

"Junior family dues (man and wife under 30) are \$80. This also includes the kids who spend most of their Summer splashing in the pool at the local club. Three lifeguards have little time for flexing muscles in the sun.

"Astute management has permitted various improvements at the club. And all without assessment. The grill underwent a general face-lifting recently. There is a \$22,000 watering system which soaks the fairways every night. The pool cost \$18,000. The annual upkeep bill runs more than \$35,000. The club pays Federal taxes of nearly \$15,000 annually.

Meals start at \$1.75. Members may nibble on a steak for two dollars and a half. Industrialists who bring out-of-town bigwigs to the club for an evening on the town never apologize for the cuisine.

"Since Fort Wayne has no city club—like Indianapolis' Columbia Club or Athletic Club—local executives usually trot their guests out west to the FWCC when they want to talk about pumps or pistons or silk hose.

"Quest, Rotary and the Executives Club use the country club in lieu of a downtown watering place. It's no secret that the powers behind the country club will be delighted to unload some of their hosting on an uptown caravansery—like, say South Bend's University Club.

"In 1940 Life magazine found the FWCC 'not the greatest or the least of American country club . . . but typical of most.' Today Life would find it unchanged. Some of the boys who took the 'girls home in station wagons or shiny roadsters with the tops down' did not come back from the wars and all of the pretty girls in Life's layout are married.

"But the membership roster of some 400 families is still closed. There's still a waiting list of at least 60. Vacancies spring up rarely—somebody dies or moves from Fort Wayne. New members must still pass muster before the board and membership committee, must be considered 'acceptable.'

"Lest you be carried away with the small potatoes it costs to carry a membership card in Fort Wayne's plushiest country club, there's hardly a member who hasn't nudged the gentleman sitting next to him somewhere around the 19th hole and confided, 'You know, it not the \$125 cost that gets me, it's the upkeep . . .'"

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