

SOUTHERN CALIF. SUPERINTENDENTS INSPECT OJAI

Southern California Golf Course Supts. Assn. looked over the completed first 9 and second 9 nearing completion at beautiful Ojai Valley CC as guests of Ojai's supt., Paul Adessi. The inspection tours and meetings of the association's 61 members are considered by supts., club officials and members one of the most valuable contributions made in recent years to golf in the sunkist sector. Southern California supts', campaign to get turf research established at UCLA finally scored with cooperation of George Armstrong, pres., SCGA, and C. C. Simpson, chmn., green section of the SCGA. The campaign begun in the administration of Bill Stewart of Hillcrest, as the supts', president and achieved initial success this year under administration of Wm. Beresford, Los Angeles CC supt. A check for \$5790 has been sent to UCLA by the Southern California GA. Turf research plans call for a \$6000 yearly program for 5 years. Clubs and other turf interests have committed themselves to monthly contributions which will be collected by SCGA.

7. HASTENING TRANSITION FROM RYE GRASS TO BERMUDA AND VICE VERSA:

It is hoped that this problem may receive some study in the Winter and Spring of 1948. Here again more help is needed.

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHERN TURF GRASSES:

The part 2, 4-D may play in this problem was studied in a limited way in 1947. A summarization of some of the findings is being published in Timely Turf Topics. Other materials and cultural methods should be tested. More of this work could be conducted with adequate personnel.

9 EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS CHEMICAL FUNGICIDES AND HERBI-CIDES UPON SOUTHERN GRASSES SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED:

Such studies cannot be conducted with the present limited personnel.

Funds already contributed or pledged to operation of the Tifton golf turf program total \$4960 of which \$800 is from the USGA Green section, \$400 from the Southern GA, \$1000 pledged by Atlanta Athletic club, \$150 from Florida GA, \$100 from Georgia GA, \$100 from Pinehurst, Inc. and \$10 from Augusta Woman's National Assn.

The Southern GA points out that USGA Green section contributions can be increased only with an increase in USGA membership in the region. Tribute is paid to Fred Grau of the Green section for his work with Dr. Burton in getting the Tifton experiments organized and advanced.

Further details of the Southern GA campaign for better golf turf and fewer serious problems of turf maintenance in the region may be secured from Col. Lee S. Read, sec.treas., SGA, 315 S. 5th St., Louisville 2, Ky.

Southern Turf Problems on Docket at Nashville

Southern Turf Assn. conference at U. of Tennessee Agricultural Experiment station, Knoxville, Jan. 6 and 7, will bring an array of experts before a large attendance from Tennessee and neighboring states. J. K. Underwood, assoc. agronomist of the station, arranged the program.

Among featured speakers will be Dr. Eric Winters of the U. of T. College of Agriculture, O. J. Noer, Fred Grau, J. A. DeFrance, Glenn W. Burton and Charley Danner. Danner, sec. of the Southern Turf Assn. and pro-supt., Richland CC, Nashville, will talk on converting winter greens to summer greens and vice versa. De-France will tell of crabgrass control. Noer will speak on water management. Burton will present the story of turf research for the southeast. Winters will speak on turf in relation to Tennessee soil conditions.

Time for discussions and a round table session is scheduled.

The meeting will conclude with the annual meeting and banquet of the Southern Turf Assn. at the Andrew Johnson hotel.