

have found better, steadier jobs and he has to start a difficult season with a "green" crew. I hope that this situation does not exist at your club.

I hope you will forgive me for my frankness in writing you like this. If our teachings and our new findings are to be of value to your course there must be provided continuous interchange of ideas and discussion on a mutual basis — and when you are tempted to write to us for information make sure that your greenkeeper first has the chance to provide it. He may know the answer better than we do most of the time. If he doesn't, then let him help you write the letter so that we can better understand the problem and each other.

Please try to understand that our sole desire is to help you provide a better golf course for your members and that the most direct and the only way we know how to do it is through your greenkeeper.

Sincerely, Yours for Better Turf.

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### **Minnesota Greenkeepers to Tell Business to Bosses**

March 17 at the annual Minnesota Turf conference the state's greenkeepers association will have a business lunch for club officials and members, and an afternoon session at which the business management of course maintenance will be set forth so the greenkeepers' bosses may have golf course upkeep interpreted in terms comparable with those of their own respective businesses.

Few club officials and fewer members have any idea of the organization and technical knowledge required in maintaining a golf course. The comparatively short time officers and committee members are in office and the reluctance of the dues-paying official to be exposed to work or worry at the club present a unique situation between course superintendent and unpaid executive. Minnesota greenkeepers are convinced operations would be improved for clubs and men responsible for courses if problems of finance, labor, taxes, cost accounting systems, course maintenance and use, turf research application and overall club operating problems were set forth for explanation and discussion.

Nationally noted authorities have been invited to speak on specialized phases of course management in its relation to the official and player.

### **Washington State Holds Second Annual Turf Conference**

Second Annual Turf Conference to be held at the State College of Washington, Pullman, is scheduled for Feb. 16 and 17 following the annual GSA meeting in Los Angeles. Fred Grau, Dir., USGA Green Section will head the list of speakers appearing on the two-day program. Others appearing on the annual GSA program have been invited to take part in the Washington meeting. Greenkeepers in the Spokane area cooperating with the College in developing the conference program are H. T. Abbott, Supt. of Parks, Spokane; Louis J. Schmidt of the Indian Canyon Club; W. C. Brusseau, Down River GC; and Glen Proctor of the Manito G and GC and J. Harrison of the Hayden Lake Club, Hayden Lake, Idaho.

### **1949 Winter Turf Conferences**

- Jan. 5-7—Northeastern Weed Control Conference, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y.
- Jan. 6—Southern Turf Assn. Conference, Univ. of Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.
- Jan. 13-14—Mid-Atlantic Assn. of Greenkeepers, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.
- Jan. 29—USGA Green Section Committee Annual Meeting, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 4—18th Annual Turf Short Course, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N. J.
- Feb. 1-2—Oklahoma-Texas Turf Conference, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.
- Feb. 7-11—20th Annual GSA Turf Conference and Show, Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Feb. 16-17—Second Annual Turf Conference, State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash.
- Feb. 21-24—18th Annual Turf Conference, Penn. State College, State College, Pa.
- Mar. 1-4—Cornell University Turf Conference, Ithaca, N. Y.
- Mar. 7-9—Purdue Turf Conference and MRTF, Purdue Univ., Lafayette Indiana.
- Mar. 10-12—Massachusetts State College Turf Conference, Amherst, Mass.
- Mar. 14-16—Iowa Turf Conference, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
- Mar. 17-18—Minnesota Turf Conference, Minneapolis, Minn.