



### MIKE AT THE MIKE ON SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mike Murra's 25th anniversary as pro at Wichita (Ks.) CC was celebrated nearly on Mike's 50th birthday. Dave Truffelli, Crestview CC pro who arrived in Wichita the same day as Murra, Tex Consolver and other pros and their wives joined with Wichita CC members who tossed the surprise party for Mike, also tossed gifts including a pile of silver dollars. Mrs. Murra is at Mike's left.

interest is in what kind of golf course there is. Watch the pride of a member when showing his guests around the golf course. Later, guests are taken into the clubhouse and meet the manager and to the pro shop and meet the pro. Chances are they may never meet the man responsible for the condition of the course—the "greenkeeper."

I have been told there is a lot in a name. Maybe that accounts for the fact that the "greenkeeper" is so much in the background. Even most dictionaries do not recognize the existence of a "greenkeeper." Every year at our turf conferences, outsiders look at our identification badges and say: "Greenkeeping Superintendent? What's that?" Titles do mean something. Years ago the club steward became the club manager, the golf clubmaker became golf professional. Now change "greenkeeper" to golf course superintendent.

Fortunately I am in a position to say that there are exceptions to the above statements and I know of some cases where the golf course superintendent, the professional and the manager are recognized as having the same status.

There are many instances where the term "greenkeeper" is applied to the men actually working on the course in place of the name laborer—which is as it should be. It is quite obvious a distinction should be made between the man in charge and the laborers. In making that distinction let it be befitting the position the superintendent

holds as the No. 1 man at any golf club, as the course without a doubt is the No. 1 item.

Chances are I have left unsaid a lot of things pertaining to the above. If I have, fellows, why not voice your opinions?

### Montana-Wyo. Meet Learns Turf Helped By Skim Milk Powder

Experiments conducted by the Department of Horticulture of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station have indicated considerable benefit to a variety of horticultural plants by soil applications of small quantities of skim milk, Dr. V. E. Iverson, Prof. of Horticulture, told greenkeepers and officials attending the Montana-Wyoming Turf Assn. spring meeting held at the Butte CC, April 16-17.

He said, "with vegetables, skim milk treatment was found to produce the following results: 1. Larger, more fibrous root systems, 2. Larger stems and taller plants with greater leaf areas, 3. Increased early and total yields.

"In 1950 preliminary experiments were conducted to determine the effects of skim milk powder applied at the rate of one pound per 100 square feet, on turf grasses. The results of this small preliminary test indicated the following benefits to a Kenutcky blue grass mixture, and, to a lesser extent, a mixture of colonial bent and creeping fescue: 1. Better color, 2. Increased top development, 3. More fibrous root development.

"Due to the size and limited scope of this