



Golf students at the University of California at Los Angeles are learning more than the fundamentals of the game. Here UCLA golf instructor, Cecil Hollingsworth, is using test plots at the Univ. to teach his students some of the differences in turf and how it affects their game.

UCLA Golf Students Learn About Turf Maintenance

Cecil Hollingsworth, golf instructor at UCLA, is giving his golf students a better than average education on the subject of turf. Hollingsworth not only is qualified to teach golf, but also has a knowledge of turf, which he passes along to his students. Just as the violinist appreciates the value of a Stradivarius to his art, so are these golf students learning an appreciation of the good workmanship that goes into the course on which they play. This double-barreled approach makes for better golfers and is excellent training for future Green Committee members.

Differences in turf affect play. Hollingsworth's students are learning to recognize the differences. They are better equipped to judge whether high scores can be blamed on the condition of the course or the shortcomings of the players. Unavoidable damage to turf from disease is pointed out to the students. They recognize the obstacles Nature put in the path of the superintendent, who is trying to maintain a near perfect turf surface.

Hollingsworth's "turf" instruction pro-

gram is made possible through cooperation of Dr. Verne T. Stoutemyer, Dept. of Ornamental Horticulture. Dr. Stoutemyer started the turf research and extension program at the University. The program was begun originally for the benefit of golf course, athletic field and park superintendents. The turf plots established for demonstration to these men also are the classroom for turf instruction for UCLA golf students. The large, well-planned layout of turf plots provides a comprehensive education in turf maintenance. Numerous strains and varieties of grasses grow side by side in evenly marked out plots. Students compare the texture of the different grasses, learn how texture affects their putts. Some plots demonstrate the effects of different chemicals being tested for control of weeds and diseases. Effects of aerification of turf plots is shown. Students are informed about maintenance practices carried out on the golf course.

Cecil Hollingsworth is well-qualified for his dual instruction job. In partnership



FLOOD OF TROUBLE

When you hear those radio and TV gags about Los Angeles flash floods, you may laugh but not Bill Johnson, supt. of Griffith Park courses. This view of the 18th at the Harding course gives you an idea of what Johnson and his staff are up against after the waters that surge down from surrounding hills make tiny streams raging torrents and leave a fairway covered with tons of mud.

with Gomer (Potlikker) Sims, he owns the Alondra Park GC—a regular 18 hole golf course and a 9 hole pitch and putt course. Successful operation of this enterprise demands a knowledge of both golf and turf.

Hollingsworth feels that information about turf is very much a part of golf instruction. His students are learning how turf affects their game—and how their game affects turf. Appreciation of the amount of effort that goes into maintaining a golf course may make for more considerate players. These students comprehend the difficulties the golf course superintendent is up against, and realize the need for player cooperation. They are aware of the necessary maintenance operations which must be carried out. They recognize the damage caused by natural factors, and understand the problems of the golf course superintendent.

Far too few golfers are aware of the important contributions of research men and course superintendents. Improved playing conditions are brought about by these men; higher standards for the future will be possible through their work. Hollingsworth believes players should know about this phase of golf. He says, "It is definitely in the players' interest to encourage turf research, and recognize the necessity for qualified course superintendents to apply research to improve the game of golf."

John Melady Author of 4 Garden Manuals

John Hayes Melady, widely known among course supts. for his practical knowledge of turf, garden and tree work, and for years with Stumpp and Walter, has written four handbooks that supts. will find well worthy of OK to their members who are seeking answers to home lawn, flower, fruit and vegetable growing problems. There is considerable information that supts. who have club flower garden maintenance as part of the job will find useful.

The books are *Better Lawns for Your Home*, *Better Flowers for Your Home Garden*, *Better Vegetables for Your Home Garden* and *Better Fruits for Your Home Garden*. The fruit book contains tree care information that some men in charge of golf courses can use to good advantage.

The Melady Garden Books are plentifully illustrated. A number of the "how to do" illustrations were drawn by John's daughter Eva who has added to the understandable, simple and fool-proof character of the excellent books. Each book is \$1.50. A boxed set of the four is sold for \$5.95. Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., 1107 Broadway, New York 10, are the publishers.

Each book has a fine index so the reader can locate the answers, easily.