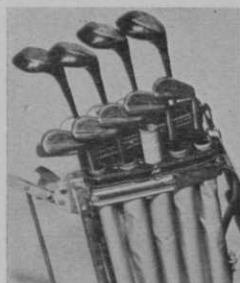


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Athletic Field, Playgrounds Turf Men Active in So. Cal.

By TOM MASCARO

Southern California has many claims to fame. Add to the list that Southern Californians were the first to form an Athletic and Recreational Turf Association. Although it is the first group of its kind, it shows promise of becoming a strong turf association. The organization is built on the spirit of cooperation among the members.

This association had its inception in May 1950, when the Southern California Conference on Turf Culture met at UCLA. The attendance of 275 consisted mainly of turf men from golf clubs in Southern California. Also invited to the meeting

were a number of men from the nearby Schools and Park Departments. It was the first Turf Conference for many of these.

During a question and answer period at the evening meeting, Frank E. Collier requested a showing of hands as to how many would be interested in an organization dealing with Athletic Fields and Recreational Turf Areas. More than 20 responded, and this was the nucleus for the present Athletic Fields and Recreational Turf Association.

An organization committee was formed, and a meeting called on August 24th at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Over 40 were present. Carl Bloomfield presided and an election of officers was held with results as follows:

Pres.—Frank E. Collier, Supt. of Grounds, Occidental College. VP—Charles C. Wenger, Supt. of Landscaping and Gardening, Los Angeles City Schools. Sec.-Treas.—Arthur S. Hicks, Supt. of Grounds and Transportation, California Institute of Technology. Program Chairman—Carl Bloomfield, Supervisor of the Pasadena Rose Bowl.



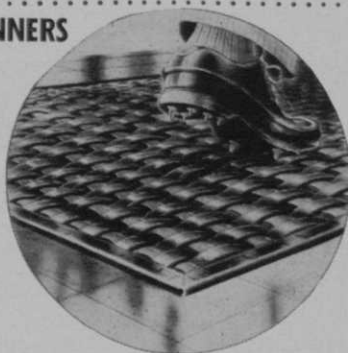
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A January meeting was called of those on the mailing list. At the gathering of about 50, the bylaws were adopted, and the officers elected in August were re-elected for another year.

Bylaws are flexible enough to allow membership of persons attached to many phases of turf maintenance, who normally would not fit into the existing turf organizations. Bylaws call for quarterly meetings. Programs for the past year consisted of field trips with a short business meeting usually held at the noon hour. Dues are \$3.00 per year.

Attendance at meetings has been growing steadily. At the November 14th Conference there were 92 present. A mailing list of 162 is now in use. Men have attended from as far away at Bakersfield, 125 miles to the north, and San Diego, about the same distance to the south.

The primary purpose of the organiza-

tion is to act in cooperation with the UCLA Turf Program, toward the solution of specific turf problems pertaining to the construction, renovation and maintenance of athletic field turf. Secondly, the organization provides opportunity for group discussion of other phases of athletic field operation, such as construction and maintenance of ball diamonds, running track and any other general problems. The experiences and observations brought out in group discussion help the individual superintendent to do his job more efficiently. This work was begun under direct charge of John Gallagher, working under Dr. V. T. Stoutemyer, of the University. Gallagher was of great help to the organization, and is sadly missed since he left for advanced work at Penn State.

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At the 1952 election, Frank Schacht of UCLA succeeded Frank Collier as president. William Ray Noel of El Cameo College became the new Sec-Treas. Charles Wenger again is vice-president.

At the meetings subjects such as pest grasses, fertilizers, aerifying and various new types of equipment are being discussed and demonstrated. Much interest is shown. Growing attendance testifies to the success of the new organization.

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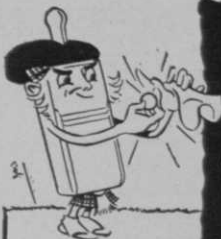
GOLF IN ACTION. By Oscar Fraley, pictures by Charles Yerlow. Price, \$2.95. Published by A. A. Wyn, Inc. 23 W. 47th st., New York 36. — Fraley, United Press sports writer, and a veteran in covering golf, writes terse and helpful comment on more than 770 continuous action pictures taken by Yerlow.

The subjects of the motion pictures are Jug McSpaden, Jimmy Thomson, Lawson Little, Bob Hamilton, Vic Ghezzi, Ray Gafford, Jack Burke, Claude Harmon, Craig Wood, Toney Penna, Johnny Spence, Buck White, Herman Keiser, Al Ciuci and Horton Smith. The grip pictures are especially good, being taken from over each player's shoulders.

Fraley has the fellows illustrating strokes with different clubs and although there actually isn't much difference in the ways the stars individually swing with most of their clubs there are very interesting differences in the styles of the fellows. This is a picture book that will help many pros in their teaching as it gives an abundance of clear pictures that show details the golfers must learn.

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