

## Maxwell Rated Muskogee, Okla., His Toughest Course

Perry Maxwell, noted golf architect, who died in November at Tulsa, Okla., at the age of 73, following a long illness, said the Muskogee (Okla.) CC course was toughest of the 75 he built, although Oakmont (Pa.) CC was the toughest course he ever saw. Maxwell came into golf architecture from the banking business at Ardmore, Okla., when he designed the Dornick Hills course at Ardmore. He was associated with designing of Pine Valley, alteration of Augusta National and rebuilding of 50 other courses.

Maxwell declared the Southern Hills CC course at Tulsa was one of the most beautiful he'd built and that Southern Hills' 12th was the most testing he'd designed.

Maxwell was internationally famed as an architect and was a strong influence in developing a distinctively American type of course. He loved golf and was one of the most interesting and pleasant men in the game and business.

## 42 YEARS ON JOB

George Gordon, 42 years pro at Wannamoisett CC, Providence, R. I., took bows recently in acknowledging greetings his club and its famed guests sent to the party given him on the eve of his 69th birthday.

George came from Scotland in 1911 and went to the job where he's served as a friend and tutor to thousands.

## Midwest Turf Meet at Purdue, March 2-4

Midwest Regional Turf conference will be held at Purdue university, LaFayette, Ind., March 2, 3 and 4. Wm. H. Daniel, exec. sec., Midwest Turf Foundation and in charge of turf research and extension at Purdue has arranged a valuable program which will begin at 10:30 March 2 with a tour of Purdue's new greenhouses.

Registration fee is \$10. Reservations should be made direct to Lafayette hotels.

Among subjects and speakers will be: "Soil Moisture Relations Under Turf" by Dr. J. R. Watson; "Nitrogen Fertilizers—How Much? Where?" by H. B. Musser; "Industry and Today's Turf" by W. H. Daniel; "What Soil Testing Can Do for You" by O. J. Noer; "Putting Grass Roots to Work" by George Gries; "Modern Turf Maintenance" by Fred V. Grau.

March 4 sectional meetings will be held

for supts. of private and public courses, supts. of sports and recreational fields, and for cemetery supts., nurserymen and those interested in industrial and home lawns.

The golf course sectional meetings have programmed treatments of major phases of construction and operation.

## Cleveland Host to Managers' Convention, Feb. 8-11

Club Managers Assn. of America will hold its 26th annual convention at Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, O., Feb. 8-11. CMAA Pres. Page Curran; Bill Tinkoff, pres., Cleveland chapter; Hans Rawe, chmn. of the convention committee of Cleveland managers; and other national and local officials forecast the largest convention the organization has had.

Emphasis is placed on the educational phase of the program with the country club managers in their sectional meetings scheduling addresses and discussions on numerous subjects of urgent importance. Methods of meeting rising operating costs without sacrificing club standard of service, club events and publicity to increase the use of the clubs, modernized uniform accounting, labor problems, tax matters, building, remodeling and furnishing problems and adjustment of operations to get family appeal as a highly satisfactory investment of members' money are among subjects slated for expert attention.

## National Golf Day Set for May 23

The PGA-Life magazine nation-wide tournament established as National Golf Day last year with participants paying \$1 and competing on their club handicaps against Ben Hogan playing Northwood at Dallas, May 31, is to be repeated this year on May 23.

Announcement of the date was made early so clubs could get the event scheduled in their 1953 calendars. Probability is that entrants will be playing against the round Julius Boros plays at Oakmont that day; Oakmont being the course of this year's National Open.

Last year 14,667 people from 2,114 clubs "beat Ben Hogan." More than \$80,000 was raised with 50% going to the USO and 25% thus far being distributed among worthy activities in golf, mainly caddie, military veteran and indigent pro needs.

No definite announcement has been made about setting a special day for a special nation-wide women's event although such plan is under consideration.