



Fellow architects extend greetings to Wm. H. Diddel, newly elected pres. of the American Society of Golf Course architects, shown here shaking hands with Robert Trent Jones. Society members attending annual meeting in St. Augustine, Fla., were (L to R): W. F. Gordon, Wm. B. Langford, Robert F. Lawrence, Diddel, James Gilmore Harrison, Jones, Robert Bruce Harris, David W. Gordon and Wm. F. Bell.

Golf Architects Plan More Golf, Elect Diddel

The American Society of Golf Course Architects in their annual meeting, at Ponce de Leon hotel, St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 18-20, gave considerable study to promotion of more golf with more courses, skillfully designed to present the shotmaking and scenic attractions of the game, and with construction and maintenance costs thrifty.

Wm. Diddel, veteran architect of Indianapolis, Ind., was elected president, James Gilmore Harrison, v-pres., and Robert F. Lawrence, secy.-treas.

The Society discussed minimum consultation fees for their members which would encourage those intending to establish courses to make use of experienced service on site selection, design, construction specifications and supervision, financing membership and general organization plans.

Attention was given to the federal tax of 20 per cent on memberships as a current restriction on private course construction which is considered especially untimely in view of the nation-wide necessity of encouraging more business and construction of more recreation facilities. Plans were outlined with the National Golf Foundation for endeavoring to eliminate this tax on construction.

Architects also discussed the possibility

of a typical golfer's par on the order of the old bogey to set up a more encouraging "norm" on the scorecard. The USGA Rules of Golf references to measurement of par were discussed as needing revision to accurately determine basis for course measurement and establishing "line of play."

Qualifications of golf architects were another subject of discussion. Probability is that the Society's membership will be enlarged to include other competent architects who were not among the Society's founding members but whose experience and results ASGA members considered as eminently qualifying them to top level rating in the profession. ASGA attitude is that Society's membership should include all whose work has identified them as competent to serve golf course enterprises of all sizes, regardless of amount of money involved in the job.

GCSA Reports on Survey

Mal McLaren, who heads GCSA committee surveying personnel of turf management at U. S. golf courses, reports that according to returns received supts. manage turf at 462 courses, 194 courses have pro-supts. in charge of course maintenance, 57 have owners in charge, 49 pros are in charge of courses, and at 150 courses miscellaneous personnel, such as green chmn. or industrial dept. heads are in charge.