



### NEW OFFICERS OF GCSA FOR 1955

The above officers including three holdover directors were elected at recent St. Louis Turfgrass Conference to head up the GCSA for 1955. They are: (L to R) seated, John Gormley, Wolfert's Roost CC, Newtonville, N. Y., dir.; Ward Cornwell, Lochmoor CC, Grosse Pointe, Mich., v-pres.; Wm. Beresford, Los Angeles (Calif.) CC, pres.; Agar Brown, secy-treas.; Paul Weiss, Lehigh CC, Emmaus, Pa., dir.; standing, James Thomas, Army-Navy CC, Arlington, Va., dir.; Earl S. Bell, Armour Fields CC, Kansas City, Mo., dir.; Frank Dunlap, The CC, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, dir.; and Donald Strand, Westmoreland CC, Chicago dist., dir. Dunlap, Strand and Thomas are new directors.

to its players was another program feature.

Other subjects sharply directing conference formal and informal discussions on the individual golfers included the growing use of golf cars. The consensus was that the cars are here to stay and themselves didn't present serious maintenance problems but that careless or uninformed or bullheaded drivers were the sources of the car misuse trouble and expense.

Superintendents also reported, in numerous small confabs on operating problems and their solutions, an epidemic of what agronomist James R. Watson has identified as "kids' disease," senseless vandalism on golf courses committed by mentally defective kids.

Pres. Johnson got the formal program under way in introducing Wm. H. Bryant, Pres., Witte Hardware Co. and Pres., St. Louis Convention and Business Assn. Bryant paid tribute to the work the supts. were doing for improved and efficient maintenance of their courses in their convention sessions.

He reminded the course authorities that the courses themselves couldn't do all the selling job for them as acts of providence and other mysteries might afflict courses, hence it was essential that each superin-

tendent discreetly acquaint golfers with the fact that the supt. worked at a complex and puzzling occupation.

A tough part of the superintendents' work was, observed Bryant, that any mistakes or bad temper of Mother Nature in golf course maintenance, appeared out in the open, whereas the troubles of executives in other businesses usually were comparatively private.

Mrs. Edgar M. Brungard, Chmn., St. Louis recreation commission, lauded the work of Vertus Mitchell, Supt., Forest Park's 27-holes of munny golf, in a tremendous job of rehabilitating and improving this heavily-used and run-down layout. She detailed some of the work Mitchell already had done in pushing what originally was a 5-year plan of reconstruction and improvement so it appears the program will be completed inside three years without undue interference with play.

This attractive and energetic executive also lauded the job done by Leo S. Bauman, veteran greens committeeman of the St. Louis district, in his capacity as Chmn., Citizens' Golf Committee. She urged that any city needing increased interest and efficiency in public golf establish a Citizens' committee.