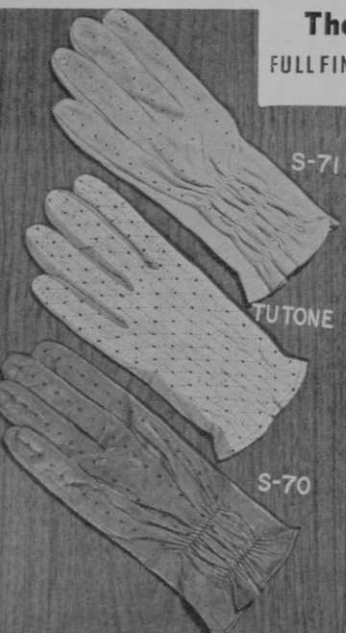


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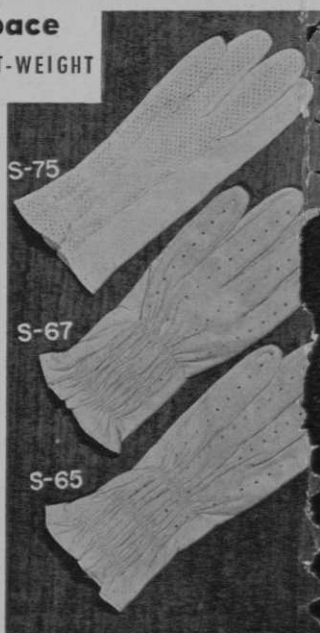
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and the following directors: H. R. Hanne-man, North Shore CC, Menasha; John Stampfl, Milwaukee CC; and Charles Shiley, North Shore CC, Milwaukee.

Meetings were scheduled for Hillmore GC, Lake Geneva; Shorewood GC, Green Bay; Tuckaway CC, Milwaukee and Ozaukee CC, Milwaukee.

A joint meeting with Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. is to be held at McHenry (Ill.) CC, Sept. 12.

## Wisconsin PGA In Record Spring Meeting

Wisconsin PGA's spring meeting was best attended since the organization was formed 30 years ago.

Feature of the educational session was the talk of Les Bolstad, University of Minnesota golf coach, on fitting the swing to the individual. Tim O'Brien of Walter Hagen Golf gave a round-up of the high points of the instruction and business sessions at the national PGA annual meeting.

The new sound slide film of the PGA Educational committee was shown and received the same enthusiastic commendation it got at other sectional PGA meetings.

## Supt. and Members Share In Turfgrass Tests

By TAYLOR BOYD

Supt., Camargo Country Club, Indian Hills, O.

(Members of the Camargo CC in the Cincinnati district have been given an opportunity to see how their superintendent and Green committee keep constantly on the watch for grasses to improve the already excellent turf at this fine club.

An experimental green was constructed where members could observe how the new grasses being tested reacted to Cincinnati conditions. The members were impressed by the practical research of those responsible for their course maintenance. Taylor Boyd reported the following summary of the Camargo test green showings at this year's Midwest Regional Turf Conference.—EDITOR)

**T**HE experimental green at the Camargo CC was installed for the purpose of determining first: whether Bermudas and zoysias had a place in Cincinnati as putting green grasses, and second: to learn whether bent cut at putting green height was compatible with Bermudas and zoysias growing next to one another and adjacent to the bent.

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Bermudas and zoysia and the other half in bents. The Bermudas include 4 selections from Texas A&M (T-94; T-82; T-35A; T-83) and Tifton U-127, now named Tiffine. The bents are C-1; Pennlu (earlier numbered (10-37-4); C-19; C-52 and C-7. The zoysia is a fine-leaved hybrid Zt x Zj, 34-35, now released in Georgia and at Purdue as Emerald.

The surface slope is down from the warm season grasses to the bent grass part of the green so the warm season grasses can be kept dryer. The tile lines are 14 ft. apart, running across the line of surface drainage. The topsoil is very deep with the top 4 in. of soil as weed-free as can be had without actually sterilizing the soil.

The planting was done April 19 to 24 with the exception of C-1 bent which was planted May 6. The tile layout, soil mixture, fertilizing and planting was done by a Purdue student majoring in Turfgrass Management under Dr. Daniel. He was permitted to do this work as practice for his own benefit.

Most of the grasses were ready for putting by July 4. The C-1 bent was later because it was planted late. The C-19 was quite slow so was not a good surface until

in September. The C-7 was the first of the bents to make a surface, with Pennlu second and C-52 a close third. The T-94 and T-35 Bermudas came along fastest and made and held a finer surface than any other of the warm season grasses. The Emerald zoysia was very slow and was a putting surface only at the end of the season.

The entire area was given at least 1½ lbs. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. every 10 days until it became a putting green. This practice in the Cincinnati area is extreme abuse for bents.

The Pennlu, C-19 and C-52 were at least 40 per cent covered by large brownpatch on June 11. The C-7 had only two small patches. No brownpatch treatment was given purposely in order to learn how these grasses would withstand unreasonable abuse.

The high nitrogen abuse of the bents was favorable to the Bermudas' growth and runners grew as much as 1.5 in. per day. At this rate of growth it was impossible to get a true putting surface on the warm season grasses. During July and August lighter feedings were used, plus a Verti-Cut and ample good topdressing until the surface became good.



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I have made only temporary conclusions which are:

1. C-7. A good bent for Cincinnati, very susceptible to dollarpatch, but responds to treatment.

2. Pennlu—A very fine grass—extra fine color with good treatment, a good grass.

3. C-52; C-19; C-1—In the order named are not good grasses for the Cincinnati area because of crabgrass and disease infestations.

4. T-94. Very fine texture, fine color and does not travel too fast into surrounding grass.

5. T-35A. Very fine, except color. Same as T-94.

6. Emerald zoysia—Makes a good surface. Stiffer than Bermudas.

7. At this point Bermudas and good bents are holding original planting line. Emerald zoysia grows slowly so Bermuda quickly grew into zoysia plot.

8. When warm season grasses are cut at 3/16 in., properly fed and top-dressed many of our members could not tell which area was bent and which was Bermudas.

9. C-7 and Pennlu were the only bents dense enough to keep poa annua out in fall.

I want to thank Purdue University and

Texas A&M for their assistance in providing grasses to make this green possible.

### Agree to Call Off Deal to Buy Spalding

Along with announcement of increased earnings for the first six months of the current fiscal year, A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc. advises negotiations to absorb the Spalding company by a stock exchange has been called off.

The official statement:

"The estimated consolidated earnings of A. G. Spalding & Bros. Inc. for the six months ended April 30, 1955 were \$320,000 compared to \$200,000 for the same period of 1954—59¢ per share compared to 37¢ per share for 1954.

"The regular quarterly dividend of 25¢ per share was declared at the Directors Meeting held on May 20th—payable June 15th, 1955 to stockholders of record June 6th.

"In April a proposal was made by American Machine & Foundry to acquire the assets of Spalding through exchange of three-quarters of a share of American Machine & Foundry common stock for one