

Following this, Charles G. Wilson, agronomist with the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, summarized the high points of the four-day session.

#### **Exhibition Wins Plaudits**

On Friday afternoon, GCSA members gathered in the exhibition hall where they had the choice of viewing exhibits and attending discussions covering irrigation, grasses and weeds, disease and insects, and soils and nutrition. Thirty-minute question and answer periods, presided over by experts in these various fields, were an added feature of the displays.

The exhibition phase was run off so smoothly and prompted so much favorable comment that it will undoubtedly become a regular feature of all future national turfgrass meetings. This was the first year the greenskeepers were shown the unique "panel" type exhibition which was given trial runs at earlier meetings of Northern and Southern Calif. Turfgrass Councils.

### **Course Business Conference At California Recreation Meet**

By **VERNE WICKHAM**

Front line information brought to the conference table by some of the leading golf course men of the Pacific Coast, featured the Golf Course Planning and Operating Clinic held at the annual California Recreation Conference in San Diego, Feb. 12-15.

Herman W. Riece, supt. of Recreation for Kern County acted as general chairman of the steering committee which arranged the clinic.

Presiding over the opening session Monday morning was R. G. Renfree, Sacramento Director of Recreation and Parks. To the recreation officials numbering nearly 100 in the Balboa Park Club was brought the story of financing methods under the broad title of "How to Get A Golf Course."

Rex McMorris, vp of the National Golf Foundation set the theme for the entire program by recounting what was going on in golf all over the U. S., telling of the tremendous need for more courses, citing national figures on new course planning and construction and giving data and evidence on this "game of a lifetime."

Leo Calland, San Diego Park and Recreation, described the long-range plan of using municipal funds to build municipal golf courses; Dr. C. B. Hollingsworth, UCLA Physical Education supv. told the

lease plan on municipal lands; John Lewis (Twenty-nine Palms) told his financing experiences and George Mifflin, golf course manager at Taft told how community effort got his community its golf course.

A question and answer period followed the talks.

#### **Discuss Where to Build**

The afternoon session was titled "Where to Build the Golf Course" and brought golf course architects, maintenance men and supts. to the speakers table. Americ Hadley, Supv. of Recreation for Golf for Los Angeles, acted as chairman for the afternoon sessions.

Heard in the first afternoon session were William F. Bell, of Pasadena and Jack Daray, of Coronado. Both are members of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and gave tips and advice on where to build the golf course. William Benguefield, western director USGA Greens Section, Don Rodvold, Balboa Park and H. E. Coughlin, Los Angeles County golf director, covered maintenance problems in short talks. The entire panel answered questions.

The second half of the afternoon session was entitled "How to Operate the Golf Course." Heard on this panel were club professionals, course operators and business managers who spoke on starting methods, fund control, value of a good professional to the municipal course, tournaments and promotion. On the panel to bring their operational story to the conference were: Robert H. Hoyt, San Francisco recreation and park dept., Keith Jacobs, Montebello, George Lake, Long Beach and Fred Maheu, San Diego.

#### **3-Par Growth**

Wednesday morning a session was held on the "Three Par Golf Course" where all phases of short course operation were covered by the speakers. Keith Jacobs acted as chairman. Rex McMorris, of the National Golf Foundation, told of the tremendous growth in this type of course during the last 18 months.

Since there are three general types of operation in the California area, speakers were chosen to represent each of the three types.

R. W. Siler, Recreation Supt. of South Pasadena, spoke on the type of operation there where 35 acres of city-owned land is leased for 50 years to private operators who have built and operate the short course. Mitch Angus, of Casa Colina in San Diego, told of his operation where he and

his associates have leased municipal lands and have built and are operating a short course. Burt Anderson, Supt. of Recreation, City of South Gate, told of the municipal type of short course operation, where the city builds and operates the course.

A golf tournament at the newly-opened Singing Hills Golf Course closed the two-day conference.

### WGA Reaffirms Stand Against Gambling

Following a long established policy, Western Golf Assn. has barred any form of gambling from being connected with its three championships—the Western Open, Amateur and Junior.

"All future WGA tournament contracts shall include the clause that no form of gambling can be connected officially with the championship," Pres. James T. O'Keefe said. "We have long discouraged Calcuttas and other gambling. No Calcuttas have been conducted during the past six years of WGA tournament play."

### Midwest Foundation Gets \$12,500 for Research Work

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation recently reported that \$12,500 was received in 1955 to further research in turf management. Amounts contributed by various organizations and purposes for which contributions were made, were: American Cyanamid Co., \$2400 (Renovation and fertilization); H. F. Godwin & Son, \$1000 (Seedhead prevention); Indianapolis Dist. Golf Assn. and Indiana Golf Assn., each \$150 (Poa annua control); W. E. Lafkin Co., \$750 (General studies); Turf Research Foundation, \$4000 (Bluegrass disease, Ph.D. study); USGA Green Section (National Golf Fund), \$2000 (Carbohydrates in bent, M.S.A. study); Vineland Chemical Co., \$1200 (Crabgrass control); and Woonsocket Color & Chemical Co., \$1000 (Nitrogen durability).

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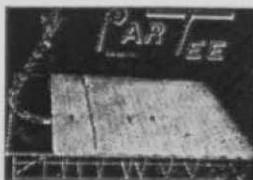
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