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welfare and a \$1000 group life insurance plan. The contract states that no outside work shall be done in the rain and that any man using a machine of any type shall have said machine in the shop 15 minutes before quitting time.

With wages often accounting for about 70 per cent of the annual cost of course maintenance, the higher scale, even with a compromise lower rate, may mean fewer men on the course and layoffs when golf play is slow and grass isn't growing.

Officials of larger clubs throughout the country are studying insurance, welfare and retirement plans for club employees. Some clubs already have such plans in effect. Members of a prominent club are discussing adding \$2 or \$3 a month to members' bills to handle key employees' insurance and retirement funds.

## 200 Sectional Qualifiers to play in USGA Amateur

The USGA has set up 33 qualifying sections for the 1958 Amateur championship which will be played Sept. 8-13 at the Lake Course of the Olympic CC, San Francisco, Calif. Qualifying rounds will be played Aug. 26 in all but three sections – Hawaii (Aug. 18); Salt Lake City (Aug. 25); and Chicago (Aug. 27).

A field of 200 will take part in the championship proper. It will be held at match play. Entries are open to amateurs with handicaps of four or less strokes.

The following are exempt from sectional qualifying: Former Amateur winners; British Amateur champions; Open champions who are eligible members of teams in the 1958 Americas Cup; semi-finalists in the 1957 USGA Amateur; 1957 Senior Amateur winner; 1957 Canadian Amateur champion; 1958 Public Links champion and 1958 Junior Amateur winner.

Hillman Robbins, Jr. of Memphis is defending titleholder. E. Harvie Ward, 1955-56 Amateur champion, has been reinstated after being barred from last year's tournament.

## S. Calif. Turf Meeting

The Riviera CC in Pacific Palisades will be the site of the 1958 turfgrass institute to be held on Oct. 21 by the Southern Calif. Turfgrass Council and the University of Calif. Agricultural Extension Service. Wearing qualities of various grasses as altered by irrigation, soil type, salinity, nutrition, environment and machinery management will be discussed.