

A perplexing problem is thrashed out by an agronomist and supts. at St. Louis meeting.

They Don't Hibernate

Supts. Keep Busy Making Rounds of Turf Meetings

Course supts., who are suspected by some of hibernating when the golf season is concluded, but in many cases work even harder than during the regular season, profitably spent part of their time last fall absorbing new ideas and more knowledge at clinics and conferences held in various sections of the country.

Typical of these were the field days held in St. Louis and at the University of Arizona in Tucson and the conferences staged by the Midwest GCSA at Olympia Fields (Ill.) CC, the University of Illinois in Urbana and the Texas Turfgrass Assn. at Texas A & M in College Station. Numerous supts. also were attracted to the meetings of the American Society of Agronomy held in Chicago.

At St. Louis, after viewing turf demonstrations and test plots at Al Linkogel's nursery, the supts. proceeded to Westwood CC where they inspected the Meyer Z-52 Zoysia, recently introduced as a fair-

way planting and the U-3 Bermuda, now being used as green collars. Speakers at the Westwood dinner included Wayne Allen of USGA, Mike Britton, Illinois U. plant pathologist, and F. W. Went of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

The two-day Arizona conclave touched on a variety of subjects with specialized turf management being the topic that interested supts. most. Automatic sprinkling and aerating for better use of water and overseeding effects of rye grass were among the subjects discussed.

Imposing List of Speakers

The Midwest meeting, which has become an Olympia Fields fixture, presented an imposing roster of speakers and panelists. Ted Woehrle, new pres. of Midwest GCSA, gave an interesting account of the current trend in supts' salaries, which was the result of considerable polling on his part. Roger Thomas, Jim Holmes, Clarence White, Gabe Rawset, Bob Williams, Nels J. Johnson, Jim Watson, Harry Kaufman, C. E. Stewart and Charles Wilson covered the technical aspects. Frank Olivieri gave an enlightening talk on golf cars, and Warren Bidwell, host supt., collaborated with Ed Carter of the PGA in bringing persons attending the two-day meeting up to date on how the build-up for the 1961 PGA Championship, to be played at Olympia, is progressing. Rex McMorris of the National Golf Foundation brought the audience abreast of the newest statistical developments in golf and Paul Voykin borrowed from his artistry in telling how country club surroundings can be beautified.

Illinois university professors were much in evidence at the first conference of the Illinois Turfgrass Assn. Of particular interest to golf course people was a talk by C. Y. Arnold on understanding soils and another by S. A. Aldrich entitled, "What's in a Fertilizer Bag." New plantings, weed and disease control and a discussion of problems peculiar to turf in the Illinois area also were discussed.

15th Texas Conference

The 15th Texas Turf short course was a three-day affair at which experts from the southwest and southern states spoke. Predominant among them were Wayne Allen of the USGA green section; D. R. Thornton, R. D. Lewis and John Long, all of Texas A & M College; Gene C. Nutter, GCSA executive dir.; Verne Fish, Toro Mfg. Corp.; Jim Latham, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; and J. E. Bussart, Velsicol Chemical Corp. On the second day of the meeting, panel discussions were held

Clubs Win Tax Fight

The fight by California golf associations and clubs to have their courses taxed as recreation and not business sites (Golddom — July, p. 25 and Sept., p. 22, 1960) was successful. California voters favored the issue, embodied in Proposition 6, in the Nov. elections, 3,275,354 to 2,074,084

separately for those in interested in golf course management, parks, schools and cemeteries and the military.

At the four-day American Agronomy Society meeting, held in Chicago in Dec., several research men, well known to course super., appeared on the programs. They included Ralph Engel of Rutgers University, Victor B. Younger of UCLA, R. R. Davis of Wooster (O.) Experiment Station, Jim Watson of Toro, Jim Latham and Charles Wilson of Milwaukee Sewerage and O. J. Noer.

John G. Clock Re-Slated for USGA Presidency

John G. Clock, Long Beach, Calif., has been re-nominated for the presidency of the USGA. Others who are slated for offices for the coming year are: C. W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y., and John W. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, vps; William Ward Foshay, New York, sec.; and Bernard H. Ridder, Jr., St. Paul, treas.

Re-nominated for the executive committee are: Fred Brand, Jr., Pittsburgh; William C. Chapin, Rochester, N. Y.; Harry L. Givan, Seattle; H. W. Hardin, St. Louis; Harold A. Moore, Chicago; Edwin R. Foley, San Francisco; Robert K. Howse, Wichita; and Henry H. Russell, Perrine, Fla. New executive committee nominees are Eugene S. Pulliam, Indianapolis, and Edward L. Emerson, Brookline, Mass.

Philip H. Strubing of Philadelphia has been re-nominated to be general counsel.

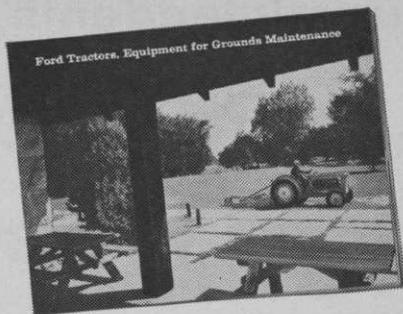
Election of officers and committeemen will be held in the Biltmore Hotel in New York, Jan. 28, when the USGA holds its 67th annual meeting.

Turf Meetings

Jan. 9-10 — Mid Atlantic GCSA, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.

Feb. 27-28 — Southern, Peabody Hotel, Memphis.

Mar. 27-29 — Wisconsin Turfgrass Assn., U. of Wisconsin, Madison.



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