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mockup and making detailed drawings of the green he wanted to construct. His artwork was so favorably received that it was put on exhibition in the clubhouse lobby for several weeks at the insistence of some members.

#### Poa Is Desirable Grass

Speaking of poa annua, Casper McCullough pointed out that turf authorities are finally beginning to recognize its possibilities, and since it is so well established in the western Canadian provinces, it is time that it is accepted as a desirable grass and not a weed. Banff's greens, said McCullough, are 100 per cent poa. After players have learned how to play this turf they like it as well as any bentgrass. The good thing about this species, he explained, is that the seed is always present and ready to germinate with only a minimum of cultivation. If heavily treated with bichloride of mercury, it will resist snowmold, probably to a greater extent than most grasses.

Perhaps, the biggest disadvantage to poa, the Banff supt. said, is that it requires a great deal of water and fairly heavy applications of fertilizer. It also cannot be allowed to grow wild because

it produces heavy stems that result in bumpy putting surfaces.

#### Seventh Session

## *Urge Realistic View on Golf Cars*

The last educational session of the convention was launched with the previously described spell-down between the East and West (see pp 33-34) E. M. Eickmann of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., whose speech on the comparative effects of conventional tires vs. Terra-Tires appears on page 62, was the next speaker. He was followed by William J. Freund, mgr., Electric-Car div. of Victor Adding Machine Co., and Ward Cornwell, Detroit GC supt., both of whom discussed golf cars. The final speaker was O. J. Noer, retired Milwaukee Sewerage Commission agronomist now with Dick Wilson, Inc.

Bill Freund stated that golf car manufacturers are becoming more and more aware of the need for producing vehicles

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that reduce wear and tear on turf. In the last two years or so the emphasis has been on better weight distribution and wider use of the Terra-Tire in an effort to realize this aim. Concentration of more weight over the traction drive wheels, Freund said, is among the more recent developments that will lead to easing the strain on turf.

### Here to Stay

The Victor mgr. then went on to say that even though golf cars are being accepted by more and more supts., there is still a hard core of turfmen who pursue an unrealistic policy in opposing their use. "What has to be realized," Freund declared, "is that golfers, now that they have the cars, never again will be without them. In addition, the clubs are finding that they produce the kind of revenue that takes the squeeze out of the budget. So," continued Freund, "there is only one conclusion to be drawn from this situation and that is the realistic one that there are going to be many more vehicles on the fairways in the future." The Victor executive advised the unreconstructed supts. to use their energies in devising better maintenance methods to cope with whatever damage is done by cars and to campaign for extra budget funds to provide for such damage.

### Thinking Must Be Changed

Ward Cornwell hinted that a supt. can be unreconstructed so far as golf cars are concerned only until the club adopts a firm policy in their favor and starts bringing them in fleetload lots. Then he has to change his thinking or start looking for some quiet 9-hole course where the living is easier with a salary to match. Cornwell declared that 80 per cent of the car problems can be resolved if clubs will adopt reasonable rules for the use of the vehicles and then unequivocally enforce them. His recommendation after the rainy day, "No Cars," rule is put into effect: "Don't answer the phone, or disappear!"

### Don't Go Overboard

In keeping with what several other speakers said, O. J. Noer, in talking of the future of greenkeeping, stated that probably as much emphasis should be placed on business management as agronomic aspects in training young supts. But he cautioned on going overboard on the former to the detriment of the latter because it shouldn't be forgotten that a course is still a course, and golfers will continue to be more impressed by a fine set of greens than beautifully kept ledgers.