

Central Plains Foundation Lists Its Objectives

The Central Plains Turfgrass Foundation, which is set up to help turf growers in Colo., Neb., Kans., Okla., Ia. and Mo., recently published a pamphlet describing its services. It listed as it objectives: To carry on research and spread information that will promote better turf, flowers, shrubs and trees for golf courses, parks, etc.; and to cooperate with federal, state and other agencies in improving and enlarging horticultural research.

Eighteen-hole clubs pay \$25 for an annual membership in the Foundation and the charge to nine-hole clubs is \$15.

Headquarters of Central Plains is Kansas State University in Manhattan. Ray A. Keen of the Kansas State department of horticulture is secretary-treasurer.

Gets N. J. Section Award

John J. Clancy of South Orange, N. J., was given the New Jersey PGA section's annual "Award of Merit" at a pro-president dinner held at Baltusrol GC in June. Clancy, a Newark lawyer, has served as the section's counsel for the last 15 years. He is a member of the Essex County and Spring Lake clubs.

National Amateur to be Played in Des Moines

The 63rd USGA Men's Amateur will be played Sept. 9-14 at Wakonda Club in Des Moines, Ia. Entries are open to male amateurs with handicaps not exceeding four strokes under the USGA handicap system.

Thirty-four sectional qualifying rounds of 36 holes, to determine the 200 Amateur finalists, will be played throughout the U.S. Aug. 27-29. The USGA lists exemptions from qualifying in ten different classifications. Among these are former U.S. and British amateur champions. Labron Harris is defending champion.

Applications for entries in the Amateur must be received by the USGA, 40 E. 38th st., New York 16, by 5 p.m., August 7.

Don't Follow Through

Speaking at a recent district association meeting, a Midwestern club president made this statement: "We go to a great deal of trouble to learn if people can afford to belong to the club, but we don't do a thing to let them know they are expected to spend enough at the club to pay their share of expenses."