

tion, plus a corps of capable experts in several lines of greenkeeping. A registration fee of \$2.00, which includes ticket to the banquet, is charged. Complete details on the Purdue conference may be obtained from M. L. Clevett, Recreation Dir., Purdue U., West Lafayette, Ind.

MICHIGAN STATE

Michigan State College's annual greenkeeping conference will be held March 7-8. Curricula will include study of the nature and properties of soils, fertilization, insect control and turf diseases, and studies of various grasses. For further information on this conference, address Director of Skort Courses, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

IOWA STATE

Annual greenkeeping short course at Iowa State College will be held March 5-6.

Tentative plans are now being made by Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. and Iowa State College officials. Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section, will be on hand to assist in the course. S. W. Edgecombe, Extension Horticulturist at ISC, is general chairman of the course, and he will gladly supply complete details regarding the conference to interested parties. Address him care of the college, Ames, Ia.

WISCONSIN

Tentative dates for the Wisconsin University greenkeeping short course have been set as March 8-10. Plans are now under way between joint committees of the Wisconsin and Midwest Greenkeepers Assns. in arranging the course. Information may be had by writing either the secretary of the Wisconsin or Midwest group, or to Prof. James G. Moore, Horticultural Bldg., Madison, Wis.

Bill Members for Caddie Clothes

ONE of the fine things about golf is the consideration many clubs of all sizes and financial and social ratings show for their caddies.

The swanky Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., doesn't take this caddie responsibility lightly. Each member receives a check for \$10, requiring fill-in of the name and address of the member's bank, date and the member's signature. With that blank check comes the following letter on the personal stationery of W. K. Warren, trustee for the Southern Hills Caddies' Clothing Account:

The cool crisp fall weather is with us again and from all indications winter is not far away; nevertheless, most of the golf playing members of the Southern Hills Country Club, comfortably clothed, will still continue to enjoy their game of golf. Our caddies, however, cannot look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the approach of cool weather unless they can depend upon the generosity of the members to again make it possible for them to wear suitably warm clothing.

As you know, most of the boys are in

very meager circumstances, wholly dependent upon this caddying job, and it is not unusual to see them scantily clad in thin shirts, threadbare pants, with possibly holes in their shoes. You will undoubtedly agree that it is practically impossible for the boys to keep physically fit and free of colds unless they are more adequately clothed.

Last year about 110 of our club members contributed \$10.00 each to a clothing fund for the regular caddies, and everyone familiar with the golf course will recall how nicely the boys were outfitted. We want to repeat the plan this year, and for your convenience are enclosing herewith a blank check which requires only your signature and filling in the name of your bank. Please return the check in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

I feel sure that the boys can count on your continued generosity and, needless to say, promptness in mailing your check is essential as outfits are being ordered for these caddies immediately.

Sincerely,

Warren personally signs the letters. The letters are sent out in mid-October. No Southern Hills kid goes cold in the winter. The kids' self-respect is elevated by new garments. It's a bargain all around for \$10 so no member yowls, even though some of them do forget or delay in the usual manner of human beings

John McGregor, greenkeeper at Chicago GC, warns against use of ethyl gasoline in weed extermination. McGregor tells of an employee assigned to this work who developed symptoms of lead poisoning. The employee recovered when use of ethyl was discontinued and untreated gasoline was used.

WAR on Clover

By Mel Larson

CLOVER has been taking a physical beating for the past two years at the University of Minnesota golf course in St. Paul. And the beater-upper is ammonium sulphate, applied with a spray.

Art Anderson, greenkeeper at the Gopher course, is engineering this effort to wipe out all of the clover in the 40 acres of fairway on the course. And although he has been using it for only a year and a half, some results are already beginning to show up.

Art would like to put the ammonium sulphate on the fairways at least five times every summer. Last summer he applied it four times, but a dry fall kept him from adding the final blow. "As soon as weather conditions are favorable," he said, "I like to put it on. The ideal time is right after a spell of rain. Then the grass will be able to take care of itself in recuperating from the shock of the chemical."

Overdosing Does It

The principle behind the application by spray is a simple one. Clover, being a legumous body, takes nitrogen out of the air very efficiently. Grass, on the other hand, has its stomach in the blade, and so doesn't absorb as much of the nitrogen present in the air. So the clover, once it does get started, tends to crowd out the grass, and if not checked, does succeed. When the ammonium sulphate is applied, it naturally catches the wide petals of clover and hits them exceptionally hard. The blade of the grass is also hit, and in order for it to live it calls on its stored-up energy. The clover, meanwhile, chokes from the overdose of nitrogen contained in the sulphate, and takes a longer time to recover.

This process is repeated as often as the grass can stand it. When it recovers sufficiently, in goes another shot at the ailing clover. "If we get in about five shots a year," Art said, "the clover will start on the way out and the grass will replace it. It's simple; the grass gets the benefit of the nitrogen in the ammonium, the clover just can't take all that it gets." There are approximately 40 acres of fairway on the University course, and Anderson uses about 100 lbs. of ammonium sulphate per acre. A 100-gal. tank is used, 50 lbs. of

Minnesota course fighting fairway clover with ammonium sulphate

ammonium being dissolved in each tank.

The sprayer used is 5 ft. high, has two large steel wheels and is pulled by one of two tractors owned by the club. It has 12 outlets, and the pressure gauge is generally at 150 lbs. varying with the speed of the tractor inasmuch as the sprayer wheels operate the pump. Two men easily handle the job each time the chemical is applied. They collaborate on the mixing, then one drives the tractor while the other regulates the sprays and amount of pressure.

Any excess scorching of the grass is minimized by careful application, though every now and then Art has a good chuckle when players stop him to remark how "tough the fairways look and how dry they've gotten even though we've had plenty of rain."

The experiment started two summers ago and two doses were applied in 1938. Four shots were put on this past summer, and Art intends to continue it this year. The pleasing thing is that the clover has started to recede even after one year of concerted effort, and the Gopher school authorities think that they are on their way to "clover-less fairways."

Death Claims Veteran Greenkeeper—

Golf lost one of its veteran, outstanding greenkeepers last October 2 when death took Denis Crowley, 64, greens superintendent for the past 18 years at the Wollaston GC, Quincy, Mass. A native of County Kerry, Ireland, he had been a greenkeeper for 32 years, and prior to his job at the Wollaston club spent five years at Tatnuck CC, Worcester, Mass., and 9 years at the North Adams (Mass.) CC. Mr. Crowley was the father of two pro golfers, Robert Crowley, professional at Norfolk GC, Islington, Mass., and Denis Crowley, Jr., of the Nahant (Mass.) GC.

Darrah Gets Twin Blessing—John Darrah, greenkeeper at Beverly CC (Chicago district) and sec.-treas. of the Midwest Greenkeepers Assn., was two-timed November 28 when he became the happy daddy of twin daughters. Mrs. Darrah and the new team were attended by twin doctors, Paul and Richard Lawler, and by twin nurses. Mother and the babies are doing great. John has almost recovered.

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Detroit Is Scene of '40 CMA Meet

ANOTHER "open forum" will be added to the customary departmental sessions of managers when the Club Managers Assn. of America holds its 14th annual convention at Hotel Statler, Detroit, Feb. 27-29. For the first time there will be a departmental conference of women club managers.

Although there are no women officials of the Club Managers Assn., there are a number of women members of the organization. Possibly in obeying the shopping instinct that is said to be strong in the female character, women managers have been present in considerable numbers at the managers' national meetings. They appear to be doing a good job of shopping for ideas.

Early arrivals at the Detroit convention will attend the Ford Sunday Evening Hour; at least as many of the early arrivals who can secure tickets. Monday will be devoted to informal conferences and the first of a series of luncheons and dinners at which local managers conduct their demonstration of how distinguished club affairs should be put on.

The educational conferences will get under way Tuesday, leading off with an address by Malcolm W. Bingay, noted editor of the Detroit Free Press. The usual departmental conferences of country and city club managers will be held. Members are being queried for subjects to be featured in the clinical sessions to be held in connection with the educational program.

Detroit's general convention chairman is Jesse G. Wetzel. On the convention committee with him are Neil Boughner and Wm. F. Roulo, manager of Detroit's University Club and treasurer of the national association.

Los Angeles held one of the largest golf class lesson sessions ever conducted when star pros appeared at the L. A. Coliseum Jan. 3 as a ballyhoo for the L. A. Open.

A big turf tee was constructed under the peristyle, and a driving contest was one of the features of the public golf show. Demonstrations and "tip" lessons were given the public by L. A. Open contestants. The Southern California PGA has taken an active interest in the huge class lesson enterprise. It is believed that the showmanship will provide a great boost to golf promotion.

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Connecticut Toro Company of Hartford, Conn., began operations Dec. 1 under the managership of Philip H. Kylander, for nine years connected with the New England Toro Co., West Newton, Mass., as asst. mgr. of all Connecticut business. Kylander will continue as N. E. Toro's western Mass. representative, along with his new position.

The new Connecticut concern is the crystallization of a desire by the New England Toro Co. to locate a source of supply among the Connecticut trade, which has been increasing nicely for some years. While not financially interested, the N. E. Co. will give the new Toro outfit its full cooperation.

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