

DUNEDIN, FLA.

# Shearman and Adams Report on Scotland

Mike Shearman, pro at Sioux City (Ia.) CC and Bill Adams, pro at Sioux City (Ia.) Boat club have returned after visits to their old homes in bonnie Scotland. The boys say things are rugged back there but the Scots are not yet a belly-aching people and are bouncing back. Mike was born in Hawick "Amongst the Hills." The course there is in pretty good shape with most greens being good as late as November. Sheep were pastured on the course. Despite fondness of the Hawick Tweed on the hoof for the greens grass putting wasn't too bad. Plenty of bad lies in the soggy fairways though. Winter golf, with peg tees on fairways was permitted. The better players "played 'em as they lie." Bogey of the course is 71 with six bogey 4 holes of less than 290 yds. Rumors that the R & A is going to approve the USGA larger and lighter standard ball in a few years Mike believes should have foundation in the easier year-around play of the U.S. ball. Mike looked over the bombing damage to London before meeting Bill for the return trip on the Queen Elizabeth.

Mike has been pro at Sioux City CC for 33 years and never has had a contract. He says that news getting around among the Scotch and English he visited gave them an impressive idea of the way that gentlemen do business together in Sioux City. It's plenty impressive in the U.S. too.

Bill wrote that despite rationing and "austerity," morale in Scotland is high. Getting around to see his and his wife's relatives was a tougher job by bus and train than the American ease of auto travel. Bill said he had fish three times a day and enough tea to last him forever. Notwithstanding food scarcity Scotch hospitality is at the old time standard, Adams observed. Too cold and damp to play much golf except when clothed heavily. Bill played at Murcar, about five miles north of Aberdeen. He played with former links champions of Aberdeen. One of them, A. R. Grosert, Bill beat in the finals of the 1922 championship. Willie Macfarlane is among other U.S. pros who once were Aberdeen champs.

Other courses Bill inspected included Fraserburgh, Royal Aberdeen, Kings Links, Deeside and Hazelhead. Hazelhead is owned by the Corporation of Aberdeen. It got heavy play last year and was being extensively resodded. Bill had numerous talks with fellows responsible for maintenance of the Scotch courses. They are deeply interested in American maintenance methods. Warmest summer in years, with high humidity, gave them fungus troubles last year. They used 2,4-D effectively for fairway weed treatment last year.

# GOLF, MAJOR SPORT

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to mention a heavy traffic of Denton city golfers who also use the course.

### Have Lively Golf Program

Cobb has big hopes for the coming links campaign. With a formidable array of veteran material the North Texas coach can



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visualize his team as a definite contender for National Intercollegiate honors next summer.

The championship golfers warming up for the campaign include more than a half dozen who are tournament-size and seasoned campaigners. Among them are: Gene Towry of Dallas, former Texas state junior and high school champion, winner of the Marshall Invitation tournament and Lone Star Conference medalist last year; Palmer Lawrence of Arlington, Eagle letterman and quarter-finalist last year in the National Intercollegiate meet; Jimmie Thomas of Dallas, Eagle letterman and Dallas junior finalist; Buster Reed, Dallas, medalist in the San Angelo Invitation, semi-finalist in the Premier Invitational and a steady match-play contender who participated in more than a dozen club tournaments last season, now playing his first year for the Eagles; L. M. Crannell, Jr., another Dallas veteran who holds the Texas public links title, also a first-year man at North Texas; Ross Collins of Breckenridge, a two-star letterman who went to the semi-finals of the Breckenridge tournament last summer; Fieldon Williams, Bill Turner, Bob Yarbro and Bryan Duckworth.

Coach Cobb is arranging home-andhome meets with Louisiana State University, national champions; the University of Texas, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A & M, Baylor, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma A & M. These matches will be augmented by the regular Lone Star Conference schedule.

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# Bad Spring Reflected in Detroit DGA Report

Detroit District GA 1947 annual report showed that bad weather in spring cut down total of play under 1946 although fall season somewhat promoted recovery. Nine of the 16 reporting private clubs showed a decrease, two were same as 1946 and seven were ahead. Muny courses fell off 50,000 rounds from 1946 but muny income was down only \$11,000. All except one private club reported increase in golf course maintenance and general operating expenses. There are openings for 382 members in the 19 reporting private clubs with 139 of these openings being at one club. Annual dues range from \$24 to \$360. Course maintenance cost for 1947 in Detroit District GA courses ranged from \$32,000 to \$24,000.

An especially interesting part of the DDGA Green Section report concerned a meeting held during the PGA championship at Plum Hollow. Differences of opinion between turf experts headed by Dr. Fred



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Grau and the players were expressed. Pros said tees should be cut close for firm stance and good contact with ball. Pros wanted fairways cut closer than turf experts said most northern grass would allow. There was debate whether rough should penalize a player a half a shot or allow chance for full recovery. Pros were against collar around the greens. The pros don't like that. Too tough and uncertain.

Pros wanted putting greens cut short enough so ball could be stroked rather than hit. Pros suggested ridges in bunkers should run parallel to greens and fairways and not at right angles.

DDGA Green Section summarized conditions in the district:

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# **USGA ANNOUNCES**

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Public links section of the USGA was abolished with regular membership now being open to a regularly organized permanent club composed of individual duespaying members managed through officers and committees operating permanently at one golf course which it does not necessarily have to control. Such a club is entitled to all privileges of the association. While associate membership is open to any golf course in the United States which is not controlled by a regularly organized club it carries neither the right to vote at USGA meetings nor eligibility for the various championships.

Annual dues for regular membership in USGA for clubs having 18 holes or more now is \$35; for 9-hole clubs, \$20. Associate membership annual dues for 18-hole or larger clubs are \$25 and for 9-hole clubs, \$15.

USGA membership now is 1,134 which is 20 less than the previous top mark.

# Green Section at New High

Green Section activity last year reached a new high. The Section's staff, headed by Fred V. Grau, travelled more than 40,000 miles in extending the effective research and educational work of the Section. The staff participated in 55 educational meetings and conferences. Great work has been done in coordinating sectional turf activities and in close cooperation with associations.

A sub-committee headed by Alfred Langben and including many noted practical golf turf authorities got started on the Green Section's proposed turf manual. At a meeting of this committee following the USGA annual meeting it was decided to make the manual a treatment of the fundamentals of golf course turf and management rather than a highly scientific volume on golf course grasses. It is expected to have the book in print this year.



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# NEWS from the MANUFACTURERS

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able to offer for some time. In addition, 2, 4-D Weed Killers, DDT insecticides, fungicides and other items will be shown.



**MILLER & HEUBACH** — Will have on display the power dicing rake used primarily for raking out dead grass in the spring where bent grass is used permitting air, top dressing and fertilizer to infiltrate into the root bed through  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch grooves cut by rake.

**FRIEND MANUFACTURING CO.**—A new, all purpose, 3½ GPM pump with 50 gallon tank, a unit of interest to course maintenance men, will be shown by Mr. H. C. Dickerson and factory representatives. Information will be available on heavy equipment not exhibited.

**TORO MANUFACTURING CORP.**—Exhibit will include a number of recent improvements of interest to course superintendents. Display areas will be used to show the company's power mowing equipment featuring: The 1948 Toro Power Greensmower with its power-driven transport wheels; the 76-inch Professional, an extremely maneuverable machine rapidly gaining popularity on golf courses; the 1948 Spartan gang mowers; and the new Rough-Master gang mower, for mowing roughs. Also on display will be the Sportsman 17-inch hand mower, the 21-inch Homelawn power mower, the 24-inch Star-



lawn, the popular 30-inch Park Special, the Zipper 36-inch sickle bar mower, and the Leaf Master lawn sweeper. Toro representatives will be present and will be glad to discuss individual mowing problems, and the production and delivery situation.

METALSALTS CORPORATION -- manufacturers of both organic and inorganic mercury salts for prevention and control of Brown Patch and Snow Mold on golf greens and fine lawns-are featuring BI-CAL Turf Fungicide, Calomel and Corrosive Sublimate at their Booth-space No. 35. Also featured is Phenyl Mercuric Acetate, the basic ingredient in the water soluble phenyl mercuric acetate formulation PMAS which shows much promise for the effective control of crabgrass on greens. Darsyn Labo-ratories, a subsidiary of Metalsalts will feature 8-Hydroxyquinoline Benzoic Acid (Oxyquinoline Benzoate) which shows promise by tests conducted at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven to be effective for the control of Dutch Elm Disease.

**CHAS. PFIZER & CO., INC.**—Pfizer Mercurial Mixture, Corrosive Sublimate USP and Calomel USP, will be displayed. Pfizer Mercurial Mixture, composed of  $\frac{9}{26}$  Calomel and  $\frac{1}{26}$  Corrosive Sublimate without added fertilizer or inert matter has for years been high on the preference list for effective and economical prevention and control of Brown Patch, and these Mercurials are also effectively used for control of Snow Mold.

**MODERN MANUFACTURING CO.**—Mr. F. J. Machovez, Gen. Mgr. and Supt. of the company will be on hand to present the Modern Lawn Mower Sharpener to those interested in the latest and most up-to-date mower sharpening equipment. The Modern Sharpener has been designed and constructed to last a lifetime; versatile enough to sharpen heavy 36" power mowers or the 5" edger; will precision-grind to onethousandth of an inch; sharpens mowers



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SKINNER IRRIGATION CO.-Exhibit will be in booth No. 36 in charge of Mr. A. R. J. Friedmann and golf course engineer, Mr. Harry Kauffman, who will feature the newest Skinner underground snap valve, in reality a double valve—permitting removal of the top valve for cleaning while the system is under pressure. When the top valve is removed the secondary valve automatically closes-a saving of labor, expense and the necessity for attendant going back to control valve and closing off complete system. In addition three other standard snap valves in a complete range of inlet and outlet sizes will be shown together with complete line of sprinklers including Rain Wave green sprinkler mounted on 14" galvanized roller base.

JACOBSEN MFG. CO. and WORTHING-TON MOWER CO.—The new Jacobsen Park 30 model will make its debut at Detroit. Visitors may see also the Lawn Queen and Lawn King models, which are enjoying wide popularity among golf course superintendents and also the famous Power Greensmower which is a "fixture" on golf courses all over the country. For the larger maintenance jobs, there will be the Worthington line including the "Rough Grass Blitzer" and Fairway Mower, from which the superintendent can select the combination of reel sizes and the number of blades best suited to his own local conditions. Representatives of the Jacobsen Manufacturing Company and their Worthington division will be on hand to answer questions and personally explain operation of the equipment on display.

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