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The change of the meeting at Burning Tree on September 8 did not make any difference in the attendance and it would have to be tried out several times to find out its advantages or disadvantages.

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For the benefit of those who never read the meeting notices the change is from golf, dinner, and meeting, to lunch, meeting and golf, starting at the usual time. There seems to be some confusion caused by meeting on Monday one month and Tuesday the next, but these meetings are held to suit the convenience of the host and many of the clubs have no facilities to take care of us on Monday, so please read your card. If we make the effort to send them you ought to have the courtesy to read them.

Otto Swain of Burning Tree gave us an opportunity to discuss some of his troubles and it was the general opinion that the strain of bent he was using is no longer suited to his conditions and he was advised to switch by propogating the stronger strains on his course or using some of the newer bents which have proven themselves adapted to this area.

The results of milky white disease applications for the eradication of Japanese beetle grubs was discussed with the advocates for its use losing a little ground.

The 16 golf enthusiasts who played after the meeting must not have been too good as no scores were turned in.

The next meeting was tentatively arranged for Belle Haven, near Alexandria on invitation of Tom Ryan.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Russell Caltrider, Suburban Golf Club, Baltimore and wish to thank Bob Scott who represented the association at the services and also took care of the floral tribute.

Dr. Robert M. Salter, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, welcomed the group of about 75 people who attended the Field Day meeting at Beltsville on September 18. This Field Day was sponsored by our association and the program was arranged jointly by the association and the USCA Green Section. Highlights of the day's program were the inspection of the plots, Mr. Kephart's talk on weed control methods and materials, the demonstration of renovation techniques, the machinery demonstrations and the display of "Greenkeeper Gadgets". Most of these gadgets were the fruits of Bob Scott's labor and included such novel and useful tools as a square hole-cutter.

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The meeting was attended by a number of members from the District branch of the National Gardeners Club and also many home owners who are interested in the growing of turf. A large delegation arrived from Baltimore and we know that "Skeets" Gosnell would have showed up if he weren't still hunting for the lake he lost some time ago. It was interesting and gratifying to note the distance some traveled to be with us. Mr. Charles Armstrong and Mr. Burl M. Johnson from Hot Springs, Virginia and Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Allanson from Richmond and Mr. Thomas from Charlottsville were among those who traveled farthest to attend the Field Day.

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