

Before closing the educational part of this "Newsletter" it is only fitting to thank the James River Country Club for a most enjoyable day. Hurley Savage and his Greens Committee, headed by their Chairman, Mr. Charles E. Knight, Jr., were perfect hosts and they entertained us royally.

FRED WILLIAMS RETIRES

After 37 years of active service as Executive Secretary of the USGA Green Section, Mr. Fred Williams has retired. All of us did not have the pleasure of personally knowing Fred, yet many of the Green Section articles on the growing of fine turf and the maintenance of golf courses have received their final editing by him before being published. It can truly be said that he was one of golf's most important behind-the-scenes workers, a right hand man to all who have directed the destinies of the USGA Green Section. The United States Golf Association did not fail to reward Fred Williams for his many years of faithful service; he was given a bonus check, a dinner attended by a few former associates, a leather brief case by the Green Section staff, and an album of testimonial letters from many who were acquainted with him.

NEW TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Rumor has it that Virginia is about to have a new organization of golf course superintendents and turf men. The group is being helped to organize by Dr. Roy Blazer of VPI at Blacksburg, Virginia. The organizational meeting is to take place at the Roanoke Country Club on March 26th. Southwest Virginia and Eastern West Virginia have enough golf activity to support such a move and we wish the new group every success in their efforts.

FROM THE SECRETARY

#1. - Reminder on dues - last day - April 30th

#2. - Russell Werns, a regular member, resigned. He is now Superintendent at Miami Shores Golf Club, Miami, Florida. He forwards regards to all.

#3. - The October meeting is scheduled for Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

#4. - Fred Williams, Secretary U.S.G.A., Green Section, Beltsville, Maryland retires. After 37 years service, we voted \$100.00 to the Fred Williams Foundation, for work with the boys. Fred has over 10,000 volumes of reading matter in his home library, much of it on golf and sports. He is quite an avid sports enthusiast, with boys' baseball as one of his favorites.

Tom Doerer, Jr.

TOM RYAN GONE

On Sunday, March 1st, golfers on the Mid-Atlantic area were saddened by the news of the death of Tom Ryan, former superintendent of the Bellehaven Country Club, Alexandria Virginia. Tom's death occurred on the anniversary of his retirement from that club. Tom was 60 years old and had spent 37 active years in golf. Tom Ryan was a former Secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and a member of long standing, having joined the Association in 1931. The Association members extend their sympathy and condolences to his family.