

to hand in at least three scores played at these meetings so the Tournament Committee can arrange your handicap. My advice to you is to be on hand, turn in your scores before your game gets too "hot."

At Medinah Country Club I wedged myself in on Gus Graham's foursome and I learned many of his weak plays. At Chain O'Lakes, he was in the foursome ahead and they were slow owing to Gus playing too much in the rough. If you want to study the

other Greenkeepers games be on hand at our next meeting in Rockford.

—J. T. Langell.

Our next meeting will be at Harlem Hills Country Club, Rockford, Illinois. Mr. Andy Gillett, Greenkeeper has assured us of a fine time, Monday, June 30th.

Come Out, Midwest Members—let's see you at Rockford.

## New England Notes

BY LLEWELLYN L. DERBY

**G**REENKEEPERS' Field Day at Rhode Island State College at Kingston Monday, May 26 attracted a group of 54 persons who were intensely interested in what is going on there and mightily well entertained.

Assembling on the college campus at ten thirty in the morning the party was tendered the official welcome of the institution by Acting President John Barlow.

T. E. Odland briefly described what was to be seen on the experimental turf plots and from eleven o'clock until lunch time an inspection was made of the extensive work being done, ranging from old lawn plots established in 1905 to the new golf green plots. Strains and variety tests, seed production of bent grasses, and fertilizer tests with R. I. bent include the types of work being done on these golf green plots.

Following an excellent lunch in East Hall, Director B. E. Gilbert presided at the green-

keepers' meeting and introduced Prof. L. S. Dickinson of Massachusetts Agricultural College whose topic was "Managerial Suggestions."

An open forum with a question box brought the indoor program to a close and the group adjourned to view exhibits and demonstrations of golf course equipment.

A. N. Peckham was the leader on a visit to nearby fields where velvet and R. I. bent are being grown for seed.

The day's program was brought to a close with a trip to the new Bonnet Shores golf course on Narragansett Bay now under construction under the direction of Woodworth Bradley.

Greenkeepers of the New England Association swung their clubs with might and main and we trust with considerable skill at the Unicorn Country Club at Stoneham, Mass. June 2 on the occasion of their annual 18-holes of medal play.

J. McCormick, home greenkeeper, won the low gross in the big field of 45 when he turned in an 80. T. Swanson of Bear Hill was second with an 86, and third prize went to R. D. Deckham of the Rhode Island Country Club with an 89.

The low gross guest prize was awarded to T. Kow who made the circuit in 75, and a low net score of 68 was turned in by J. McDonough of Salem.

Other scores were: E. B. Lord, Southbridge,

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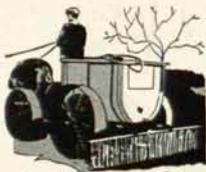
Mr. H. G. Peterson, who has the worries of the Corey Creek Golf Course at Mansfield, Pa., on his shoulders, writes:

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On May 30, Broad View, a new nine-hole layout in Holyoke, opened. It is privately owned but open to the public at nominal rates. Roland Maggi, former Amherst Country Club instructor, is the professional.

The Brattleboro (Vermont) Country Club is in the throes of relocating and rebuilding its greens, some of the work being done this season and the job to be completed in 1931.

The past month has seen a number of small courses miraculously spring into existence and it seems as if around each bend of the road the traveler is to encounter a driving field. Many of these driving fields are the result of discovery on the part of farmers that chasing golf balls for the itinerant motorist is a much more lucrative proposition than making hay on the same ground.

Many of the courses that are appearing like mushrooms are affairs on which little money is being spent, with only apologies for greens, and we wonder seriously if the royal and ancient game is being given a boost or a setback by this attempt on the part of some individuals to cash in overnight on the rapid popularity of golf.

It seems as if the golf appetite in Springfield, Mass. is going to be a hard one to satisfy. Franconia, municipal course which was just

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completed, is so thronged with folks who want to play that a wait of an hour or two is a common thing. So now a second city layout of 18 holes is under way.

Nathan D. Bill, largely responsible through financial support and interest for Franconia, continues on his public-spirited way by securing an option on a 120-acre tract which may be purchased for \$60,000 and again starts the ball rolling toward its goal by making a donation of \$10,000. Other pledges in smaller amounts run the total up to \$21,500 and this second municipal course looks like a certainty.

The location is known as the Fitzgerald farm and was previously considered before Franconia was built but the price was then prohibitive. It is situated in a section of the city where there are many golfers who found it inconvenient to travel the distance to Franconia.

Hervey Law, of the firm of Stiles and Van Kleeck, who laid out the Franconia course has been over the property and feels that it is particularly well adapted for the purpose and that not more than \$40,000 will be necessary to lay out the 18-hole course.

So Springfield is on its way toward its second course. This should be an inspiration and one might say the cue for other cities who have been lagging behind in their support of this type of recreation to step forward and show their colors.

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