

La Habra, the display of a sample turf of carpet grass, which, it is understood, is used on some Eastern greens, aroused considerable derision when the suggestion was made that this was a possible successor to creeping bent. It was generally agreed that the worst of the state's fairways could produce turf better suited for putting surfaces than this.

The group also was of the opinion that no matter how difficult has been the maintenance of bent greens, players would never be satisfied with anything less fine, therefore it would be the duty of the greenkeepers to give them what they wanted.

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The Hacienda course on which this meeting was held has something unusual in the way of natural features. In the rough near one of the greens is an oil seepage. This is not the leak from a storage tank nor is it the seepage from an old oil well such as is the case on the Los Angeles Wilshire course, but is a natural flow.

For the benefit of those who might be considering the possibility of establishing a claim, may it be said that oil fields established where such surface showings are in evidence are of little if any value. But this is one place where the wildcat promoter might say that the oil can be seen actually coming out of the ground.

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A professor at the University of California in relating the importance of grass in the history of mankind stated that the greatest dry land portion of the globe is covered with the growth. Therefore brown patch, depression, divot diggers, and insects still have an awful lot of work to do.

## Oklahoma News

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

WORK is progressing nicely on the new nine-hole grass green course which Par Wood is constructing in South Oklahoma City and he expects to have it completed and ready for play by early spring.

The new layout is located on the site of the old Capitol Hill Golf Course which Wood owned and operated on a fee basis. The greens will be planted to the well-known Cocos Bent grass which has proved very satisfactory to weather conditions in Oklahoma and will be the first municipal course to have bent grass greens.

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Wood was formerly associated with Perry Maxwell, well-known golf architect, and has built many fine courses over the south.

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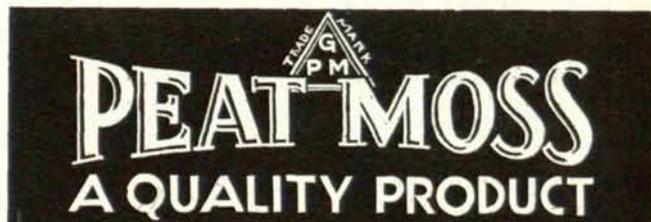
And Oklahoma greenkeepers still fight brown patch. The Dollar Patch which has caused so much grief recently continues to give greenkeepers a hard battle in an effort to control this deadly disease.



WHETHER YOU ADVOCATE THE USE OF ORGANIC FERTILIZERS IN THE SPRING OR FALL, THE FACT REMAINS THAT EACH SEASON SEES A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF GREENKEEPERS WHO FEED DRICONURE IN THE FALL AND WHO USE GPM PEAT MOSS IN COMPOSTING AND TOP DRESSING GREENS.

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It is possible that a get-together meeting for Oklahoma greenkeepers will be called in the near future and first steps will be taken to organize a State Greenkeepers' Association. Oklahoma greenkeepers are more interested in the business of greenkeeping than ever before and are badly in need of an organization that can work with them on their turf problems.

## Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary

THE October meeting of the Minnesota Association was held at Superior Golf Club, Minneapolis. Nineteen enthusiastic members attended and their attention was divided between many projects.

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Leonard Bloomquist of Superior is a greenkeeper, plus. He has the original eighteen-hole course to take care of. It is a pay-as-you-play plan and is well patronized. That means heavy maintenance. He also has charge of the club house. In addition he is building eighteen more holes, so next year he will have full charge of a 36-hole course.

His new parking space, a fine piece of work will accommodate at least five hundred cars. He has three peat

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fairways that are causing much extra work. The excessive drought has cracked them. He washes clay into the cracks and hopes that will give fairly permanent results. He also is using a very heavy roller to prevent heaving on peat fairways.

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On the new eighteen the fundamentals of construction are stressed. The course is well drained and is piped for watering. There is plenty of good topsoil whereby good grass growth is desired. Mounds, traps and slopes are built with broad sweeps, no abrupt edges, which makes for economical maintenance. Some suggestions were made by the visiting greenkeepers and they were well received.

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The meeting proper was held in the clubhouse. Leo Feser, chairman, read an invitation from Mr. O. J. Noer, to attend a meeting of the Wisconsin greenkeepers at LaCrosse Country Club, October 20. No action could be reached about going in a group because everyone is so busy with fall work. We are grateful for the invitation and hope it will be extended to us at a winter meeting so we can attend.

A letter was sent to each Green committee chairman, asking whether or not he planned to send his greenkeeper to the Annual Convention at New York. Minnesota is anxious to have a good representation. After a

delightful luncheon served by a pleasing hostess, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 16th at West Wood Hills Club, Minneapolis.

## Cleveland News

By WALTER E. KNOWLES, Secretary

ON SEPTEMBER 28, the annual tournament for the members of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers was played over the course of the Canterbury Country Club.

Jack Way and Malcolm McLaren are to be congratulated on the excellent condition of the course, even though our worthy president, Frank Ermer, was unable to turn in a score of better than ???. We'd better not mention the score, for we know Frank is capable of much better.

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The low gross of the day was 84 and was turned in by Howard Simmons of Highland Park Golf course. Art Fovargue of Westbrook Country Club, Mansfield, was next in line with a gross 87. But, because of the advantage of greater handicap Fovargue was declared champion, nosing out Simmons by three strokes.

We extend our thanks to Canterbury for their hospitality and to Jack Way for the wonderful weather he provided for the day.

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### ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Cleveland District Association, which was held at Brae Burn Golf course, Copley, Ohio, on the 12th of October, the officers who served the Association in 1930 were re-elected to serve in 1931.

The officers elected are as follows: President, Frank Ermer; first vice-president, Frank Dunlap; second vice-president, Robt. T. Zink; third vice-president, L. M. Latta; and Secretary-Treasurer, Walter E. Knowles.

Our genial host, L. M. Latta, provided a wonderful day's outing including a clam bake, etc. Many thanks to Latta.

At the meeting the "bees started buzzing" and from all indications the monthly meetings for the coming year are to be much more interesting and beneficial. The next regular meeting will be held at the Hotel Hollenden on the 9th of November.

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