

through the club house. The club uses a fertilizer in which it steams all soil used as compost for the purpose of killing all weeds.

Before the party left Professor Tomlinson showed it the rose gardens and the flower beds of the college. Professor Tomlinson consistently impresses on members of the association the wisdom of beautifying courses by the use of flowers, shrubs and plants.

## Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

**I**N ONE of their longer monthly jaunts, the greenkeepers of Southern California visited the La Cumbre and Valley clubs of Santa Barbara on July 11. Jack Garner, the greenkeeper at the former course, demonstrated that he has to be somewhat of a game warden in addition to a turf specialist.

He has to cater to the wants of pheasants, ducks, swans, geese, all of which are to be found in quantity on his club's property. The lake, which is the home of the water birds, is bordered by several fairways in such a manner that Garner sometimes expresses the fear that it will be filled by the thousands of golf balls which are shot into it.

### GREENKEEPERS PLAY AT PALOS VERDES

**P**LAYING for the greenkeepers' championship of the Pacific Southwest, approximately twenty-five course superintendents are expected to tee off at the Palos Verdes Country club on August 8 in the second tournament of its kind held in this district. The competition probably will be the blind bogey variety, so each entrant is a red hot favorite to win one of the prizes.

Taking a tip from the annual Gridiron banquet of Washington journalists, at which "no reporters are present," this tournament will have no greenkeepers present; that is, not in a professional capacity. Grass troubles are to be forgotten, and many an old guardian of the green is expected to leave his mark on fairway and green as he unleashes his trusty, or rusty, swing.

What to do with residents in the neighborhood of golf courses in thickly populated areas is the problem of a number of Pacific coast greenkeepers. These residents use the courses as a sort of a common upon which they and their progeny shall stroll during the cool of the evening. Usually no damage is done, the people indulging in this pastime being of a considerate type; but sometimes children in their games, races, and kite flying cause considerable disorder of traps, tees, and greens.

Little can be done about the matter because in a measure the very life of the clubs involved is dependent upon the good will of the local populace. One greenkeeper reports that a group of enthusiasts have taken to racing whippets on his layout.



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Setting a new record for Southern California, L. T. Parker of the Pasadena Country club will have a complete set of the finest of new greens in play just three months after the task of ripping up the old ones was started. Nine of his greens will be in play in exactly eight weeks after work on them was started. It is affirmed by his colleagues that he used dynamite for fertilizer.

### PLAIN SAND FOR BROWN PATCH

**W.** W. BEAVER of the Virginia Country club, whose adobe-bound course has had more than its share of brown patch in spite of a never-ending fight, is trying the very simple remedy of applying nothing but sand to the infected portions of his greens with surprising success. Although this treatment is not a preventative it has the virtue of checking the spread of the disease to a considerable extent. And it is cheap.

Establishing a precedent at least on the Pacific coast, the executive board of the Hacienda Country club at La Habra, California, has started the practice of including the greenkeeper, L. N. Boynton, and the club professional in on the monthly meetings. What is more the board members listen to what these men have to say.

## Golf Tournaments

**August 4-7**—New York State Golf Association Amateur Championship at the Niagara Falls Country Club.

**August 8-13**—Royal Canadian Golf Association Amateur Championship at the Lambton Golf and Country Club (Toronto).

**August 16**—Preliminary Sectional Elimination Rounds for the U. S. Amateur Championship (Courses to be announced).

**September 12-17**—United States Golf Association Amateur Championship at the Baltimore Country Club (Entries close July 26).

**September 25-October 1**—United States Golf Association Women's Championship at the Salem Country Club (Salem, Mass.)