

Coming District Green Section Meetings

A meeting of the Philadelphia Green Section will be held on June 23 at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. The meeting is to be very largely a demonstration of equipment of various kinds, to be followed by a short session after the dinner. Further information may be obtained from the Service Bureau, Philadelphia Green Section, 508 Harrison Building, Philadelphia.

The Green Section meeting of the Central Illinois Country Club Association, to be held at Peoria, previously announced for June 22, has been postponed until the afternoon of June 25. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Ross P. Seaton, Country Club of Peoria, Grand View Drive, Peoria.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Louis District Green Association will be held on June 26 at the St. Clair Country Club, East St. Louis. Further information may be obtained from Mr. W. L. Pfeffer, Superior Manufacturing and Supply Co., 512 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis.

Washington Bent

By C. V. Piper

There has been a great deal of complaint because bent stolons purchased as "Washington bent" have not been true to name, but have proved to be some inferior strain. This is a matter over which unfortunately the Green Section can exercise no supervision. One must rely on the care and the integrity of the dealer. Perhaps the only way out of the difficulty is to demand a guarantee of some sort. At least one dealer in stolons is willing to await payment from each of his customers until he is satisfied.

Some people distributing Washington bent are perhaps under the impression that any strain of bent which has come from Washington is Washington bent. This is erroneous. Washington bent is a particular pure strain which is the best of all creeping bents thus far found.

If you have had unsatisfactory experience with Washington bent, the chances are that you did not have the genuine thing.

The Maintenance of Vegetative Bent Greens

There are only four things important in keeping vegetative greens in perfect condition, namely: (1) topdressing; (2) ammonium sulfate or ammonium phosphate; (3) ample watering; and (4) keeping the grass cut short.

1. Topdressing should begin in spring as soon as the grass starts to grow. Use 1 cubic yard of compost to each 5,000 square feet of turf. Thereafter topdress once each month during the growing season. Not more than one-fifth of the compost should be manure.

2. Use ammonium sulfate or ammonium phosphate mixed in each topdressing. Use 25 pounds to each cubic yard of compost up until the time of warm weather, then reduce to 15 pounds, or in very hot weather to 10 pounds. Thus mixed there is no likelihood of burning the grass. However, it should always be watered in. After a certain degree of acidity is reached, clover and other weeds disappear and worms cease to trouble.

3. Water enough to keep the grass vigorous. In the brown-patch