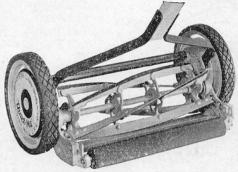


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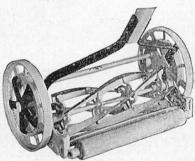




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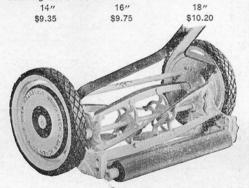
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SERVICE SECTION DINNER

The annual dinner meeting of the Service Section Committee of the Massachusetts Golf Association and the Greenkeepers Club of New England was held at the Brae Burn C. C., West Newton, Mass. on Tuesday evening, April 4th. Chairman Harry Hood of the Service Section Committee officiated as toastmaster. The principal speaker was Dr. O. J. Noer, who spoke of the trying conditions experienced on many golf courses this past season, and showed colored slides to point out many of the troubles.

The Library Committee, with the cooperation of Director Koon of the Waltham Field Station, has available for free reference to our members the following books:

New Manual of Botany—Gray.
Fertilizers and Crops—Van Slyke.
Manures and Fertilizers—Wheeler.
A Text Book of Grasses—Hitchcock.
Weeds—Walter Conrad Muenscher.
Plant Breeding—Bailey & Gilbert.
Manual of Grasses of the United
States—U. S. D. A.

These books may be borrowed by our members for a period not exceeding a month, by application to the Field Station. Other books will soon be made available.

DOWN OUR WAY!
(A 1939 Conference Paper)

by H. T. Islieb, Supt. Springbrook C. C., Morristown, N. J.

You have heard that old one about New Jersey, that the mosquitoes are so big they just take one along on their rounds; but then with all of their faults, these pests do have a few good points, including the hum and drill rods they carry along with them, they do quit buzzing around in the fall of the year.

Whereas those Jap beetles, we in New Jersey had left on our fair shores, their progeny go right on getting nice and fat in the fall. But here is where Dr. B. R. Leach, who experimented with these nice fat grubs at Riverton, put one over on the beetle. He continued to work with lead arsenate so long that the control measure cost came within the reach of most everyone. The folks who wanted to save what good grass they had, applied lead arsenate. Now the loafer grubs are going to their Happy Hunting grounds in the fall, or are turning into Japanese beetles in the spring so they can get out of Jersey and find better feeding ground.

But getting down to bed rock, we must give Dr. Leach credit for his work in this field, his findings are being used as a basis for beetle control wherever they have found a foot hold.

I can assure you that we folks down in Jersey have our hands full trying to keep them down. It has put a tremendous added financial burden on all of our golf clubs. It is one of those absolute musts:—if the club members wish to continue playing golf. Otherwise they just roll up the turf on fairways and greens and call it a day.

We do have a bit of good fortune down in Jersey, that is having such a fine experimental station at New Brunswick, and an enthusiastic staff of men to man it. These men dig into things and along with digging in, take time out to pass along their findings at the Turf Short Courses which are given in the early part of February.

The amount of material they present during the period of these courses keeps those attending right up on their toes. I might add:—that every member of the New Jersey Association has attended some of these Courses.



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Dr. Sprague, who is a sort of Grandaddy to the men who have attended the Courses, has a sympathetic ear into which a lot of woes and worries are poured. And that good bedside manner of his handles the patients very well too.

His able helper in the early days was Dr. Evaul; Ed to the gang. Ed's ability to take research findings and translate them into every day golf course maintenance practice, along with that habit of saying in the fall of the year, "Boys, how is the mercury residue in your Greens, do you think you have enough to carry you over to avoid snow mold?" Just one of his habits of not leaving any more to the Gods of Chance than he can help. Rather than chance it, he does it. These and many other things have made Ed one of us, with us.

Mr. Longnecker came right along the same path with his handy smile and a word of good cheer, giving them when they are badly needed. He certainly has helped to sort of smooth off the rough corners.

When the men at New Brunswick had some spare time they picked out individual grass plants from the various turflots, gave them the third degree, and those which came clean after this were given a sort of survival of the fittest test. The good qualities of various strains of Velvet Bents were incorporated into a fine new Velvet Bent. A pound of this seed was offered as a prize for a good name. When Raritan Bent popped up, they could not help themselves, you know:—"On the Banks of the Old Raritan."

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This Jersey State of ours has some drawbacks, including mosquitoes and Japanese beetles, but there are a lot of good things about it too. Take the Northern portion—here we find mountain climbing, here too we find fine hunting and fresh water fishing in the lakes and streams. When Old Man Winter settles down to business, you can use your snow shoes and skis, do some figure skating and play hockey. From here you can, over some of the finest highways in the country, drive down to the Southern part of the state, where snowshoes or skis do not sell very well, but there you can hunt a few deer and do some

salt water fishing. Coming up through the state to the central part you will find some of the best fruit, potato, tomato, and chicken farms.

We have a Fish and Game Commission which does a thorough job of stocking our lakes and streams with bass and trout. In the fall they turn out thusands of pheasants, quail, rabbits and other game for the sportsman to go after. This same fellow uses the summer months to train for the walking he must do, by playing golf,—and does he play golf?

There are some one hundred fortynine Golf Courses scattered throughout New Jersey, from the large well known thirty-six hole layouts, to the small nine hole courses. These all have their own individual maintenance conditions.

The soil varies in texture too, there being one hundred ninety-three different soil types found throughout the State varying from pure sand along the shore line and southern portion to shale in the middle and middle west. The fine silt clay and blue stone is found in the northern section. When most of the golf courses were built, the architects and club officials did not as a rule pick out a good piece of land to build a course on. It was believed that any kind of soil would grow grass, with maintenance costs unconsidered. These things not being considered in their due prospective have added to our woes and worries. Then, too, the climatic conditions are variable to extremes all over the State. To try to formulate rules to govern the maintenance practices on golf courses in the State of New Jersey even when situated within a few miles of one another just simply would not work.

The maintenance budgets on these golf courses vary from the club with ample to the one with but a small amount and those in between. In all cases the Superintendent in charge has had his problems during the past few years; some of which are due to the curtailment of funds and the subsequent drainage by plants of the soil reserves, to those of added infestations of either fungi or bugs.

The variable weather has still further drawbacks, particularly when considered from the angle of play. Our courses are played on throughout the year when not covered by snow. This play is particularly heavy in early spring when the soil is still saturated with water. The packing of soil surfaces which our fairways

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and greens receive with this play does considerable harm. The area surrounding cup and the walk off from the green to the tee particularly, carry the scars of this play well along into the summer months. The exclusion of air from the soil keeps the grass roots close to the surface where they can find that necessary element to plant nutrition. Being close to the surface they naturally are more susceptible to the sudden changes of weather that are encountered during the early part of the year. This breaking down of plant resistance does not ease our maintenance problems nor do the foot marks left on the other areas of the greens by both players and caddies help smooth them out.

To further emphasize our variable weather, compare the conditions here in the New England area with that of New Jersey. During the latter part of July and the first part of August of last year we had a week or more of rain, then when the soil was just about as wet and soggy as rain water could possibly make it, with water lying on the surface, Old Sol pokes out with a hot smile, that kept getting hotter with no breeze of any kind to temper the heat a bit or drive away the heavy air formed by too rapid evaporation. The result was a condition of Mercury toxicity. Brown patch with a bang, scald with a louder noise came with no partiality shown between greens or fairways. Did turf disappear? most like snuffing out a candle; the "No waiting" sign was out, and it sure meant what it said. To make conditions worse, the weather man sent us a lot of dry hot days just to make a good job of cleaning up the remains, no cool nights or breezes to help, just hot and getting hotter.

That golf courses still exist in any sections having had such unfavorable conditions, is due entirely to the ability and resourcefulness of the superintendents in charge.

How these men had to put their shoulders to the wheel and keep on to get those greens, tees and fairways into playing condition again! Their accomplishment merits them a word of praise. Their club officials and members did not hesitate to give it in a whole-hearted manner.

Although our late fall was favorable to turf, we are still wondering how much of a hang-over we shall have for 1939.

Down our way we believe in the old saying that two heads are better than one, even though they are block heads. We get together, exchange ideas, do not hesitate to ask for advice or to give it, nor to help one another wherever or whenever possible. On this basis our organization was started, with the idea of mutual help.

It was this idea that bred the Turf Short Courses. It was the same idea that brought about the enlargement of the Experimental Turf plots at New Brunswick. A few turf plots had been started at New Brunswick in 1923. These were enlarged, gradually, to their present extent, by 1928.

Dr. Lippman, Dr. Sprague, and Dr. Evaul were eager to help us with our problems in New Jersey. They were as anxious to try to answer the Golf Course Superintendent's questions as he was to have the answers. Both knew that together they would be able to discover some of the answers in a reasonable length of time. Working alone, the answers would be found at too far distant a time to be of help. The cooperation between the men at New Brunswick and the New Jersey Association of Golf Course Superintendents has always been of the closest.

The establishing in 1929 of the Turf Service by the Station was a long step forward. This service at first was supported by the Station, but in 1933 it was put on a self supporting basis. This service brought to the superintendents and their clubs the benefit of laboratory findings and the other field services at a very moderate cost. The value of these services are further increased to the clubs through the ability of the superintendents to translate them into everyday maintenance practices.

With some of our problems at least partially taken care of, a feeling of being better able to cope with our sometimes desperate situations was created. From here the individual began to realize the significance of selling himself and the organization to the clubs and their members. In this, the New Jersey Association of Golf Course Superintendents has made definite progress. We find the Club Officials asking about our organization, paying tribute to its standing and cooperating with us to a far greater extent than a few short years ago.

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As an example of how far this spirit can go, one man has had the experience of having the players on his course stop and ask his advice on the purchase of articles entirely foreign to turf, its requirements, or to trees and shrubbery. When folks do these things you can rest assured, respect for the man and his judgment has been created. Once created this respect will carry on during the trying days of hot, humid weather, with water saturated turf, being literally cooked alive while waiting for unforeseen results. A time when respect for and confidence in the man's ability are sorely needed.

These things in the long run all add up to the spirit back of organization and our aims for our own organization.

The organization aims, through publicity in various ways to further bring its members, their work, and accomplishments, to the attention of golfers and aspiring golfers.

The organization aims in various ways to show the golfer that golf is a game not a battle. When the player reaches the point, where he makes golf a game not a battle, a few more of our headaches will disappear.

The organization aims to keep abreast of new developments in course maintenance throughout the year, and is fortunate in having Dr. Sprague, Dr. Evaul, Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Longnecker as members. Best of all, these men do attend meetings and the members feel that they can ask questions of them and know they will receive the best possible answer to their questions.

The organization aims to bring to its members something beside talking shop. So, occasionally, we have men to talk on various subjects which are not directly connected with course maintenance.

The members of the New Jersey organization have long realized that the problems of maintenance are not the only problems found in or around a Golf Club. In realizing this and having an understanding attitude toward other problems confronting the club officials,

he again creates a feeling of good will and in turn acquires a broader view point of his particular spot.

We have during the past year sponsored several meetings at extreme ends of the State, to which the public was invited. We cannot say that these open meetings were entirely successful, but we do feel that some valuable experience was gained from these efforts.

We have been fortunate in the past to have a very active Educational Committee which has been very successful in its efforts and is now planning bigger and better things for the coming years.

A membership survey is being planned by the New Jersey organization, a history so to speak of each member, his services to clubs, his services to the organization, and other items which will enable the organization to give the man his proper due, should occasion demand it.

You may understand that we do have a few problems. The club officials are faced with the problems of competition for members and high taxes. The man on the outside has to worry over such trivial things as drainage, chinch bugs, sodweb worms, Japanese beetles, and our old reliable brown patch. But we do look forward to meeting-day and also to the time when meetings will be held in other nearby sections outside of our own state.

Meeting other groups, learning their problems and what they have done to solve them, getting better acquainted with the other fellow's hopes and aspirations aside from our own, will make us realize that the old saying is well put, "A rolling stone gathers no moss but does gather a high polish."

By closer contact with men from other sections at frequent intervals, we all gain something which does not come either out of the classroom or from text books.

"Big fishes eat little ones, such as sardines."

"How do they get them out of the cans?"

"Why can't a girl catch a ball like a man?"

"A man is much bigger and easier to catch."

-Anon.

GREENKEEPERS CONFERENCES

During the last three weeks of March, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, the Greenkeepers Club of New England, with the Waltham Field Station cooperating, presented a series of evening classes in practical greenkeeping, open to members of the club and their assistants. The purpose of these classes was to provide instruction for greenkeepers whose duties prevented them from attending any of the so-called Short Courses for greenkeepers at the various colleges. An average of about forty attended these classes. The committee in charge consisted of Howard Farrant, Chairman, Lloyd G. Stott, and Guy C. West, of the Club, and Director Koon of the Station.

The program was as follows:

SOILS

Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock March 14

Discussion led by Prof. Robert E. Young, Waltham Field Station. M. S. C.

Turf Troubles in 1938, Dr. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewage Corporation.

GRASSES

Friday evening, 7:00 o'clock March 17

Discussion led by Dr. J. A. DeFrance, Rhode Island Experiment Station, and Prof. F. A. McLaughlin, Seed Testing Laboratory of Massachusetts State College, Amherst.

Greenkeepers participating: Lloyd Stott, Meadowbrook Country Club; T. W. Swanson, Bear Hill Golf Club; Leslie Wildgust, Winchester Country Club; and Robert Mitchell, Kernwood Country Club.

LANDSCAPING THE GOLF COURSE Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock March 21

Discussion led by Prof. Harold S. Tiffany, Waltham Field Station, M. S. C.

"Tree Repair and Restoration". Dr. Malcolm A. McKenzie, Massachusetts State College, Amherst.

"Further Ideas on Improving the Appearance of the Golf Course". George Rommell, Wellesley Country Club.

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"Reports, Cost Records and Systems". Guy West, Rhode Island Country Club.

"Relationships and Responsibilities". Charles W. Parker, Wianno Country Club.

EQUIPMENT

Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock March 28

Discussion Leader, Howard Farrant, The Country Club, Brookline.

Dealers. Orville O. Clapper, Chester Sawtelle.

"Conveniences and Contrivances". Earl A. Polhamus, Charles River Country Club.

TURF INSECTS AND DISEASES Friday evening, 7:00 o'clock March 31

Discussion led by Prof. W. D. Whit-comb and C. J. Gilgut, Waltham Field Station, M. S. C.

TALKS ON TREES

By E. Porter Felt
Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories
Stamford, Conn.

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes insistent demands for tree care.

The season of 1939 in New England at least is widely different from any other in recent years so far as tree needs are concerned. Literally millions of valuable trees were greatly damaged by the storm of last September. More of that injury may become evident in the next few months. A large proportion of the more highly prized trees in the areas where the storm was most severe have weakened or broken branches. They need pruning to lessen the probability of later invasion by wood rots. Some ninety per cent of the storm damaged trees had been weakened by wood rots.

Many of the trees which escaped destruction by the hurricane have limbs which would have been torn off or broken if the blast had come from a different direction. It is comparatively easy to locate such branches and to make them secure with cables or wood screws, thus greatly reducing at small expense the probability of serious damage in the near future by ice or wind storms.

Evidently a large proportion of the trees blown down had inadequate root systems. The more highly prized trees, those which are 100 or possibly 200 years old, are certainly worth feeding to induce a deeper and more extended root system thus giving the trees a firmer hold upon the ground.

It is true that shade trees can be replaced by planting. Many fail to realize that it takes 50 to 100 years to grow a really satisfactory tree. It follows, so far as the present generation is concerned, that the trees now standing, rather than those to be grown in the next half century, are the ones that will give the greatest satisfaction.

Trees which have been pruned, braced where necessary, fed and sprayed, made a much better showing in the hurricane swept areas than others. "Brookline's Trees" is an unusually interesting account of tree work in the richest town in Massachusetts.

Residents of Brookline as early as 1670 took action to protect the trees on the "common ground" and in 1801 provision was made for the care of trees along the highways. A special tree committee was created in 1883 and in 1885 the town voted to accept an act by the General Court authorizing it to make annual appropriations for shade trees, shrubs and vines. For some years the town appropriated two thousand dollars annually to be used at the discretion of the committee.

Brookline joins Boston. It has an area of 5,600 acres and about 95 miles of streets and 14,000 trees. The difficulties with electric wires passing through the trees were solved and later because the Gypsy Moth, Elm Leaf Beetle and other pests became troublesome, spraying equipment was purchased and spraying became a regular part of the tree program.

The town is fortunate in having as residents, both in earlier years and at the present time, individuals who appreciate trees and who glady cooperate in beautifying the streets with an unusual variety of trees and in making plans for more systematic planting than was possible in the earlier days. The trees of Brookline are held in high regard by those qualified to pass upon such matters. Just before this well illustrated book on Brookline's trees was to go to press, the hurricane of last September struck the town, blocking some 70 miles of streets with prostrate trunks and broken limbs and entailing the expenditure of about sixty-five thousand dollars in removing and repairing the damage to sidewalks and streets.

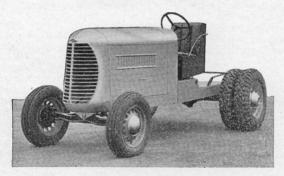
It is worthy of note that the better grown, stronger trees, here and elsewhere, suffered less from the storm than those with weak branches or a deficient root system.

The regular April meeting of the Club was held at Braeburn on the 4th, prior to the Service Section dinner. The principal business was a final reading of the revised Constitution and By-Laws.

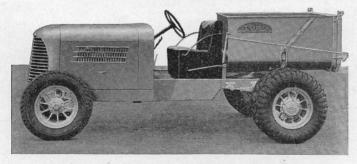
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Seventy-two members and guests had dinner. The speakers were introduced by A. B. McGinley, Sports Editor of the Hartford Times, who acted as toastmaster.

Speakers were: F. Emeneger, Topic, "The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents"; J. P. Johnson, Conn. Agr. Ex. Sta., Topic, "Japanese Beetle Control"; Dr. H. B. Sprague, N. J. Ex. Sta., Topic, "Developments in Turf Research"; Dr. T. E. Odland and Dr. DeFrance of Rhode Island, Topic, "Hurricane Damage to Turf".

Guests included: F. D. Ross, Pres. of Connecticut Golf Association, Eddie Burke, Golf Champion of Connecticut, and several chairmen of greens committees.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Avon Country Club, Unionville.

Charles Traverse, Secretary.

G. S. A. MEETING

The Greenkeeping Superintendents Association is sponsoring its first sectional educational conference June 5th and 6th at the Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, New Jersey. Cooperating in this venture are the New Jersey Assoc. of Golf Course Supts., Philadelphia Assoc. of Golf Course Supts., Northeastern New York Greenkeepers Assoc., and the Mid-Atlantic Assoc. of Greenkeepers, all affiliates of the national organization.

The Eastern Sectional Educational Conference is designed to fill a long felt need for service by the Greenkeeping Superintendents Association to its members who are unable to attend the annual educational conference and equipment show.

A highlight of the conference will be a trip to Rutgers University to visit the turf gardens of the Experiment Station. Dr. H. B. Sprague and his staff are cooperating to make this part of the program an outstanding event. It is also planned to visit a number of golf courses to study at first hand their problems.

It is hoped that all greenkeepers and other interested persons will take this opportunity to hear the latest information on problems of golf course maintenance and fine turf culture.

Ed. B. Cale.

Dad—"Look here! Why can't you learn to spell?"

Boy—"The teacher keeps changing the words."

-Anon.

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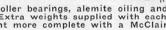
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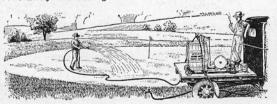
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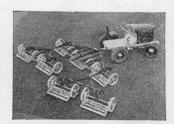
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