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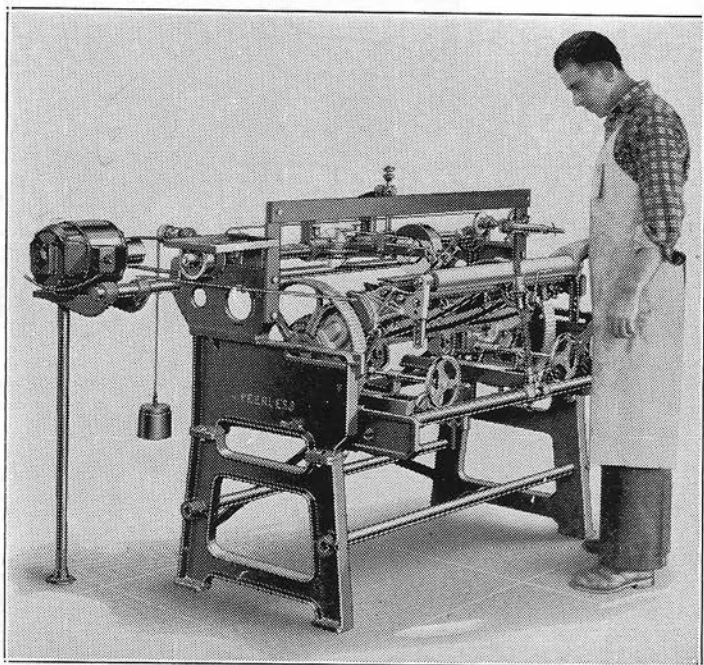
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WHAT DO I GET FOR MY TEN DOLLARS FROM THE G. S. A.?

My first feeling is that the Green-keeping Superintendents Association considers me worthy enough to be a member of their group; which includes the best turf experts in forty states, Canada, British Isles and Cuba.

It is an honor to be a fellow member of men like Charley Erickson, John MacGregor or Carl Treat.

It is a privilege to be able to write to and rub elbows with G. S. A. men at the top of your profession.

To these are added material benefits that you can see with your eyes and feel with your hands.

You receive a magazine, *The Greenkeepers' Reporter*. It is printed bi-monthly and delivered free to all members, their club president and club greens chairman. This magazine is keyed to the times, it contains interesting pictures about golf and greenkeeping. Articles cover the technical and practical side of the profession. Its circulation includes all leading golf writers in the country. It is recognized as the outstanding publication in the U. S. devoted exclusively to the Greenkeeper.

You receive educational opportunities. Last year the G. S. A. spent better than a thousand dollars in scheduling expert speakers for sectional and national educational conferences. The subjects these authorities discuss are determined by member committees. It would be impossible for any individual or local group to obtain such benefits without the power of organized co-operation.

You receive recognition. The G. S. A. has recently had the honor of having one of its leaders selected to aid in Turf development in connection with National Defense.

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To me the Ten Dollars I spend annually for G. S. A. membership is well spent because — it makes me a member of the organization that has the best men in my profession — I receive the *Greenkeepers' Reporter*, educational opportunities, recognition, publicity, group contacts, and a chance to help the family of a departed fellow greenkeeper.

HAROLD STODOLA,
*President Greenkeeping
Superintendents Association.*

RESULTS OF THE GOLF TOUR- NAMENT AT WESTON GOLF CLUB

Arthur Cody awarded putting contest — 36 putts.

Harold Mosher. Blind Bogey. 71 first no. drawn.

H. C. Darling. Least number of putts. —28.

Ralph Thomas. Lon gross. Score 84.

Sam Mitchell. Nearest to the cup on the 17th hole. 17 inches away.

Nick Bruno. Won driving contest with 240-yard drive.

Howard Farrant. Second in blind bogey. 73 drawn.

Alex Ohlson. Most 3's.

N. J. Sperandio. Best gross for 9 holes. 39 strokes.

A. J. Sperandio. Second in putting contest. 37 putts.

Simeo Braio. Most 5's —9.

Robert Pollock. Second for least number of putts. 31.

JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE GREENKEEPERS' CLUB AND G. S. A.

The joint conference of the G. S. A. and Greenkeepers' Club of New England, was held at Weston Golf Club, on Monday, October 20.

As one who attended I can say that everyone had a good time, and I heard nothing to the contrary.

Preliminary to this on Sunday evening a most cordial informal meeting was held in the Hotel Statler; between 7 or 8 of our New England group and 4 or 5 of the G. S. A. group.

Notable among those at that meeting in the G. S. A. group were T. T. Taylor, "Bob" Pollock, Mackenzie, and Jack Gormley.

The program started on Monday with a putting contest. Later luncheon was served at the clubhouse. It was an excellent meal.

The golf tournament started at 1 P.M. Results are given elsewhere.

After the tournament came a very fine banquet.

The speakers after the banquet were our own President, Sam Mitchell who introduced the toastmaster, our own Ray Koon, who proceeded to kid the guest speakers of the night. The speakers were:

Walter H. Trumbull, President Weston Golf Club and Newton Hyslop, Chairman of the Greens Committee, welcomed us to Weston Golf Club.

Prof. Dickinson.

Harold Pierce, President U. S. G. A.

Dr. Matthews of Babson Institute, who promised us a bright future, although a painful transition until that time.

Dr. Musser, who gave us a talk on the change of plant populations in fairways and etc.

Ecuador never has determined its exact area, but estimates it at 175,855 square miles.

ICE SKATING AT THE EDISON CLUB

The Edison Club has operated an ice skating rink for the past six winters. When the idea was first discussed, several different areas on the property were considered as possible locations for the rink. It was finally decided to use a portion of the parking field near the locker house.

The location near the locker house was decided on for several reasons, among them the fact that a heated room for changing shoes, etc., facilities for a refreshment bar, for a loud speaker and music, and for flood lighting were, or could easily be made, available in this building.

After approval, by the Board of Directors, of cost estimates both of construction and maintenance, work on the rink was started in October, 1935. The parking field, consisting of a clay soil covered with a layer of cinders, had a slope of about 18 inches from front to back. The cinders were

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first removed and then the area, 100' x 150' was leveled and rolled with a heavy road roller. This was done as a cut and fill job, no soil being hauled in or away. Next clay banks were built around three sides of the rink, the fourth bank being formed by the cut. On top of the banks 2" x 10" planks were set 3" deep in the clay, to keep the water from washing over. On about November 1st, the rink was filled with 18 inches of water and checked for leaks.

The following spring the cinders were spread back on the area and have been left there ever since. The following fall the rink was enlarged to 150' x 150'. Permanent sodded banks were built on two sides, leaving only the bank on the road or entrance side of the parking field to be built each fall and torn down each spring. We now have about one-half of the parking field in skating rink each winter. The remaining half is sufficiently large for winter parking, ex-

cept on Carnival day, when it is rather crowded.

In addition to the actual rink construction, steam heat was installed in a portion of the locker house, two flood lights were mounted in windows on the second floor for lighting the rink, and arrangements were made with the club's caterer to serve refreshments in the locker house during the skating season. A public address system, for use on carnival day and for amplifying record music, was also installed in the same building. A board walk, with hand rails of 1" pipe, was laid over the gravel walk from rink to locker house. We found this very necessary to keep skates from being dulled on the gravel.

The ice was thick enough for skating by December 1st. We have had skating not later than December 7th, every year since. The season lasts until from the middle to the last of February, with a thaw of from five to ten days duration some time during

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the season, giving a total of eight to eleven weeks skating every year.

The first year every thing went well until December 25th, when the banks began to develop bad leaks. We found these were due to the tremendous pressure exerted by expansion of the water as it froze to ice. We had provided no outlet for the water. We finally had to let the water go out, leaving about 8" of ice, with a sag in the middle of the ice sheet.

Since the first year we have put only two to three inches of water in the rink each fall. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to get snow on the rink before flooding in the fall. We then pump water in, making a slush of the snow, which soon freezes solid. The advantage of the smaller depth of water is that it soon freezes to the bottom, allowing us to work on it with a truck and snow plow if necessary, and giving us skating much earlier than is possible on deeper ponds or rinks. With the small depth we get rid of or rather do not develop the leaks from water pressure under the ice.

The ice is resurfaced after each day or evening of skating. Before the water is put on, ice shavings made by the skates are removed. The first few years these shavings were removed by sweeping with brooms. This took considerable time. We are now using a scraper made of two-inch plank, faced with a piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch iron. While it does not clean off the shavings as good as the brooms, it does a clean enough job so that the resurfaced ice is smooth, and it takes one-quarter or less time than sweeping. After cleaning off shavings, any cracks are filled not quite level full with slush.

The next operation is spraying. The ice is sprayed several times until the surface is smooth, the exact number depending on how bad the ice was cut up. For spraying, $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose with an ordinary rose nozzle is

used. The water is pumped direct from a deep well into the hose. Only a thin film of water is put on at one time. If the ice is flooded, the water has a tendency in warm weather (20 degrees and up) to freeze on top and soak away underneath, leaving shell ice. If the weather is very cold, the flooding sometimes causes the ice surface to peel off when skated on, particularly if it warms up a little the next day. This I suppose is caused by the water flooded on freezing in a solid sheet, rather than binding to the old ice.

Even though the resurfacing does not invariably peel or form shell ice at low or high temperatures, the best results are always obtained when temperature during spraying is from 10 to 20 degrees. When excessively cold the ice formed by spraying is full of air and wears out or cuts up quickly. When warm we have to wait for the water to freeze between sprays, so do not always get as many sprays on as we would like. However, we do not wait for optimum temperatures, but spray after every day's skating unless the temperature goes above 32 degrees.

Two men take care of the rink. It takes both of them to operate the scraper, one pulling and the other steering. On the spraying they shift off at about 30-minute intervals, as it is a mean job at best handling wet hose in cold weather. We have

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sprayed with the thermometer reading as low as 20 degrees below. When brooms were used for cleaning the ice, resurfacing was done at night, starting after the evening's skating was over and taking until seven or eight in the morning. Since we changed to a scraper for cleaning off the shavings, the difference in time, has allowed us to start in the morning (6 a.m.) and get done before the skating starts.

(Continued in January)

HALTER HINCHEL NOTES

Have you heard about the "Mighty Mite?" It's a dad. You know he of the 240-yard drives. Must you be told that it is Nick Bruno's second child and it's a boy named James Salvador. I wonder if it will be nicknamed "Jim"?

A Mr. Mitchell, the Henry of the family, should be in this column, soon.

Arthur Anderson is father of a baby boy born October 31.

One of the most ingenious crooks discovered during 1940 was one in Syracuse, N. Y., who was fond of giving dinner parties. During the parties he left his wife to entertain the guests, then went out and looted their homes.

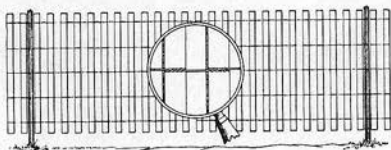
A young Cleveland couple had been entertained delightfully at dinner and decided it would be a nice gesture to send flowers to their hostess next day.

Together they visited the florist and selected a pretty assortment. The young lady, struggling to find just the proper phrase to write on the card, turned to her companion and said: "What does one say on such an occasion?"

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