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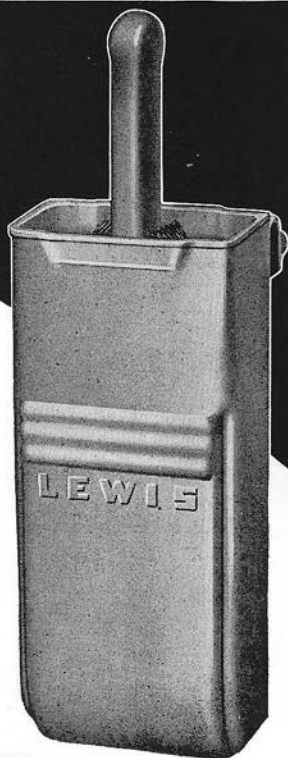
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PICKUPS FROM THE PRESS

Nothing will ruin a golf course quicker than letting nature take its course.

A golf club in the Middle West has a local rule which allows the player to improve the lie of his ball in a sand trap by moving it with the club head without penalty. (This should result in a substantial reduction in trap maintenance cost.)

Cling to your club, a banana only gets skinned (when it leaves the bunch).

Enthusiasm is something you can get by changing your attitude, and you can always change your attitude.

Contentment and competition are never allies, self-satisfaction and success are never friends.

Labor cost is composed of two elements, wages and the amount of work done for the wages.

Thinking is like eating, it isn't how much you swallow but how much you digest.

To be somebody do something. Avoid creating the impression of total rest such as is always produced by people who present only their surfaces to the world. Slightly inane behavior is better than no behavior at all.

The ability of a plant leaf to make up our food is the reason we are all here.

Worrying is disorganized thinking. It is a mental weed that crowds out intelligent thinking and planning.

The vital part of golf, the golf course, is not insured against loss or damage.

Remember when you're heavy tasked,

'Tis proof that still you live,

Dead men by none are ever asked

To serve or lend or give.—Anon.

Jack Counsell

EXCERPTS FROM A TALK AT THE
MASS. STATE COLLEGE RE-
CREATIONAL CONFERENCE

By PHILIP I. CASSIDY

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The greenkeeper or superintendent who has not foreseen the necessity to stock up on equipment at least for this season of rough going has no one to blame but himself if he is caught with his mowers down. Of course if strict budgets were made up for 1941 and incomes did not allow purchases of equipment then for the 1942 season that is unfortunate.

I believe that the purchase of seasonal replacement parts which are used or needed during the playing season should be bought now if this has not all ready been done; and if possible to obtain an additional spare for some important piece of maintenance equipment. Your dealer is a good judge of whether you are hoarding or creating a shortage as he knows what his supply is and how far it will go without slighting any of his patrons.

Under present conditions if you are in the market for new equipment and it is available you are quite fortunate. But, on the other hand the proper maintenance of present equipment, be it a 1941 tractor or a 1930 wheelbarrow, is as essential as any factor in maintaining near ideal working conditions under curtailed labor.

If you have been able to retain a mechanic in your shop without having to meet the wages being paid skilled mechanics or have a knowledge of machinery yourself, your job is made easier.

Instructions for the proper care of machinery are furnished by the manufacturer with each item purchased.

Your mechanic knows all these things, but how often is he checked as to whether he is conforming to the recom-

mendations given by the dealer or manufacturers?

Poor mower adjustment is often the cause of excessive wear of expensive parts. Proper adjustment by a qualified person will pay dividends in the life and performance of your units.

One of your most important pieces of equipment is your tractor drawn fertilizer distributor or your hand fertilizer spreader. After using them they should be carefully cleaned. Simply running them until the fertilizer or lime stops coming out is not enough. There are many places in your spreader where the material you are using will adhere and by absorbing moisture will in the course of a short time rust your moving parts necessitating new ones.

Remove and clean agitators and other parts if possible. Sludge moving parts before storing in a dry place. Of course a few organic fertilizers do not act on metal as do the inorganics, but if there are pockets of organic fertilizer left in the spreader and they become damp they will rot the wood sides.

If you figure that the investment in equipment on the average golf course, exclusive of hand tools, hose and sprinklers, is approximately \$10,000, you can readily see that the proper care of all equipment is only what should be expected by your club officials.



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If you could see what the future holds
And what your work will be
You'd take your time in meeting it
And not be all at sea.

Each one of us must do our bit
To work our way through life
To do our best in every way
And so confine ourselves from strife.

In every job there are dual parts
The one you see and the one you do
And the success of both
Is left entirely up to you.

It's times like this, or so it seems,
That you should have the will to do
And hear your conscience say, "Well
done"

To someone else, or is it you?

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GREENKEEPING S G R*

By CHARLES W. PARKER
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That there stuff called sulfanilamide
Sure does wonders for a hide
That's been cut or bruised or fried.

Then there's cousin sulfathiazole
Maybe that's the very best of all
For hides completely busted in a fall.

But what I want, all tidy and neat
Simple, inexpensive and complete
Is an analgesic for bicycle seat.

My card's punched out
And my gas is low
But over the golf course I must go.

I'm toothless and doddering, but game
As I throw my leg o'er the bike frame.
The 6th, but a mile away, is my aim.

Down hill I go with a terrific clatter
Bones a'rattle and teeth a'chatter
So I hang on tight, what does it matter.

On, on, I go with a roar and a rattle
Like a thousand tanks engaged in battle
Or a thundering herd of stampeding
cattle.

Half way down I hit a bump.
Dodge a tree but collide with a stump
Landing kerwhang with a painful thump.

Was I pushed or did I fall
Was I hit by a wild golf ball?
If I've an unbruised spot it's very small.

Just a tangle of wires is the bike's front
wheel
The skin from my face I can freely peel
And I'll be standing for many a meal.

Monteith, Sprague and O. J. Noer
Stop your researching, I implore.
Oh me! Oh my! but am I sore.

So find me, please, all tidy and neat
Simple, inexpensive and complete
An analgesic for bicycle seat.

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ATTENTION FIRST AIDERS!

(For I'm taking a course too.)

Mister, if you see me lying
On the ground and (maybe) dying,
Let my gore run bright and free,
Don't attempt to bandage me.

While there's life, there's hope, so pet,
Don't apply a tourniquet:
Do not give, for my salvation,
"Artificial Respiration."

Do not stretch my bones or joints.
Do not press my "Pressure Points."
If "Queer Symptoms" you should see,
Don't experiment on me.

If I'm suffering from Shock,
Take a walk around the block.
If you must be busy, pray
Help to "keep the crowds away."

So whatever my condition,
Phone at once for a physician.
Let me lie, I'll take a chance
Waiting for an ambulance.

From First Aid I beg release.
Mister, let me die in peace.

MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the Greenkeeper's Club of New England was held May 11 at the Wollaston Golf Club. Mr. Clapper of the New England Toro Company demonstrated the new Gandy Spreader. This spreads accurately at rates of 50 pounds to 2000 pounds per acre. It has no chains, gears, cog-wheels or ratchets and is easy to clean and grease. It is suitable for fertilizer, seed, and similar products except loam. The Gandy also has many other features worthy of our attention.

After the demonstration, we enjoyed a fine dinner at the club house. Dinner was followed by a round of golf on the famous Wollaston links. The fine condition of the course was a credit to our fellow greenkeeper and host for the day, Arthur Cody.

The winners:

Nick Bruno, Norfolk Golf Club, low gross 80.

Semi Braio, Grand View Golf Club, tie 70.

Sam Mitchell, Ponkapoag, 1st net 70.

Bill Margeson, Sagamore Springs, 2nd net 72.

Narry Sperandio, Marlboro, least putts 30.

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C. C. Wernham, who wrote the interesting article on "Disease Control Without Mercurials" which appeared in the May issue is from the Pennsylvania State College.

SHOULD THE GREENKEEPER PLAY GOLF?

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(Reprinted from Greenkeepers' Reporter)

THE GREENKEEPER's job is to produce golfing conditions on the course he maintains. The members and other players influence his practices directly so he either has excellent, good or poor golf conditions—notwithstanding numerous controlled and uncontrolled factors affecting both members and green keeper.

It can be said with due respect to all concerned that the greenkeeper can more directly influence the pleasure of a game of golf than any one man. The pro coaches his pupil on how to stroke the ball as few times as possible, but the player's ball follows the greenkeeper's doing down to the last stroke, whether it be a 70 or 120.

If we are so concerned with the game of golf why should we not play it? While it is unnecessary for a greenkeeper to play in order to produce good golfing conditions, I believe one who is in intimate touch with the game has a closer feeling as to actual conditions—a sort of golfer's sense that can be of great aid in his maintenance practices. It is quite evident that a course can be greatly affected one way or another, depending upon whether the stress is put on immediate golfing conditions or on the health of the turf only. A happy medium seems to be more sensible and can best be arrived at when the greenkeeper has a knowledge of every day golf along with his greenkeeping knowledge.

BY PLAYING IT GIVES YOU AN ACE IN THE HOLE

Even in discussions with members and committees a first-hand knowledge of golf can be of great value—and is an ace in the hole, so to speak. The speed of greens, length of fairways, rough, etc. can often be appreciated best from a golfer's viewpoint. As far as club officials are concerned, they differ somewhat in their thoughts about a greenkeeper playing golf. However, in talking with a club president a while back we were discussing a certain greenkeeper and he said, "He was a good man but he did not play golf and therefore did not appreciate the golfer's viewpoint as he should have." There may be many greenkeepers who disagree on the necessity of playing golf—but there can be none who doubt that it is an asset in one's work.

The day when a course is totally influenced by the low handicap player is gone, both in layout and playing conditions. We have been through a period where a course standard was judged only by the good player and conditions adjusted accordingly, often to the detriment of the health of the turf.

PLAY CONDITIONS AND SENSIBLE MAINTENANCE

I have specific thoughts now on close cutting certain types of fairways. Excessive close cutting in the past was brought on by low handicap players and innocently by professionals, so that some courses lost some of their good turf. I am sure the higher handicap player had very little to do with this as the character of his game was such that he enjoyed a reasonable height of cut. I find that all golfers can score as well and enjoy a game on a reasonable length cut

when they know that it is in the interest of better conditions over an indefinite period. A golf-playing greenkeeper can make this fact more effective to the general membership. In spite of what some men think, as many golfers judge a course by their own individual score, the overwhelming majority of good and mediocre players are sportsmen to the extent that they often are too easy on the course and their criticism of it.

The relation of good playing conditions to sensible maintenance has but one logical man to educate the golfing world—and he is a golfing greenkeeper with a good knowledge of both.

Let's ask ourselves these questions. "When is a green too hard? When is it too soft? What is a reasonable height for fairways under my conditions? What is the height of fair rough? How is the sand in my traps—too soft or too hard? Who is the judge of fair and good conditions of such areas?"

We regret the fact that the address of the Eastern Golf Company, 244 West 42nd street, New York, was omitted from their advertisement in the May issue. It is interesting to note that this company has been dealing exclusively in used golf balls for twenty-five years, and, at present, are doing their best to help relieve the demand for used balls which has increased for obvious reasons. At present they are rewashing and repainting balls which are sent to them by pros and greenkeepers from all over the United States, Canada, and Hawaii. The balls are sprayed with three coats of enamels and spotted with original markings. The better balls which have their original enamel are washed by special process to remove grit and sand.



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JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Greenkeepers' Club of New England was held at the Belmont Golf Club on Monday, June the first. First on the program was an excellent dinner served at the Club, followed by a short business meeting. David Barry, Greenkeeper at Poland Springs Golf Course was elected to membership. In the afternoon a most enjoyable golf tournament was held. Ted Murphy had the course in excellent condition, as usual.

A lunch was served in the evening after which Mr. Johnson of the Bayer Semesan Company showed moving pictures taken during his Company's search to find a substitute for mercurial fungicides. He also answered many questions

concerning the new fungicide "Thiosan" which his company has developed for this purpose. Mr. Johnson's answers and information were most encouraging.

The fine attendance and the interest shown at this meeting demonstrates a fine spirit in the Greenkeepers Club.

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Best selected nine holes— $\frac{1}{2}$ handicap
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B Best nine gross
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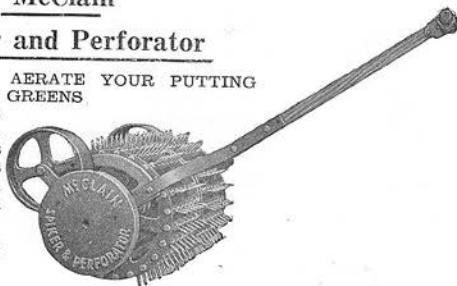
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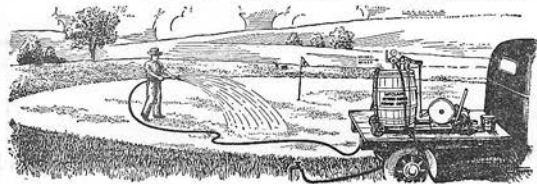
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