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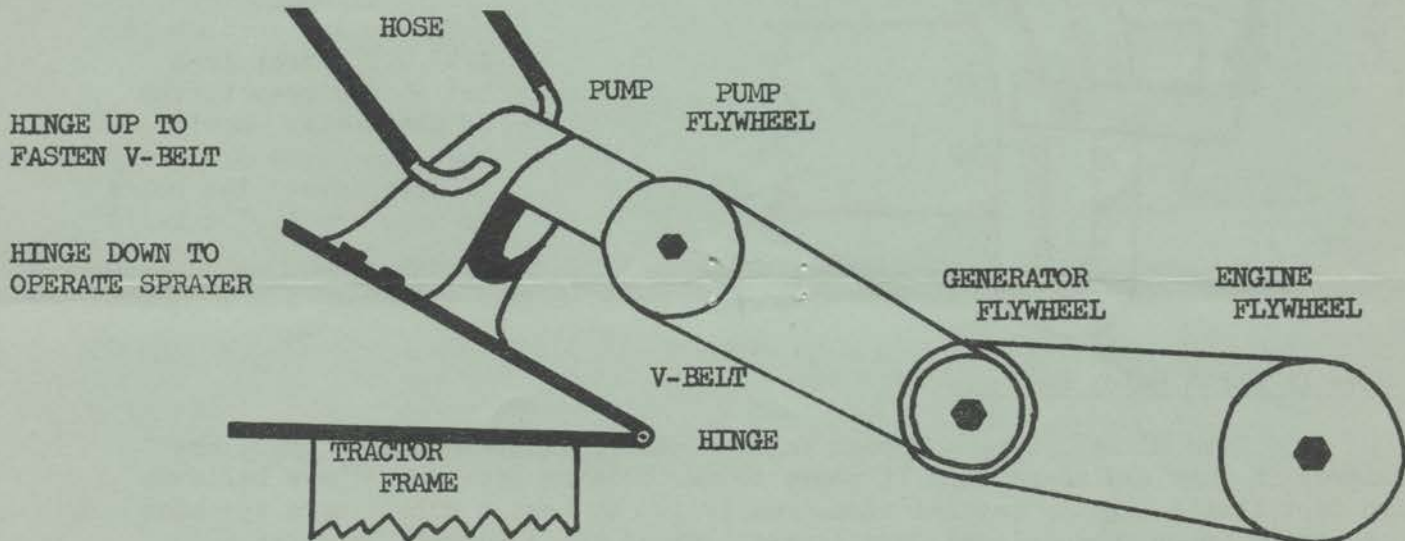
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Two Jobs Accomplished In One Operation

Elmer Michael, who holds the dual responsibility of Superintendent of Oak Hill Country Club and Mayor of the town of Pittsford, also likes to use the dual purpose principle in getting things done. At Oak Hill Country Club he has 36 holes of championship calibre to maintain and every short cut that he can institute is helpful and a savings.

To control weeds and to mow roughs in one operation, he mounted a spray tank on the tractor with controls within easy access of the operator, and set the booms in front of the mowing units. The power is supplied by the tractor motor by means of a double VEE-BELT hook up ... as drawn below.



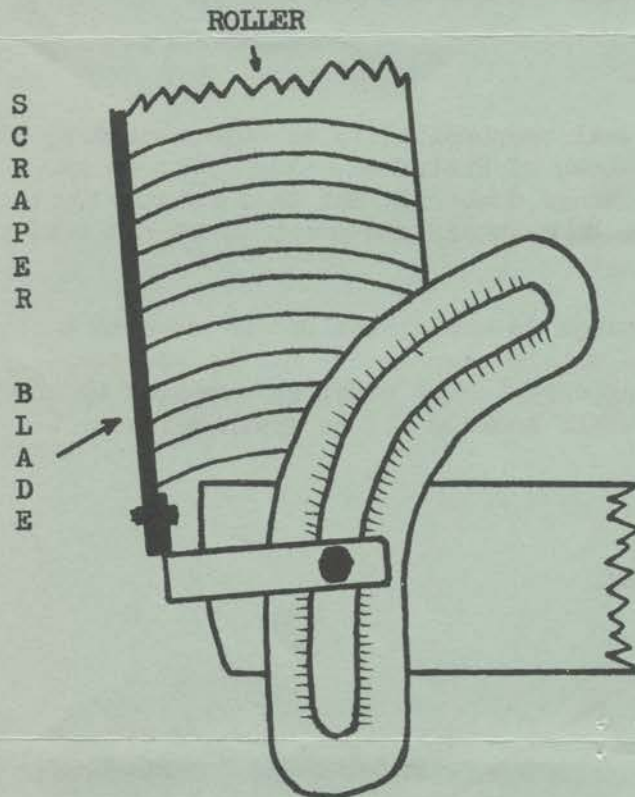
To mow tees and to remove clippings at the same time Elmer affixed a box approximately 1-cubic yard in size to ride tandem behind his triplex cutting unit. The cutting units have catchers affixed and as clippings accumulate the operator simply dumps them into the trailing box.

Increasing The Greensward Sweeping Swath

Bamboo poles are used by many to whip greens to remove the dew, earth-worm casts, and to scatter grass clippings. Willis and Roland White, father and son team at the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, N. Y., decided that the "knuckles" on the bamboo poles were a problem ... clippings and dew escaped the whip because of the unevenness caused by the bamboo "knuckles". To correct this they fasten a fibre glass casting rod at the end of a bamboo pole which becomes the business end of the whip ... it whips everything smoothly and uniformly in its path, it cuts a wider swath, it is light and easy to maneuver, and it is durable.

Fairway Roller Scraper - Variation #2

Our Nov. - Dec. 1961 issue of the Eastern Turfletter carried an idea by Bill Dest, Supt., Wethersfield Country Club, Wethersfield, Conn., which helped alleviate the problem of wet clippings bunching on the rollers. This roller scraper was designed by Bill for his mowing units.



Jimmy DeBottis, of the Country Club of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., liked Bill's idea, but his fairway mowing units were of another make so Jim went to work and devised the variation drawn for each of his units.

The roller scraper is 1/4" x 2" strap iron set at the rear bottom of the roller outside the frame with 1/4" x 1" "L" brackets. The bolts he uses are 1/2" x 2-1/2".

Save It For A Rainy Day!

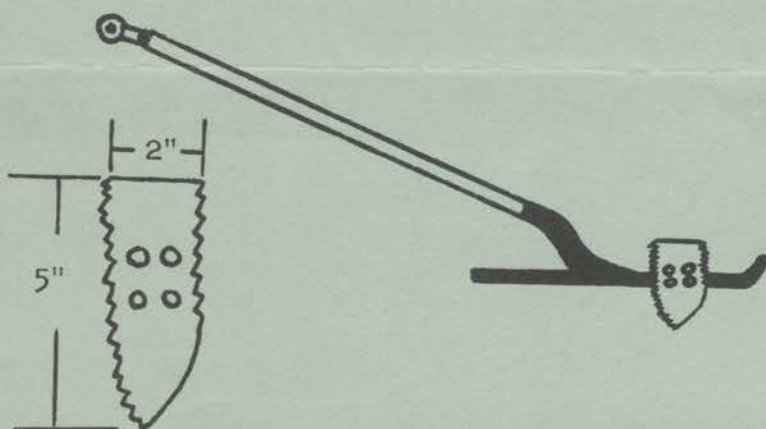
Dave Miller, Supt., Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa., believes in this old adage when it comes to fertilizing fairways. Dave believes in fertilizing lightly several times yearly ... he uses a rotary type spreader and granular or pelletized fertilizers. Often times he will wait for a light rain to apply the fertilizer. To keep the fertilizer and hopper dry, he had a heavy duty plastic cover made up to fit snugly over the hopper -- at cost of \$5.00 ... this enables him to fertilize on rainy days to the obvious benefit of the efficient use of labor as well as the benefit of having the fertilizer watered in immediately by Mother Nature.

Sod Slicer - Hand Model

Some power sod-cutters come equipped with an automatic device to cut the sod into equal lengths at the time the sod is being stripped. Those that do not have the automatic device may be interested in the hand sod slicer designed by Gus Chicarelli, Supt., Briar Hall Country Club, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

Made with the handle of a discarded hand sod cutter, Gus cut off the original blade and welded 1/4" x 1" flat stock to the handle base as shown in the diagram. The slicing blade is then bolted to the flat stock. The blade is tapered to a point on a grindstone and it slices through stripped sod beautifully.

To guide the slicer, Gus made up a guide board of 12" x 1" stock with 1/8" angle iron on either side.



TURFGRASS CONFERENCES - 1963

Mid-Atlantic Lord Baltimore Hotel	January 7 - 8
Rutgers University	January 14 - 18
USGA Green Section Educational Program Hotel Biltmore, New York City	January 25
Virginia Hotel John Marshall, Richmond	January 30 - 31
Golf Course Supts. Assoc. of America El Cortez Hotel - San Diego, Calif.	February 10 - 15
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