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The text of Paul Harvey's March 25 commentary:

"Golfers at many or most of the magnifi-cent golf courses are missing something important this spring — bird song. Greenskeepers have denied that their pesticides are killing their birds, but they can't deny it anymore. A conference yesterday in Wilmington, N.C., heard recommendations on how to make golf courses more environmentally friendly. Pesticides on golf courses are polluting coating flowing waters in some places. More than 50 different chemicals are used on golf courses to kill insects and weeds and rodents, and regulations of the use of those chemicals is almost non-existent. The USGA is presently completing its own three-year story, but the bottom line seems to be that some course designers and some who maintain them will not behave unless there are new laws to require it."