be removed and a secondary valve automatically closes—shutting off the water. The insertion of the main valve unit again opens this valve. Changes can be made in these valves under pressure without any appreciable leakage.

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antique parchment leatherette cabinet constructed. It is a gift in itself of many uses cigarettes, jewelry, gadgets.

Evans Implement Company, 569-71 Whitehall St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., reports that its Fairway Hoe, which has been received so enthusiastically by users since it was introduced just 2½ years ago, has again enjoyed a good sale during the past season. The company announces also that materials on hand are adequate to assure prompt delivery on all orders this fall and for next year.

Typical of the comments of Culti Hoe users are the following: "We find the Culti-Hoe the best means of working our fairways; it breaks up the top crust, allowing water and air to get to the roots of the grass where the most good is obtained. We find it also does a fine job in ploughed ground to crush clods and level the surface to a fine finish."

"The Culti-Hoe is almost a necessity to the proper care of fairways in that its use softens the fairways, keeps the crust broken and thereby aids materially in the growth of the grass."

The Evans Fairway Hoe will aerate and cultivate turf at the rate of 40 acres a day with a tractor. Weight is approximately 870 lbs., and is strong enough to support any weight without bending prongs, where additional weight is needed to get proper penetration in heavily crusted soils. The low cost of the Culti-Hoe will surprise you, too. For complete details on the Evans Fairway Hoe, and also for copies of the new Evans price list and catalog, write the Evans Implement Co., Atlanta, Georgia.

Comprehensive Soil Test Service Offered Greenkeepers

By L. E. Allen, Service Division, American Agricultural Chemical Co.

A survey just completed among leading Metropolitan golf courses shows an increase of up to 25% in the total number of rounds of play in the 1941 season, and greenkeeping superintendents who keep their eye on trends expect a further upswing, due to the general increase in purchasing power and the natural tendency to offset wartime tension with golf.

This survey also indicates that budget committees are, for the most part, anticipating no substantial increase in their operating budgets for the coming year, with the result that greens committees and greenkeepers are faced with the necessity of providing for heavier play on just about the same appropriation as this year's.

To help meet this situation, The American Agricultural Chemical Co. plans extension of a comprehensive soil test service, designed to help those charged with maintenance problems in making the most out of the limited sum of money available for plant feeding.

In the course of our survey, we asked greenkeepers this question: "What value do you place on a well-kept green—that is, how much money do you think a first-class green represents by way of capital investment?" We got some answers which may surprise you, until you stop to think about it. A number of greenkeepers worked out definite figures of expenditures for materials and labor over a 5-year period and we came up with the average that each green represents an investment of 425 man-hours a season, which plus supervision, equipment and materials means an investment of over $2,000 per green in a 5-year period. Any green-committee can easily figure it out for
The old golf ball washers shown in the picture above have lost their "lives" due to the eye appeal and performance of the new Lewis Paddle-Type washer. Since the time this new washer was announced, along with a special trade-in allowance, in the February, 1941, GOLFDOM, hundreds of old washers have been turned in. The offer was good on any washer regardless of make. Lewis Washers outnumbered the combined other makes about 10 to one. Some traded in had been in continuous service since 1929.

One batch of washers traded in had been the victim of the "Armistice Day Freeze" of 1940 that caught Southern courses by surprise. Their sides had been bulged by the solid ice that formed in a climate that ordinarily never has more than a "nipping frost" all winter long.

Due to its success the past season, the trade-in allowance will be featured again for the 1942 season.

Shown at left is the new Lewis Paddle-Type washer.

themselves, but any way you figure it, good turf, and first-class greens in particular, represent a very substantial investment—which is as it should be, for good turf is the basis of good golf and player satisfaction.

Our field representative takes adequate samples from different parts of the course. These samples, which are reasonably representative of the soil of the course as a whole, go to our soil test laboratories where the soil is put through a series of tests using modern scientific equipment, manned by experienced soil scientists. Our trained agronomists then analyze the findings of the soil test laboratory and submit a report to the greenkeeper, accurately reflecting the condition of the soil and suggesting the method of plant feeding that will produce best results.

In the course of many years’ experience with turf feeding problems, we have also accumulated a lot of experience on the subject of insect control and other problems which are a part of the job of good turf maintenance. Thus, in addition to well-grounded advice on turf feeding, we try to be of service in these other related problems.

How this service works out is illustrated by a typical example. The Fairfax (Va.) GC is a beautiful semi-public course, just one year old, and it scored an instantaneous success—so much so that it will be substantially enlarged in the near future.

This course was built on what had once been a farm where the soil was very much run down. Soil samples having been analyzed, lime and fertilizer were applied in accordance with the recommendations of our agronomists at the rate indicated for best results—in this instance, using on the greens a high application of the Agrico Country Club fertilizer grade specially formulated for greens, and applying the Agrico Country Club fairways formula on the rest of the course at the rate of 600 lbs. per acre.

Shortly after the course was seeded in September and October, 1940, heavy rains fell. The winter was none too favorable. During April and May there was a severe drought with less than an inch of rainfall. But W. H. Glover, greenkeeper at Fairfax, was able to open the course for play on May 25, 1941, in time for a heavy Memorial Day weekend. Glover, who is widely known for successful results in golf course building and maintenance, reports that the new turf stood up surprisingly well under total play which has exceeded all expectations.

Experiments are being conducted on the Fairfax course, under Glover's direction, in cooperation with Dr. John Montieth, Director of the USGA Green Section, with a view to developing a turf with maximum disease resistance for greens.

"So far as I am concerned," Glover says, "I would like to urge budget committees not to budge one inch on their plant food budgets. Our experience at Fairfax has again accentuated the fact that adequate feeding is essential for good turf. Experts who visited our course this summer, which mark you, was only seeded last September and October, remarked at the exceptional condition of sod less than a year old and asked how we did it. "I told them that a large part of the credit goes to adequate use of Agrico Country Club..."
fertilizers, which are not only specially formulated for grasses and fairways respectively, but are properly balanced with all the essential plant foods for both quick-acting and long-lasting results."

The American Agricultural Chemical Co. invites

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all courses to use its free soil test service by writing the company at 50 Church St., New York, or by communicating with the nearest of 39 Agrico factories and sales offices in the United States, Canada and Cuba.

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