

O. J. Noer's Turf Tips



Bob Grant stands alongside converted maintenance vehicle. Sprinklers are carried inside pipe and baskets on side are for green clippings.

The Suprenant G&CC near Clinton, Mass., has the finest service buildings in the East and possibly the best in the U.S.

The main building has a spacious office up front, adjoining the service and workshop. Behind these is a large storage room for machinery. Alongside this section of the building is a concrete platform, with a pressure water line, so every piece of equipment can be washed before it is brought into the storage room.

Lime, fertilizers, and other bulk materials are kept under lock and key in a smaller building alongside the main one.

Among other things, Robert E. Grant, the supt., designed and built a special body for the power cars used to transport green mowers, sprinklers, etc. The tail-gate drops to the ground so mowers can drive onto the cars on their own power. Platforms on both sides hold four large plastic baskets. Clippings are deposited in these baskets and brought to a central dump.

Large size plastic pipe, across the front of the body and along both sides, hold sprinklers in an upright position.

This well-planned service layout pays off in better all around performance of machinery and workmen.



Before and after views of service buildings



An inside view of the machinery storage bay.



Employee hoses down equipment before taking it inside the building. At right, Grant is shown in his comfortable office.