

Greenkeeper and Chairman Hand in Hand

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*View of Clubhouse at Edgewood Country Club,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.*

AS they are of the most importance, I will begin with the care of the greens.

Four men have five greens each to mow, weed and take care of in general. This includes practice green and turf nursery. All greens are mowed every day during the playing season. These men also mow their tees and around their greens three times a week and attend to the tee boxes. Each man has a hole cutter and changes the holes as often as needed, which is usually four times a week. Each of these four groups of men has a tool house in their own section with all necessary tools as this saves time in preference to storing them in the main tool house.

Tee markers are changed every day, and the damaged spots from each day's play are dressed with seed and compost.

Fourteen Hours for Cutting Fairways

One man mows all the fairways twice a week with a Toro tractor and five Toro units. This takes about fourteen hours at each cutting.

In his spare time between the two cuttings of the fairways he drops off two units and sets the other three units to cut the rough three inches high. One man mows rough with the Staude tractor and three units. He mows the places that are too steep for the Toro, and does other work when not mowing the rough.



*Showing what is expected of a Fairway Mowing Outfit
at Edgewood*

Two men mow with scythes in places the tractors cannot reach. These men also roll the greens and tees and take care of bunkers.

One man works with the truck and waters the greens and tees in dry weather.

When we worm or dress the greens all the men help after their regular morning's work is done. It takes about fourteen hours to dress the greens.

One man takes care of the lawns, shrubbery and avenues around the clubhouse, and raises flowers for use in the clubhouse.

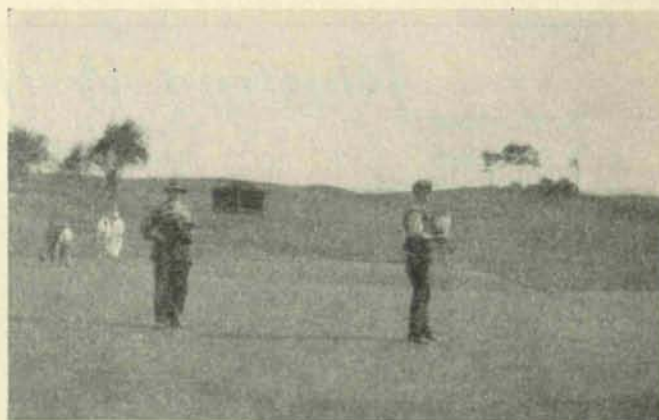
I think the men take more interest when they have their own work to be responsible for.

Fertilizing with Cahoon Seeders

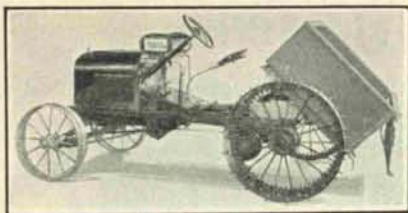
We fertilize our greens as often as needed with sulphate of ammonia mixed with dry sand and spread with Cahoon seeders. Two men will fertilize ten greens in about ninety minutes and three men follow them up with the hose and water it in.

I think it is very important to have co-operation between the chairman and the greenkeeper, and am glad to say that I have no complaint whatever on this score.

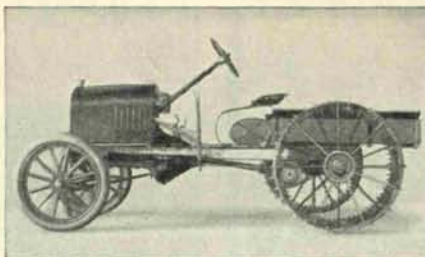
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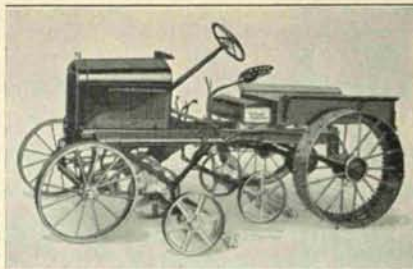
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Use of Distribution Time Slips

I have been working on golf courses for twenty-six years and have been keeping distribution time slips for seven years. Each man has one and turns it in every pay day. I find these time slips a great help in checking off what each operation costs.

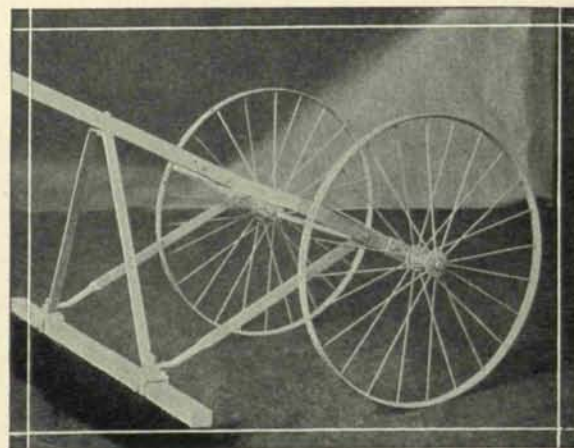
I am very glad to be a Charter member of the National Association of Greenkeepers, and hope it continues with its good work for more efficient greenkeeping. We greenkeepers have needed this organization for a good many years. Now that we have it, let's give our best efforts to support it.

Lead Arsenate for Chickweed

MR. NORMAN L. MATTICE, greenkeeper at Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, New Jersey, in a letter to the association, comments upon the large amount of mouse ear chickweed he found at Pine Valley when he took charge there this spring.

Mr. Mattice writes, "The greens were badly infested, some of them to the extent that re-turfing was talked about. I have used arsenate of lead in my top dressing since, with the result that practically all of it has turned yellow and died, and the grasses have crept in and filled up the spaces so that it is not noticeable where the chickweed once prevailed."

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