

# Midwest Holds Demonstration

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THE first annual exhibit and demonstration of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association at Sunset Valley Golf Club, Highland Park, Illinois, June 5 was one of the biggest events of the season.

Greenkeepers from far and wide came to see the vast array of equipment and to witness the demonstrations staged for their benefit by representatives of manufacturers and local dealers who welcomed the opportunity to put the equipment to all manner of tests at the suggestion of those present. Many points of interest were developed and greenkeepers were able to make valuable comparisons.

The weather was anything but favorable to the occasion. A cold northeast wind lowered the temperature and many overcoats were worn. Rain had fallen during a large part of the previous night and the ground was inclined to be heavy. Intermittent rain added to the discomfort of the spectators. In some cases exhibitors were at considerable disadvantage because of the weather conditions. This was especially true in the performance of top-dressing machines and compost screeners.

## Holt Tractor Exhibits Power

ONE of the features of the affair was the exhibition of power by a Holt tractor which pulled ten cutting units and mowed a swath of grass 24 feet wide. This

works on the caterpillar principle and seemed to have no traction difficulty.

Fairway mowers were put through their paces under the most adverse conditions. Demonstrations were made by Ideal, Worthington, Roseman, Pennsylvania, F. & N. and Toro mowers. Various improvements in the cutting units were observed with comment. Power was furnished by Worthington, Roseman, Holt, Staude, Whippet, Toro, Ford Model A and Fordson tractors.

In the putting green mower class especial attention was given to two new power mowers, the Toro Triplex Electric and the Worthington Overgreen Triplex. Other hand mowers which gave a good account of themselves were the Pennsylvania, F. & N., Toro and Jacobsen.

## Spraying Machines Attract Attention

THE demonstration of spraying machines was of especial interest as the value of these machines is beginning to be appreciated by progressive greenkeepers. Both the Hardie and the Friend were represented. It was explained that these machine would apply any fertilizer or fungicide which could be mixed with water.

Although the rainfall made further irrigation unnecessary, the operation of the various types of sprinklers on exhibit attracted attention. The new Dayton collapsible sprinkler, which disappears into the ground when the



MIDWEST GREENKEEPERS ASSEMBLED AT THE SUNSET VALLEY DEMONSTRATION  
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water pressure is released, was the center of a large group of spectators. The new March tubular sprinkler was demonstrated as were also the Economy, Lark, Orrain and Buckner sprinklers.

Worm eradication was the subject of much discussion. Proof of the efficiency of both Mowrah Meal and Electric Worm Eradicator was made to the consternation of the worms.

### Laing Talks to Greenkeepers

**G**REENKEEPERS and equipment representatives were guests at noon in the Sunset Valley Golf Club, where a hot lunch was much enjoyed. Mr. Edward M. Laing, host of the occasion, made an interesting talk outlining the origination and development of this municipal course. The fine appearance and condition of the links were much praised by the visitors.

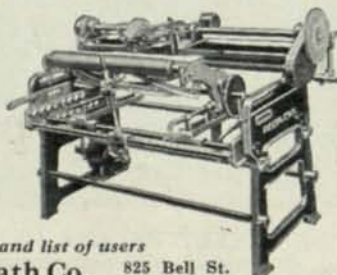
Congratulations upon the efficiency of the arrangements were extended to Mr. Edward M. Laing of Sunset Valley, Mr. Peter Stewart of Lake Shore Country Club, Mr. Fred Sherwood of Northmoor Country Club and Mr. Axle Pirie of Old Elm Country Club by Mr. John MacGregor, president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association.

The opinion was expressed by greenkeepers present that the event had been quite worth while. They called attention to the splendid opportunity to observe the operation of equipment under golf course conditions. They are now looking forward with anticipation to the next demonstration day.

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