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## 1778 Miles a Year

*"Scotty" McLaren in Toro News figures out how far a golf mower travels during the season.*

THERE are no speedometers on tractors, so there is no way of telling just how many miles a tractor covers every year on a golf course. Many manufacturers of farm tractors estimate the average farm tractor has a normal working life of 600 days. It should be generally conceded that a golf course tractor does considerably more work than the average farm tractor, and although there are no definite ways of figuring the exact service from the point of mileage, it is comparatively easy to figure out how far a tractor mower travels.

So take out your pencils and see how accurate these figures are as compared to your own course.

### FAIRWAY MOWERS

- Average length 18-hole course 6500 yards.
- Less 50 yards rough per hole 900 yards.
- Total yardage cut 5600 yards.
- Width of fairways, 50 yards.
- Width of cut, 4 yards.
- Number of rounds, 13.
- Total mileage necessary to cut, 72,800 yards.
- Cutting season, 21½ weeks.
- 2 cuts per week, 43 cuts—3,130,400 yards.
- Cutting mileage per season—1778.7 miles.

It is conservative then, to estimate that for handling the mowing job, a tractor mowing outfit travels 1778 miles per year, or equivalent to the distance between New York City and Denver, Colorado.

This estimate does not take into consideration the extra work that a golf course tractor does when not used as a mowing outfit and it can be conservatively

stated that this would amount to at least five hundred miles more per year.

It is easy to ascertain how far a putting green mower travels, and if you are not all tired out with this high-powered arithmetic, take your pencil in hand again and see how close these figures come to your own course.

### PUTTING GREEN MOWERS

- 1 travel foot, 17½ in. cut, 1½ in. overlap—1⅓ in. sq. cutting feet.
- 1 average green, 6000 sq. ft.—4500 travel feet.
- 18 greens—81,000 travel feet.
- 180 days—14,580,000 travel feet or 2761.4 mileage per season.
- If 3 mowers are used—920.3 miles each.
- If 4 mowers are used—690.2 miles each.

## The Greenkeeper's Club of Western Pennsylvania

By JOHN QUAILL, Secy.

THE Greenkeeper's Club of Western Pennsylvania held their monthly meeting in the Fort Pitt Hotel on Monday, March 11, 1929.

President John Pressler missed his first meeting in two years owing to sickness. John has been a very faithful member and officer of the club and we all regret that he was unable to attend. Vice president John McNamara took charge of the meeting.

This was the anniversary meeting of the club. Three years ago on March 17, 1926 the Greenkeepers Club was founded. John Pressler has been President since its conception and John McNamara has been Vice president. The club has not missed a meeting since the organization.



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The evening was spent in discussion of upkeep, seeding, fertilizing and equipment. The recent N. A. G. A. Convention was reviewed and the various papers read at the conferences were discussed at length. It was voted that this was one of the most instructive meetings yet held.

**Mid-West Greenkeepers**

By PETER STEWART, Secretary

The Mid-West Greenkeepers Association met March 6 at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, with the new president, Alex Binnie presiding.

The meeting was featured by papers read by Matt Bezek, first vice-president of the association and greenkeeper at the Beverly Country Club, Chicago. Matt gave a detailed statement of the cost of their sprinkler system as follows:

COST—LABOR AND MATERIAL—SPRINKLING SYSTEM	
451 ft. 6 in.—1½ in. pipe.	
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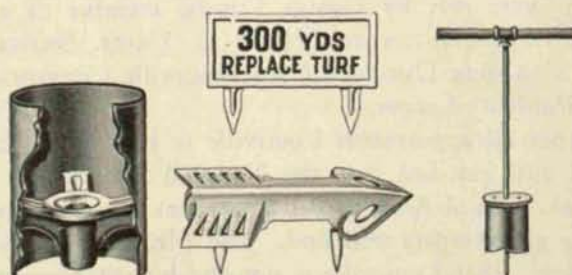
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3350 ft. 1 in. Hose—500 ft. ¾ in. hose	641.61
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John MacGregor had a very interesting paper showing how determination will overcome difficulties and especially referred to his experiences at the Chicago Golf Club last year when he was hit by brown patch only a few days before the Walker Cup Matches. John had his troubles due to heavy rains and scalding sun, but those who saw his golf course at the time of the Walker Cup Matches will testify that as a greenkeeper he is second to none in the United States.

Concluding the meeting Arthur Reitsch, superintendent of the park district of Rockford gave an interesting talk which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Reitsch is also superintendent of the Rockford Park Country Club.

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