3—Have You Planned a Fall Fertilizing Program?

From Joseph Valentine, Greenkeeper, Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia.

I have not planned any fertilizer program for this fall, as in the past I have used so much of it that my grounds are a bit overfed, so perhaps I am going to lay off for a year.

The spring of 1930 I may use some inorganic fertilizer in order to stimulate quicker growth.

From Herbert E. Shave, Greenkeeper, Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Mich.

We always fertilize in late fall and early winter. We intend to close our North course in October and spread rotted cow manure on our sand. This we have had to do every fall on this course as it is very sandy and cow manure sure does help it along. I try to get some heavy soil to help out, but don't have much luck getting any after play has thinned down. I usually go over our greens with a dressing of sharp sand about two yards per green. It has all winter to work into the ground and helps protect the grass from players who like to tramp around the course and think they are enjoying their game of golf.

From Alex Binnie, Greenkeeper, Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

We plan to topdress or fertilize a number of fairways each year and seed whenever necessity demands. The type of fertilizer used is governed entirely by an analysis of our soil. We are, at this time, awaiting an analysis report on samples submitted a few weeks ago.

From James Muirden, Greenkeeper, Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Where fairways are thin I generally use barnyard manure applied with manure spreader late in fall.

From Thomas Galvin, Greenkeeper, Rhode Island Country Club, West Barrington, Rhode Island.

During the months of June, July and August I topdress with about ten pounds of sulphate of ammonia and morate of potash (five pounds each) every two weeks. I get very good results.


I intend fertilizing all fairways. One hundred yards from tees to greens at rate of eight hundred pounds per acre with Milorganite.

From Joe L. Mayo, Greenkeeper, Pebble Beach Country Club, Del Monte, California.

Every two months one hundred and fifty pounds of sulphate of ammonia and three hundred pounds of gypsum and eight yards of fine loam per acre, using a lime spreader for distribution. We fertilize the year around.

From James W. Bolton, Greenkeeper, Berkshire Country Club, Reading, Penna.

We have planned to put about seventy-five
pounds of hydrated lime to the average green this fall. We are considering a reconstruction program and for that reason we have not considered much fertilizing.

From Joe P. Mayo, Greenkeeper,
Pebble Beach Country Club, Del Monte, California.
Topdress my greens every six weeks with ten pounds of 6-9-6 and two pounds of sulphate of ammonia and one-sixth of a yard of finely screened compost.

From Ford Goodrich, Greenkeeper,
Flint Country Club, Flint, Michigan.
No fertilizer on the greens after September. Rotted manure or refuse from the sewerage disposal plant on the fairways during the winter.

From J. O. Campbell, Greenkeeper,
Wethersfield Country Club, Hartford, Conn.
About October 15 I topdress for winter. I will use a good top soil about forty per cent sand thoroughly mixed with one hundred and twenty-five pounds Milorganite to one and one-half yards of top soil, twelve pounds arsenate of lead and twenty pounds sulphate of ammonia. This will be spread evenly and raked over with the back of steel rakes. This is enough for seven thousand square feet.

From John Morley, Greenkeeper,
Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, Ohio.
We will topdress about the middle of October with compost containing two-thirds of soil and one-third of sharp sand about one and one-half yards to a putting green.

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our fairways this fall at the rate of five hundred pounds per acre, after the fall rains begin. We expect also to spread barnyard manure on spots where grass is thin and ground is hard—this we will do very late this fall.

From Elmer F. Affeldt, Greenkeeper,
I prefer to do the fertilizing in the spring, just as the grass is beginning to take on a green color, using 500 lbs. of Milorganite per acre.

From Walter C. Reed, Greenkeeper,
Westwood Country Club, Clayton, Missouri.
We are going to use a 10-6-4 fertilizer. This is organic nitrogen base fertilizer and we are going to use four hundred pounds of 10-6-4 and two hundred pounds of steamed bone meal per acre. This fertilizer will be applied eight or ten days before seeding.

From Hugh C. Moore, Greenkeeper and Professional,
Sea Island Country Club, St. Simons Island, Georgia.
I will fertilize my fairways and tees with bone meal this fall. For my greens I am very partial to Vigoro and sulphate of ammonia. I have also obtained good results from Milorganite. I do not approve of set methods and ways of using fertilizers.

From Ford Goodrich, Greenkeeper,
Flint Country Club, Flint, Michigan.
Will stop dressing September 15. Compost—one-quarter yard to one thousand sq. ft.

From J. O. Campbell, Greenkeeper,
Wethersfield Country Club, Hartford, Conn.
I have no fertilizer program for this year.

From John Morley, Greenkeeper,
Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, Ohio.
None.