THE NEW "OVERGREEN SCOUT"

Since the wonderful advance was made in the speed at which the fairways of golf courses are mowed, there has naturally arisen a persistent demand for a power driven mower that would improve in like degree, the cutting speed upon putting greens.

Stimulated by this demand many of the leading mower manufacturers have for years been endeavoring to design a machine that would accomplish this desired result. Our greenkeepers are aware of what measure of success has been thus far met by these efforts.

It now appears that the Worthington mower company, who discovered and patented the gang mower, which brought about the great improvement in the speed of cutting our fairways, has also had this putting green problem in hand. They now make the interesting announcement that their design has finally taken shape in what they call "a perfect machine." They attribute their success largely to the experience gained with hundreds of their 1929 "Overgreens." These have been in actual service for over two years on courses distributed over the Eastern States.

These Overgreens were satisfactory in the main, but in some cases where the turf conditions were exceptional, the high wheel units with which these are equipped, were found not to be desirable nor as well liked by the greenkeepers as the roller type.

This experience led the company to develop for this year's introduction, a roller type unit, in order that the greenkeepers of the country may have the choice of the high wheel or the roller type "Overgreen" combination.

They claim "that this roller unit, called the "Shawnee Scout," is a wonderful advance over anything heretofore known in this field. That it has incorporated every feature that has been found desirable and eliminated everything that could be unfavorably criticized.

These "Scouts" are associated with the "Overgreen" tractor, in triple gang formation which is the first time that the gang principle has ever been applied to a green.

The tractor itself has a form of pliable tire (the subject of patent application) without which they insist, no power mower can ever be safely run over the soft delicate turf of a modern putting green. It is this tire, more than any other factor which has enabled them to finally solve this putting green problem.

The three units of the gang have a combined swath of about four feet. They are propelled by the tractor and in going from green to green are lifted free from the ground so that all wear on the units during the transfer is prevented.

In brief this "Overgreen Scout" is said by this prominent company to be a discovery that is destined to completely change the present accepted method of mowing and bring about the ultimate abandonment of the hand machine altogether, on this service.

An average green of six thousand square feet area is cut by this mower in ten minutes. It leaves no track upon the green—no more than is left by the best hand mowers in use today.

The surface of the green is mowed absolutely smooth, with no ridges, scalps or uncut hollows. No wear of the turf occurs at the edges of the green.

The whole apparatus is simpler, easier to run and less tiresome for the operator, than any other power mower and far speedier. It saves its cost in less than three months. From an economic standpoint alone, no club can afford to be without it.

New Developments in Golf Fertilization

In recent years there have been several significant changes in golf fertilizer practices. The cycle has swung round from heavily limed greens, to heavily sulphated greens, and now it is swinging back to limed greens. The change so far has seemed to be a sudden jump from one extreme to the other, but caution has warned many that it is better to think carefully before overdosing with either sulphate or lime.

It would seem that any fertilizer which necessitates the application of another material to relieve its harmful after-effects might not be the best for fine grass purposes. Certainly, a balance between lime and sulphate applications can be maintained if enough thought is put into the matter, but are there not other products to do the work—more safely, and easily?

Two comparatively new products have gradually developed worthy reputations.

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