The Past Summer's Drought

Greenkeepers of America describing ways and means of
conditions. Fairway watering is coming.

in business. Grass is like humanity—it demands
service. But it doesn't always get it, and then it
falls down on us and we fail too.

Greetings to the fraternity down east. Hope to
see all of you at Columbus.

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Oakwood Has Been Fortunate

Oakwood Club, Cleveland Heights, is situated
in the humid-arid region. This year I fear we
shall be classified as semi-arid so far as our rainfall
measures to date. However, as most years average
pretty much the same we may expect much liquid
refreshment ere the year is out.

Our greens and tees we have kept in good condi-
tion through night watering. Having no equip-
ment for fairway watering prayer was our only re-
course and while not altogether successful in our
appeal yet we have much to be thankful for.

Having a heavy clay soil which holds the film
water to a greater degree than lighter soils, plus the
the fact that when thoroughly established in clay
soil grass is deep-rooted and vigorous, we have prac-
tically no dead grass on our fairways.

Knowing that clay soil cracks with continuous
dry weather causing a further loss of water by ad-
mittance of air, I was considerably surprised to find
practically no cracking of the ground, which I
credit to good drainage installed some five years ago.
Prior to that date after a few weeks of drought
cracks sufficiently large to insert one's fingers were
common.

From this year's drought we learn a lesson as to
the resisting power of the various grasses. Person-
ally I find the velvet bent, of which we have many
patches throughout the fairways, the first to show
signs of distress. I also find it does not respond to
slight showers as quickly as, say, fescue.

Another point we have to bear in mind is that
while in past years the rainfall, while much heavier,
has frequently not been evenly distributed—that is
we have a surplus in the form of thunder showers,
and while credited with a certain number of inches
of rainfall in a given time we have not benefited to
the extent of less rainfall when more evenly and
frequently distributed.

However, should our golf clubs desire to avoid a
repetition of baked fairways, with the resultant sole
blisters, we greenkeepers will be only too glad to
install a sprinkling system when they so desire.

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Bunker Wants To Know

I have a question I wish someone would answer.
Do greens become immune to brown patch?
I have nine greens six years old and a new nine
two years old. I have had brown patch on the new
nine just ten times and in the old nine twice and
not bad then. Do greens become immune (they are
all Washington) from the same sod.

I cannot understand how our greens stood up

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