

would bear out the argument that more than nature was responsible for the scalding. The public course and the struggling organizations have not and did not use fertilizer to the same extent as other clubs because they could not afford it.

Perhaps their limited resources enabled them to escape what concerned others. Fortunately the damage was not permanent and it was repaired within a comparatively short time."

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Mr. Sansom informed the meeting he expected as many greenkeepers as possible to attend the annual convention of the National Greenkeepers' Association in New York during January. He believed attendance at the convention would be worth a great deal to all greenkeepers and would assist them with their work in 1932 which might compel greater economies if financial conditions felt all over the American continent persisted.

Pacific Coast Gossip

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A FEW years ago nothing could be done with all this waste land because floods during the rainy season would sweep all before them. The construction of the Devil's Gate flood control dam has enabled Pasadena to utilize the river bed for other projects besides that of the golf course. These include a park, picnic grounds, the famous Rose Bowl where East-West football games are played on New Year's day, and ample parking space for every feature.

Greenkeeper Pfeiffer of the Los Angeles municipal course at Griffith Park has been appointed to take charge of this city's Olympic Park. This park will be the center of activities during the Tenth Olympiad which will take place in Los Angeles during the coming summer.

Pfeiffer will have acres of lawn and countless shrubs to care for incidental to the natural decorations of a stadium seating 105,000 people, a museum, an armory, a plunge, an exposition building, bowling greens, and a sunken garden.

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Pacific Southwest golf courses with fairways of Bermuda grass now have less color in them than a field of hay. This is in keeping with the grass's propensity for becoming dormant in the winter time no matter how much water is thrown upon it. However, the condition seems to be a little worse this winter owing to the very sudden arrival of cool weather after an unusually hot summer.

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One of L. T. Parker's greensmen at the Pasadena Country club has designed and built himself an extremely handy tool. It consists of a 30-inch handle, a

brush, and a heavy two-pronged fork. The fork is attached to one end of the handle and the brush to the other.

This implement is carried around on the power greens mower where it is instantly available for such useful duty as disposing of dirt, debris, worm casts, wet grass clippings, occasional weeds, ball marks and a host of other unsightly blemishes.

The construction of a golf course is being contemplated in Antelope Valley, California. Although this territory is reclaimed desert, it constitutes some of the finest alfalfa land in the world, and there seems to be no reason why grass will not grow there since plenty of water is available. The course is planned to be located on ground dotted with picturesque Joshua trees, which are a species of cactus.

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Suspense among Los Angeles greenkeepers ended when the local chamber of commerce announced that the Hillcrest Country club would be the venue of the sixth annual Los Angeles open tournament to be played January 9, 10, and 11. This signifies that Bill Stewart's is the task of providing the various contestants with the last word in tees, fairways, and greens.

The choice of the Hillcrest course is a particularly happy one from the standpoint of sponsors, players, and spectators. Situated between Los Angeles and the beach cities, the club is easily accessible to the residents of this thickly populated area.

The Hillcrest course is of championship caliber, being the site of the P. G. A. tourney in 1929. In addition the rolling terrain over which the course has been laid affords the spectators many fine vantage points from which to view the proceedings. Finally the club grounds are securely fenced so that patrolling and the collection of entrance fees will be simplified.

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Contrary to the general supposition, California golf courses which will be the scene of the mid-winter tournaments will not receive any extra polishing for the special benefit of Eastern and Northern visitors. Greenkeepers have been ordered to do nothing extra this winter except to keep a tighter hold on the club's purse strings. However, local greenkeepers are pointing with pride to the fact that this really will make very little difference because golfers have demanded that their courses be kept in championship condition at all times.

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Pasadena is having a new nine holes added to its present 18-hole municipal course over which the Pasadena open tournament was played on December 18, 19, and 20. This is of special interest inasmuch as the work is being done by the Crown City unemployed. Still another nine holes is being considered. The unique feature about this course is that it is constructed on soil hauled into a former river bed, the Arroyo Seco.