

Minnesota Gossip

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THE June meeting was held at Woodhill Club, where Leo Feser is superintendent. Here is one man that is really a superintendent. Greenkeeping is just one part of his duties. He also has charge of an eighty-acre farm that belongs to the club. There are four horses, one hundred and twenty sheep and what not that require his attention. On top of all this each year he holds the most fashionable horse show in the Northwest. So when I say, Leo is a superintendent, I can prove it because he has charge of a golf course, farm, bridle paths and tree nurseries.

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In addition, Leo Feser is an active Director of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and vice-president of the Minnesota Association. He is also a founder and honorary member of the newly-formed Iowa Association.

Leo first showed us his tree nursery of ten thousand trees. He has blue-spruce, arbor vitae, Chinese elm, maples, Austrian pines and other trees that he transplanted on his course. He has thirteen greens either Woodhill or Metropolitan bent and they make a perfect putting surface. Woodhill seems to be a strain of Metropolitan. It has a healthy blue-green color, shows up well early in the spring, withstands brown patch, thrives on close cutting and stays green after frost.

Some of his greens he stolonized, some he plugged, and some he dibbed in, that is forced in solons here and there. He has a fine root growth and real soil texture. His greens have a spring to them and hold the ball. Leo has been rewarded with fine greens and certainly deserves it after his trying times with the ill-fated Columbia bent. Woodhill is a fine kept-up course and reflects its keeper's care.

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FESER OWNS HIS OWN COURSE

Feser is one of the few greenkeepers I know, in fact the only one I know, who owns a course of his own. It is



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Orono Orchards, a sporty nine-hole layout with Metropolitan greens. His greenkeeper is Frank Anderson, a hard worker and a very pleasant fellow. We went to Woodhill to see the course and came away remembering our pal Leo.

Before closing, let me say that Woodhill has the finest compost I have ever seen. The next meeting, Monday, July 11, will be held at the Town and Country Club, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Oklahoma News

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

THE worst cloudburst and rainstorm in the history of the state tore through the capitol city during the first week of June, tearing homes from their foundations, flooding downtown business houses and receding waters revealed more than a score of persons killed and injured and property damage close to two million dollars

Oklahoma City golf courses came in for their share of the damage. Four of the city's larger courses, Lincoln Park, Twin Hills, Edgemere, and Lakeside were flooded with Lincoln Park Municipal course suffering worst. At the east end of the lake at Lincoln Park the water broke over the dam and flooded the golf course, seriously damaging four bent grass greens and leaving rubbish and silt over most of the new greens in the low land.

The greens badly damaged were Nos. 3, 13, 18, and also the 18th hole on the north side and reports were that one green was completely ripped out leaving in the place a ravine running to Northeast Lake. On the east side of the course all bridges were washed out and the new fairways were badly washed in places. Greenkeeper Tom Gullane began cleaning the rubbish off the fairways and greens immediately after the storm and it is expected he will have the course ready for play within a few days.

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Although three of the grass greens at the Lakeside Golf and Country Club, eight miles west of the city, were still under several feet of water at the time of this writing, it was believed that no serious damage was done as the main body of water was moving slowly and there was little danger of washing.

Greenkeeper Edward Meadows of Lakeside will set to work rebuilding bridges and repairing damaged greens in an attempt to land the qualifying round of the Trans-



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