

# Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

**T**HERE is no telling what will happen when a group of greenkeepers get together.

A group of greenkeepers in southern California has decided that something should be done to mitigate the current economic embarrassment. In carrying out this idea they have decided to encourage trade in their particular field as much as possible by holding an exhibit of golf equipment during which time the latest in devices for maintaining golf courses will be shown and demonstrated.

That this will be advantageous to both greenkeepers and salesmen is obvious inasmuch as greenkeepers on the Pacific coast rarely are able to attend the national convention and exhibit. And because the local greenkeepers are scattered throughout many hundred thousand square miles of territory, manufacturers' representatives are not always able to arrange a demonstration for individual greenkeepers.

For the purpose of the exhibit which will be held on April 13, the Bel-Air Country club of Westwood Heights, Los Angeles, has graciously consented to grant the use of its scenic grounds.

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At the Annandale Country club, near Pasadena the attempt is being made to keep Bermuda grass green throughout the winter by the use of fertilizers, according to a report. Although the grass may be nice and green at the present time, it is difficult to determine whether or not this favorable condition is due to a period of warm days following closely upon the heels of heavy rain.

However, if the experiment proves a success and the much maligned Bermuda stays verdant the year round, a long step will have been taken towards the millennium as far as the greenkeepers in the Pacific Southwest are concerned. Many of the local guardians of turf and green insist that there is no better grass anywhere for fairways than Bermuda grass when it is green and tender, but when it is tough and stringy there is very little that could be worse.

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Getting back to the climate again—and who does not when speaking of California?—it has been responsible for a rather unusual condition on the southern greens. The protracted period of heavy rain followed by warm sunshiny days brought forth every player

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who could wield a club and could pay a green fee. In spite of the depression several courses set new high marks for the amount of play during February.

The combination of heat, damp soil, and heavy play has made the surface of the greens unusually hard for this region, so that even a well-played ball frequently goes over the green. To remedy this condition, discing, spiking, and the application of calcium carbonate are being tried, not always successfully because the heat and the heavy play are continuing.

One of the surest signs that the rainy season—where almost said winter—is over here is the fact that the fairway sprinklers have ceased their hibernation and are beginning their seven-month grind.

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Practically all the problems connected with the culture of fine turf and the control of turf diseases were covered in the discussions. These were handled mostly by the faculty of the Penn State School of Agriculture. Following is the registration for the Conference:

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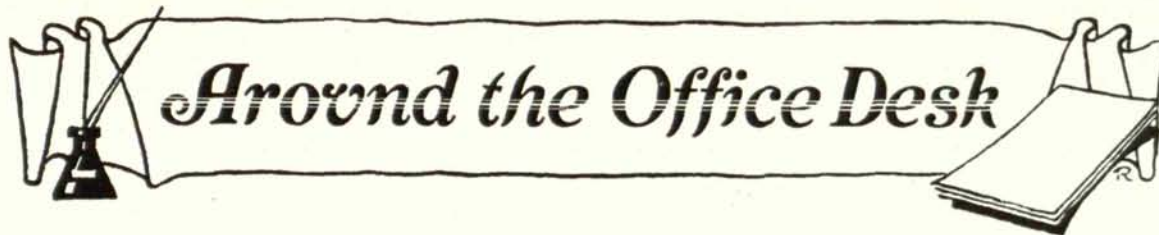
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While I was unable to attend the Show and Conference at Columbus, I feel the officers of the National association and all men who are instrumental in conducting the Convention and Golf Show deserve a comment of appreciation on their efforts to help their fellow-greenkeepers. May the good work continue.

For sometime I have wondered why the Question and Answer column in the *National Greenkeeper* was doomed to death in its infancy. Surely there are any number of greenkeepers who have been losing sleep the past two dry summers turning over and over in their minds some problems of course management which have added a few gray hairs to their heads.

If we could have all the questions that exist in the minds of our members published and answered in the *National Greenkeeper*, I am sure it would be of great benefit to many, and furthermore it would fulfill your hopes of having the magazine so large as to badly cripple the financial status of the Editor.

A letter from Mr. Power, Editor of the *National Greenkeeper*, asked for a number of questions which I sent to the office of the magazine some time ago. These were forwarded to Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson, Amherst, Massachusetts, for publication. Although they have been solved quite satisfactorily for me through our course at Michigan State College, I shall submit same upon receipt of answers from Professor Dickinson. Should any conflicting solutions arise I will let it be known. I think we will all welcome constructive criticism and from it grow bigger and better than ever.

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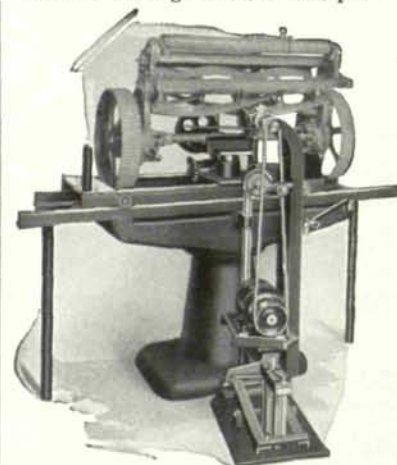
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## A New Foundation Fertilizer

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This new fertilizer is called "Wayside Gardens Plant Food. The manufacturers have given it a thorough trial through several years and are placing it on the market with the confidence that it will fulfill a purpose much needed by those engaged in turf culture.

Instead of being just a stimulant the Wayside Gardens Plant Food is an all-year-round proposition and one application will last from twelve to sixteen months.

Complete information will be furnished by the manufacturers, including an accurate analysis and a sample may be examined at the office of the Cleveland District Green Section, Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

## The Tee Data Problem

Now that the time-honored tee box is being erased from the golf picture, due to the change from sand to the artificial tee, the G. B. Lewis Company believes that the most logical place for the number, yardage and par is on the face of their golf ball washer or on a plate which can be easily attached to their standard iron tee stake.

The tee data numbers and letters are of etched-in dark green enamel on an

aluminum plate, which is bolted to a metal plate finished in baked white enamel and attached to the face of the washer by means of two hooks and two non-rusting screws.

At those holes where no washer has been provided the tee data plate can be easily attached to the standard metal tee stake and later on when a washer is provided, it can be transferred from the tee stake to the face of the washer.

These tee data plates with the data numbers and letters, which can be changed if necessary, are reasonably priced and look like a practical solution

## Golf News

Albany (N. Y.) Country Club has recently completed a hoseless fairway irrigation system, with hoseless tees, on its new 18-hole "sand dune" course, also a new pumping plant. Here is a case where the nature of the soil makes complete irrigation imperative. The installation was planned by Wendell P. Miller and Associates, who also superintended the construction by local contractors.

The project cost about \$25,000.00 complete. Sidney J. Davis is the greenkeeper in charge. The project was sponsored and personally directed by Mr. John A. Becker, who has been President of the Albany Country Club for a number of years.

South Bend (Ind.) Country Club has recently installed a Buckner California



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hoseless system on its upland fairways, with eighteen Miller Rainfall automatic tee and snap valve outlets for all of the greens. This course is unique in that about sixty per cent of the fairways are on marshland with the water table just under the grass roots. The club recently dammed Chain-O-Lakes, which nearly surrounds the property. A new automatic pumping plant is being installed. Wendell P. Miller and Associates were engineers in charge of the project.

Mr. H. W. Eldredge, who has been Green chairman for sixteen years and recently elected to the presidency, was instrumental in bringing about the installation, which was preceded by a full season's demonstration on part of one fairway which effectively proved to the membership the value of fairway irrigation. Jake Kohr, greenkeeper, says he is mighty glad to be rid of his low pressure, small pipe, tee and green water systems.

Queens Valley Golf Club (Long Island) has let contracts for an 18-hole hoseless irrigation system and automatic pumping plant which will be constructed early this spring from plans and specifications by Wendell P. Miller and Associates. This club was planning to install a hose system designed at home but finally decided that Wendell Miller's famous "finality in the first instance" would prove the cheapest in the long run.

Our reporter learns that the club does not employ an experienced greenkeeper, but it is believed that with the added facilities and resulting increased play an experienced man may be employed. The Green chairman is Judge Frank F. Adel.

## Ideal Establishes Six New Sales and Service Stations

Since the close of the 1930 season the Ideal Power Lawn Mower Company has shown considerable activity in the way of establishing new sales and service organizations for the preparation of 1931 business.

In the Pittsburgh district the Golf & Lawn Equipment Company opened a complete sales and service at 310 Duquesne Way, Sewickley, this establishment being in charge of Mr. H. H. Nichols, who was formerly a factory representative of the Ideal company covering considerable territory in western Ohio and eastern Pennsylvania and who has wide acquaintance among golf officials and greenkeepers in Pittsburgh and adjacent territory.

In Cincinnati, O., Mr. C. S. Schneider is operating the Ideal Power Lawn Mower Sales & Service, carrying a complete stock of Ideal equipment, golf course supplies and also maintaining a fully equipped service station for the repair of all Ideal products. Mr. Schneider was formerly in charge of the lawn mower department of the former Ideal dealer in Cincinnati.

In Cleveland, Ohio, James R. Howell Company, have been Ideal distributors for a number of years, this year completely overhauled and re-equipped their service station so that they can give exactly the same as factory service on all Ideal equipment.

In Buffalo, New York, Earl F. Bahm has been appointed as the authorized Ideal distributor. This Buffalo distributor also has a plant completely equipped for giving the same as factory service on all Ideal equipment. The Buffalo distributor will handle considerable territory in the western section of the state and as far south as the Pennsylvania line.

At Erie, Pennsylvania, Bahm & Mueller will handle Ideal equipment for '31, also operating a complete service station. In addition to this Ideal have also entered

into new selling arrangement for the entire province of Quebec, Canada, mowers for that section to be distributed through W. H. Perron & Company, Ltd., Montreal, Quebec.

## McCullough Receives Orders

J. M. McCullough's Sons Company, 316 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, report that they are getting many introductory orders from the offer of the Seaside Bent Company, which was published in the February number of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER.

This company made a special proposition to golf clubs of one hundred pounds of sealed and certified Seaside bent at the low price of \$1.55 per pound, freight paid. The company does not know how much longer it can continue to make this offer and they advise golf clubs who desire this seed to act immediately.

## Driconure Circular

Atkins and Durbrow, Inc., 27-G Burling Slip, New York City, recently published a very attractive circular on Driconure, which they will be glad to send to our readers.

Driconure is a garden and lawn top-dressing and soil improver of organic composition which provides a real plant food and contributes active humus to the soil.

The ingredients are just manure from high protein fed cows and quality peat moss functioning as a humus-making material, and a reservoir for soil moisture. The composition is about thirty-five parts of peat moss and sixty-five parts cow feces—no straw, shavings, or trash. It analyzes almost equivalent to a 2-1-2 fertilizer, embodying the desirable properties of humus.



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