

WEDDING BELLS

Jo Kelly, Midwest member, and representative of Smith Agricultural Chemical Co., who was the Association's most eligible bachelor, was married on May 3 at St. Lawrence church in LaFayette, Indiana, to Miss Mary Dennerly of LaFayette. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia and are now at home at 2205 Schuyler Ave. LaFayette, Indiana.

We wish to convey our congratulations to the couple and our sincere wishes for the best of luck and happiness.

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ARSENATE OF LEAD IN TURF MAINTENANCE

Arsenate of lead was, in the past, extensively used on greens, tees and fairways for the control of earthworms, cut worms, web worms, and for the control of such weeds as chickweed and crabgrass.

Due to the high price of lead arsenate and the introduction of chlordane, a much cheaper product, as a control for worms and ants, the practice of regular applications has, on many courses, been discontinued. It has been found where lead arsenate has not been used for several years that chickweed is starting to come into greens, where it was not found when lead arsenate was used. Also, it has been found that in this district the lead kept crabgrass under control. As a specific instance, when Emil Mashie came to Onwentsia, the greens were severely infested with crabgrass, and it was the practice every summer to hand weed the greens to eliminate this pest. With the regular applications of arsenate of lead, crabgrass has completely disappeared from the greens at Onwentsia and Emil is religiously sticking to his program of regular applications of arsenate of lead. Many Superintendents are now complaining of chickweed in greens and the solution seems to be more arsenate of lead.

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STAN ARENDT'S FISHING TRIP

Stan Arendt, Superintendent at Inverness C. C., recently announced his plans to take a fishing trip into the wilds of Canada the latter part of May. This reminds us of a similar fishing trip which Stan took in Florida last winter. He set out one bright and early morning and arriving at what he thought was the best fishing grounds, cast his bait into the ocean, and almost immediately had a strike. To Stan's amazement the fish (a flying fish) took off and flew straight at him with its mouth wide open, knocked off his hat, and so scared him that he almost fell out of the boat. After disposing of this monster, Stan again put his line overside and again got a strike. This time it was a snook, which Stan claims was as long as his arm. Thrilled with the catch, Stan was reeling in as well as he could. When he had the fish almost in to the boat, a Pelican swooped down, seized the snook and made off with it. Stan tried his best now to reel in the Pelican and save his snook, but the bird was too powerful and snapped the line. Naturally, Stan was a little peeved at the turn of events and decided that that was not his day. We are happy to say that he had better luck the next time out and we wish Stan the best of luck on his Canadian trip. Stan doesn't expect any troubles there with flying fish or Pelicans.

SPREADING IT THIN

The Mole has been busy turning dirt and hasn't found much on others.

Mrs. Don Strand is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

The Didiers are grandparents again.

The sudden advent of spring caught the grass in an undeveloped stage and forced it almost as fast as it forced the golfers. The golfers became quite conscious of the fine weather early and expected midsummer playing conditions. The later cool weather is helping the grass to catch up.

Attacks of Melting Out, or Helminthosporium and Curvularia are quite widespread on the north and west section but seem to be unknown on the south side. Latest suspected infestation showed up as far south as Navajo Fields the middle of May. Acti-Dione as discussed at the Purdue meeting seems to be the most effective treatment.

All thru the district work is the only order of the day with each Superintendent desperately trying to repair the ravages of the winter with too few helpers. As soon as the school boys are available the problems will be fewer.

Emil Mashie, Supt. Onwentsia Country Club and Association Golf Champ, says that fairway turf cut at three quarters inch is ideal for the average golfer. Emil also claims that putting greens which are of the same shade of green thruout are much harder for him to putt on.

We are happy to report that Leonard DeBruyn (Brownie), Supt. Ridge C. C., who underwent a major operation last winter and was laid up all winter, is feeling much better and is able to spend several hours a day on his golf course.

Chester Ranby, Supt. Knollwood C. C., who suffered a compound fracture of the leg during the winter, has the cast off and is able to get around.

Ray Didier, Supt. Tam O' Shanter C. C. has had quite a time this spring and last fall with fungus diseases in his greens, which have been identified as Helminthosporium and Curvularia, and we are happy to say that Ray has the diseases under control and that his greens are in nice shape again.

Frank Dinelli has come up with an idea, which, although simple enough, is also a smart answer to a fairway problem. Frank has installed on his fairway mowing tractor a hand operated sprayer which he has equipped with an overlength spray pipe. The idea is for the tractor operator to spot any stray dandelions, plantain, buckhorn, knotweed or patches of chickweed and apply a dose of 2 4, D without leaving the seat of the tractor. Frank has found that the best way to look over the fairways is from the seat of the tractor used to pull the fairway mowers. Of course, this would not be practical unless weeds were pretty well under control, such as they are on many courses today.

Ray Davis, Midwest president is really taking his new duties seriously. He has gone into training and been reconditioned. Ray says the job done on his choppers is good and that he won't have any trouble with them when he wants to lay down the law at our meetings. Ray also got his cheaters reground so that he will be able to read the notes the Secretary passes to him.

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