

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME

The evening of April 17 was beautiful and warm and it was a wonderful night for our Spring Dance at Benhardt's Hall at Roselle. The Superintendents have been working pretty hard these days and some of them were tired when they arrived at the dance, but it was amazing to see how much pep some of them had after they got going. Could it be that weariness is just a state of mind? After the dance, we enjoyed a delicious buffet supper and door prizes were distributed. Winners were: George Roloff, who for the second successive time won a dozen rose plants donated by Ernie Kruse of the Wheeling Nurseries. It looks like the Roloffs are going to have quite a rose garden. Other winners: Lou Pages, Mrs. Amos Lapp, Oscar Borgmeier, Mrs. Paul Burdett, Geo. Olson, Elmer Heine, Frank Smith, Mrs. Frank Dinelli, Frank Mastroleo, Mrs. Rose Blazek. Al Hintz, Amos Lapp, Mrs. Art Smith, W. Reynolds, Frank Smith, Mrs. Dom Grotti, Mrs. Bill Stuppel, Mrs. Art Toepke, Mrs. Ray Davis, Dom Grotti, Ben Gee, Bill Stuppel, Mrs. Al Johnson, Bert Rost, Mrs. Joe Reynolds, Bill Smith, Art Toepke, Paul Popp, Mrs. Bert Rost, Ray Erickson, Lem Conn.

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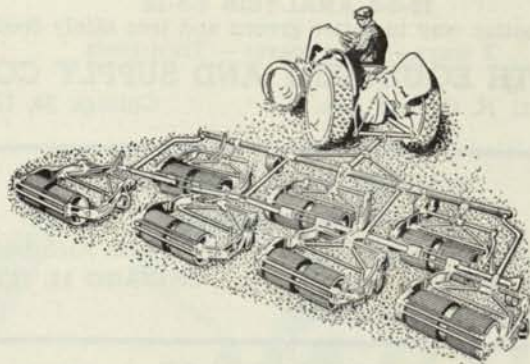
Mel Warnecke has been kept very busy this spring spreading 1240 yards of sand in the traps at Idlewild Country Club.

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SPRING TURF REPORT

Turf this Spring, for the most part, looks good. There was considerable snow mold around the greens and, in some instances, severe attacks on greens and tees. There have been signs of desiccation of grass on some of the high spots on greens; that is a drying out of turf although there was ample moisture in the soil itself. This occurs mostly on matted bent where it has been found that the grass at this time of the year has little or no root system. These areas must be carefully watched and watered to keep the grass from drying completely before roots develop. However, as a whole, turf has developed an amazing root system this spring. The latter part of the winter was quite open and there was a great deal of alternate freezing and thawing which opened up the soil considerably. A number of the superintendents took advantage of this to sow into their fairways desirable grasses which they hoped to establish there. Seed that was put in early has germinated and grass is coming along in good shape.

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