

A NEW SERVICE FOR HOME OWNERS

THE SMITH EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CO. has come out with a brand new idea to help keep lawns green. Archer Smith has lined up a dozen Chicago area oil distributors to do the work. About 100 oil dealers were reported enrolled for the service on a national basis, attracted by the twin advantages of a summer business and a means of keeping their personnel intact. The idea is to spray liquid fertilizer on lawns.

Converted to the new service, the oil trucks are steam cleaned inside and out, and equipped with a new $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high pressure hose, sprayer, and special nozzle. Pumping equipment already installed for oil will handle the liquid fertilizer just as well, and the driver, now afoot, should be able to maneuver the sprayer over a 50 by 125 foot lawn in 15 minutes, Smith officials said.

A number of Chicago area drivers have been trained to make the summer switch from oil to fertilizer, completing their "course" in a demonstration at River Forest Country Club several weeks ago.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

A meeting of Golf Course Maintenance men was held Monday, June 21st at the Tilden Hall Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, and the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents' Association was organized. The following officers were elected: James Brandt, Superintendent, Danville Country Club, Danville, Illinois was elected president; C. W. Jones, Pro-superintendent at Champaign County Country Club, Vice-President; Floyd Mendenhall, Superintendent Decatur Country Club, Decatur, Illinois, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors: Charles Carr, Superintendent, Mattoon Country Club, Mattoon, Illinois; F. A. Sundy, Superintendent, Bloomington Country Club, Bloomington, Illinois; Fred Springer, Pro-Superintendent, Newman Golf Club, Peoria, Illinois.

There were twenty-eight golf course people in attendance at the meeting.

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents offers its congratulations and pledges any help possible to the new association.

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We were talking to one of our tree expert friends the other day and he told us that he had a long siege in the hospital with fungus pneumonia which he became infected with after smelling of the inner bark of Phloem Necrosis infected elm trees in Springfield. Bert Rost reports that his lake is still closed for fishing.

Walter Hoyt reports that there were no good fires in his fire district this winter. It was a pretty dull winter for Walter.

A number of the Superintendents in the Chicago District have gone into the duck raising business. Members of the clubs have found that Easter ducks are cute when small but when they get a little larger a little hard to cope with, in other words they are a mess to try to raise around the house, so, they do in a good many other emergencies, they turn to the Superintendent to take them off their hands and to turn them loose in the lake or other water hazard on the course. It looks like the boys will be enjoying some good duck dinners this winter.

CLEAR YOUR MUDDY POND

Water in Harold Riback's pond is clear enough to drink, and it's a wonderful spot for fishing and swimming. But for 5 years after it was built, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ acre Boone Co., Mo., pond was too muddy for fun. Just $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons of agricultural gypsum changed it into a recreation spot for the Riback family.

Riback appealed to Merrill Woodruff of the University of Missouri for help when the pond failed to clear naturally. Woodruff told him the mud was caused by small bits of clay held in suspension. It takes calcium salts to cause this clay to settle; the pond water didn't have them. Gypsum was prescribed, since it is calcium sulphate and can settle clay without injuring either fish or fish food.

If your pond needs clearing, try 15 lbs. of gypsum for each 1000 cubic feet of water. Figure volume by multiplying one fourth the deepest footage by the number of steps around the pond squared. A pond 8 feet deep and 200 steps around has 80,000 cubic feet. It needs 1200 lbs. of gypsum costing about \$15.00. Treat at any time; use a raft if your pond is above a quarter acre. Gypsum spread over winter ice will distribute well when ice melts. You need good grass cover on banks and watershed to make gypsum work. There won't be much clearing if every rain brings more clay silt.

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SPREADING IT THIN

John Darrah of the W. A. Cleary Company is home again for a little while after a long trip around the country. John is very happy in his job and is looking fine.

Ed Stewart of River Forest is really showing the rest of us up in the matter of cutting down the waist line. Ed is getting slimmer and slimmer and it looks good on him, too.

Al Dorband of Mission Hills announces that he is now the "big wheel" at Mission Hills and loves it. Congratulations, Al. Al insists that he is still a Superintendent at heart.

Warren Roseman says he is still only a bearing at the Roseman outfit. Emil Mashie told the Mole that Warren holed out from 135 yards on the 12th hole at Bonnie Dundee and then took an 11 on the 18th.

Emil Mashie shot a 70 and said the course was "wonderful, very, very good." Dom Grotti shot an 80 and said the playing conditions at Bonnie Dundee were ideal, especially since his partner didn't let him down as he usually does, in fact, Dom said if his partner hadn't missed a few shots he would have thought he was playing with somebody else. Don Strand shot a 90 and was heard to say he would rather have fairways like those at Dundee than watered ones.

Oscar Borgmeier was present at the meeting. Oscar didn't play golf but said that he might in the near future. Oscar is looking great and says there are a few guys around that he is itching to relieve from some cash. We are certainly most happy to have Oscar back at our meetings again.

Someone suggested that we submit Senior President Frank Mastroleo as the nearest to an antique to represent the Superintendents to be hung in GOLF HOUSE. Seriously, if you have any real old items that might be of historical value that might be used in GOLF HOUSE to represent advancement in golf, get in touch with Al Johnson at Indian Hill.