

## SPREADING IT THIN

The attitude of the various supts. of the district seems to be that the difficulties of the season are about over and that the strain has relaxed a little. Only fall construction remains and the usual construction work that must be done during the fall.

Play since the Labor day week end seems to be holding at an unusually high level and the prospects seem to be that it will continue till freezeup. While there is a shortage of labor since the kids have gone back to school, there seems enough to get the jobs done.

The summer was a vicious one in the whole district. The rains kept the grass green thru out our district but in the northern section sometimes came down too fast and caused the fairways to die out, disease ran rampant in parts of the south side at various times and caused considerable difficulty. The attacks were spotty and it was difficult at times for one supt. to understand how another could be in trouble. However, constant attention, treatment and care prevented a wholesale runaway of greens as happened in 1949 and could have happened this season.

Recovery from the summer is about complete, tempers are calmer and frayed nerves healed.

Remember, boys, it's a great job in the winter.

One sure sign of the fall season, Gerber took off for a week in Minnesota with Mrs. Gerber.

Gordon Brinkworth is setting his mind on writing his talk to be given at the National meeting this winter.

Don and Mrs. Strand finally ought a television set. Reports are that it is a big one. Clair Robert Strand plans to get married.

Ray Davis on the way to the Milwaukee meeting speculated that it should be a good day, "we leave home by fast time and come home by slow time so we will have lots of time to have a good time."

Watching construction work going on on Highway 45 and particularly the effectiveness of the air hammers on the concrete, Bob Breen of Fresh meadows commented "that's what I need to aerify my greens."

The gopher has heard so many reports about past National meetings that he is looking forward to having a real good time at the St. Louis meeting in January. The mole is pointing for the 1956 meeting in Long Beach, Calif.

The Mole and the Gopher

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Marion Mendenhall, Superintendent at Kenwood Country Club, Cincinnati, has found a cheap and easy way to protect bridge flooring from golf spike damage. Roofing paper is placed down the center of the bridge floor and 1 x 2 inch wood strips are nailed along the sides and this area is filled with a mixture of cut-back asphalt and screenings. The cut-back asphalt is a liquid that can be purchased by the gallon from any asphalt plant. No heat is required during the warm weather. The screenings and asphalt are mixed together as you would concrete. The walk area is then filled with this mixture and raked smooth. The surface looks like asphalt but remains soft enough for the golf spike to punch into it making it easy for the golfer. Cost of material will run about 15c per sq. ft. giving a good cheap walk that the golfer will walk on.

The Green Breeze

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The report on the Fall Field Days at Purdue will be in the November issue. The meeting was too close to the end of the month to get the news in THE BULL SHEET.

## PRACTICAL MAINTENANCE HINTS

We can't remember a summer when iron chlorosis was so evident in golf turf as it was this summer. In fact, many greens looked like they were about to pass out due to this chlorotic condition. Prompt treatment of affected areas by the Superintendent, however, brought almost miraculous results. Greens were sprayed with Iron Sulphate at rates ranging from 1/2 to 2 pounds per green and in a few days the turf fully recovered in most instances. In places where turf had thinned out considerably it was necessary, of course, for the grass to fill in again, taking a little longer for full recovery. Greens which were a sickly yellow and brown color took on a vivid green color again. It was found necessary to repeat this treatment a number of times during the summer. As to the cause, we are not absolutely sure, but excess amounts of water resulting in a shallow root system probably had much to do with it. We have heard, too, that our greens are getting too much phosphate fertilizer and this has been mentioned as a cause. However, this we will leave for further discussion. Turf in watered fairways was also in a weakened condition this summer, with bad attacks of dollar spot in the Poa Annuua and Bent turfs. It occurs to us that a chlorotic condition was also present and it may be helpful to give the fairways a shot of iron several times during the summer to help keep the turf vigorous. About 8 to 10 lbs. of Iron Sulphate to the acre sprayed on the leaves and not washed in seems to be about a proper amount.

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