

ROSEMAN MOWER CORPORATION

The Roseman Mower Corporation, 2626 Crawford Ave., Evanston, Illinois, conducted a full day equipment demonstration the first week in October at the Evanston Country Club for approximately 145 Golf Course and Park Superintendents. A fine lunch and refreshments were served. Forty pieces of equipment were on display and demonstrated.

The Roseman Mower Corporation grew out of the golfing enthusiasm and inventive genius of Joseph A. Roseman, Sr. who was a professional golfer, a golf course architect, and builder and operator of several courses in the Chicago area. During the years after the First World War besides redesigning several well-known golf courses in the Chicago area, he designed and constructed Wilmette Golf Course, the 36-hole Pickwick Golf Club now U. S. Navy property, Glenview Park District, and Green Acres Country Club.

In the early days large turfed areas were mowed by horse-drawn machinery so Mr. Roseman set about to build and invent a gang mower which could be pulled by a converted automotive chassis. Ford Model T chassis with ring gear and pinion attachment provided power for pulling three single horse-drawn units. When the Fordson came on the market in 1916 gang mower sizes of 7 units were adapted to this power.

In 1920 the original patent for ganging of roller type mowers was issued to Mr. Roseman. This mower was developed for use on the Westmoreland Country Club course, tried out and was perfected there. Over the years the mowers were constantly improved and now are available with the hollow roller Drive, Steel rear wheel drive, pneumatic tire and laminated rubber puncture-proof rear wheel drive.

The Roseman Mower Corporation designed and introduced to the golf course superintendents a new Roseman Hollow Roller Drive fairway mower which combines a high speed reel with a positive bermuda, or bent and poa annua dominate. The high speed reel gives the closest frequency or cut in any gang mower available. With the new grass deflector and scraper arrangement, grass clippings are evenly distributed eliminating windrowing and bunching. Now it is possible to mow fairways in the early morning when heavy dew conditions prevail.

Tractor models are available in 3 and 5-gang units which are mounted underneath the tractor and can be raised and lowered hydraulically. This mower is known as the Park Challenger and is sold throughout the country by Ford, International Harvester, John Deere and Ferguson tractor dealers. The Roseman complete line of mowers are distributed in the United States through an organization of about 80 dealers.

Mr. J. A. Roseman, Sr. passed away in 1944 and the business remains as a family enterprise. Mrs. J. A. Roseman, Sr. is President of the firm and the sons are carrying on in the tradition of Mr. Roseman, one of the pioneers in maintenance of finer turf for better golfing. They are Joseph A. Roseman, Jr., Vice President in charge of sales, Warren J. Roseman, Secretary and Manager of the Roseman Tractor Equipment Company, Lewis Roseman, Treasurer. J. E. Hoffman is Vice President in charge of manufacturing.

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