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One hundred attended the spring dinner dance held May 14th, at the River Forest Country Club, our hosts Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Burke, chairman of the entertainment committee are certainly to be congratulated for the fine evenings entertainment.

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## THE EFFECT OF ARSENATE OF LEAD ON WEED CONTROL

For some reason which has never been satisfactorily explained, arsenate of lead will control crabgrass in the vicinity of Chicago. A lot of lead has been used in other parts of the country but does not have a bit of effect on crabgrass. In the Chicago area courses which have used lead on the turf have been almost completely free of it for many years. Thirty years ago, a golf course on the north side of Chicago was having trouble with worm casts on the fairways. In fact the casts were so bad that it was the practice on that course to drag the fairways with steel mats to level the casts out before the grass could be cut. In the fall of 1927 it was decided to treat the fairways, greens and tees with arsenate of lead at the rate of 200 lbs. to the acre. The treatment was a big success, not only totally correcting the worm cast problem, but the following summer it dawned on the Superintendent in charge that he had little or no crabgrass anywhere in the area treated. Naturally he was delighted and figured that it must have been the lead that did the trick, as the leading was the only thing done that was not regular procedure. Subsequent treatments were made in the following years and this course has never had enough crabgrass on it to bother about. There was another course in the same area

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where the greens became so infested with crabgrass every summer that a number of women were hired to pick it out by hand. When the greens were finally treated with arsenate of lead, the crabgrass disappeared completely and has not been a problem since. We might add, also, that greens years ago would also become badly infested with mouse ear chickweed. It was found that the weed was completely eliminated when arsenate of lead was sprayed onto the leaves of the plant. Dry applications did not seem to be successful, but when the lead was sprayed on and allowed to remain on the leaves that the chickweed turned yellow and finally disappeared. At least one Superintendent in the Chicago district is experimenting with regular spraying of lead arsenate on Poa Annuua to determine whether it will have a like effect. It may be that spraying is the correct procedure and will give better results than the dry method. We might also add that there was a period when it was thought that Chlordane would take the place of lead arsenate, but although it is a necessary product to use, lead arsenate is still needed if we are to keep some of these weeds under control.

Turf has been wonderful this spring, but we have not been able to keep the grass trimmed the way we would like to and it gets a little ragged looking at times. There has been a lot of leaf spot in Kentucky blue grass and the other day we noted some fescue that was hard hit with a fungus disease. There has also been some early Dollar Spot and some of the disease in Poa Annuua which we have never had identified correctly. It appears in tees and other areas where there is a high percentage of Poa Annuua and even comes in areas that were immune to Snow Mold this last winter. It looks bad, but does not seem to do a lot of damage to the grass. As has been the case in other years, courses that are away from Lake Michigan are ahead of those near the shore. However, although it is colder there in the Spring, it is also cooler in the Summer, so there is no cause for complaint.

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