



HOLMES' CORNER

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The hot, humid spell finally broke before Pythium approached very far north. But, brown patch simply blossomed out everywhere. Those who were regularly using a mercury-containing fungicide had far less incidence of this disease than those who were not applying same. Without a doubt, the fungicide which contains inorganic mercury chlorides is significantly superior for the control of this malady.

Dollar spot is active on bent-*Poa annua* fairways and tee turf. No doubt it will continue to be active for the remainder of the season. Cadmium containing compounds, a phenyl mercuric acetate and iron sulfate mixture and Actidione-thiram are being applied for controls. PMA plus iron is especially effective if brown patch also is a factor. Cadmium containing fungicides seem to give control for the longest period of time against dollar spot.

It certainly was a pleasure visiting with the Midwest and Wisconsin group on August 12 and playing the Tuckaway Country Club. Positively fantastic progress has been made toward "bringing the course in" by Les White since this spring. The course will be in great shape for the 1968 Italian Open. I wonder how an Irishman can qualify?

While making calls in the Twin Cities area earlier this month it was a pleasure to observe that the superintendents have their courses in superb condition. Slit trenches in fairways and greens were evident on all courses and seem to be working well. Milt Wiley and Ted Mattson, Hazeltine National Golf Club, are making great strides toward conditioning the grounds in anticipation of the 1970 National Championship. It was a shame that the local heroes lost to the Detroit Tigers the Sunday Carl Anderson took me to the ball game. You should consult on some of those off-season trades, Carl.

I am trying to make somewhat of a study as to rounds of women's golf vs. rounds of men's golf played at private clubs. So far I have arrived at the conclusion that women are out-playing men by 2 to 1. There must be some kind of a story here.

Dear Mr. Dearie:

I was very surprised and sad that your son Gerald, passed away at such a young age.

He died in nature on his golf course as a soldier in the battle field. You have lost his pleasant personality as well as his wife's husband and his children's father. America has lost one of the few top, modern golf course Superintendents, not only in the Chicago area, but I think, in America.

I have lost one of my best friends on the American Continent whom I will never forget in my life.

Please, accept my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours
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