

THE CASE OF THE DISGRUNTLED GREENSKEEPER

Brannum was a supervisor for greenskeepers at a country club. When one of the workers refused to do his job properly, Brannum fired him. That afternoon, the greenskeeper returned to the golf course and shot Brannum five times.

Brannum filed for workmen's compensation benefits. He claimed his injuries occurred on the job and that he should, therefore, be compensated.

The employer argued that Brannum's injuries did not occur as a result of his work.

The court held there was insufficient evidence that Brannum's injury arose out of and in the course of employment, consistent with the legal definition of that phrase in the Kansas Workmen's Compensation Act. The court denied benefits.

Brannum appealed to the Kansas Supreme Court. (**Brannum vs Spring Lakes Country Club, Inc.**) The court ruled there was sufficient evidence that Brannum's injuries occurred in the course of his employment and that his work caused the injuries. Benefits granted.

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EXCERPTS FROM DR. ALEXANDER TALKS AT THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE MAGCS

February, March 1969 open cold months causing desiccation.

April, May 1969, overcast, cold, poor growing months. Use of Milorganite to promote growth.

June, 1969, Explosion of earlier too much N in the Spring. Bad timing with the weather.

C-15 bent grass came through the best. June - September. Leaf spot the worst disease. Disease worst here, bad drainage was present.

12-15 inches of rain in July. High night temperature, but no Pythium.

False Dollar Spot in Ohio, Indiana, Eastern Michigan. Should be watched.

Spots as big as a dime, the only control is Potassium sulfate 10 lbs./1,000, watered in, follow by 4 ozs. of Daconil 2787 the next day.

Overseed fairways early in August to get ahead of Poa annua.

New fungicides Koban and Poa-san will be released at Houston. (Seed head suppression) Insecticides in 1969, two states are trying band 2,4-D, 2-4-5-T and 2,4,5-TP. If this catches on we will lose a good golf course product. Reasons for banning — possible birth defects.

The use of gypsum to create a chemical reaction to flocculate the soil. Make applications of 1 ton per acre for 5 years.

Dr. Alexander says in summary that we will have more play in 1970 and 1971. We need to update our equipment, and mechanize our whole operation.

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