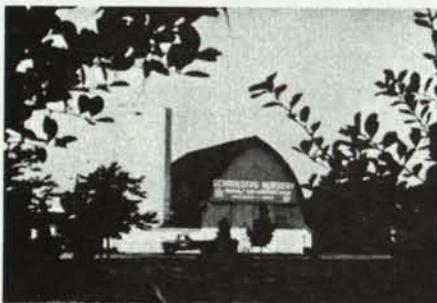


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NOTICE

SPRING PLAY: Every year about this time there comes a short spell when the ground suddenly begins to thaw out and the frost starts to come out. The exact time depends on key factors such as depth of frost and the occurrence of warm temperatures and winds. The important thing to understand when this phenomenon occurs is the ground becomes very soggy and boggy. Any traffic at this thawing time compacts the ground, severely damaging the root system and leaving depressions which sometimes will not come out. They exist all through the season covered over by the creeping bent grass. To prevent this damage from occurring on our golf course, we will close the course until the greens, tees and fairways firm up. This closing (a couple of days) usually happens when the days are balmy and warm and everyone is raring to play. But it is one time that closing the course really helps and one of those rare times that we must do so.

TECHNICAL EXPLANATION: In the Spring the ground is wet and partially frozen because of cold mornings and without the protection of living grass and vigorous growth. When this happens, two types of injuries occur.

- Visible:** Footprinting, rutting, (soil displacement) and ball marks that do not heal.
- Invisible:** Soil compaction - with no living cushion traffic exerts greater pressure on the turf.
- Result:** Poor putting areas, poor growth, and poor water and air drainage because of compaction. Also, in early frosty mornings, if the leaves contain ice crystals, it is most certain that these cells will be ruptured when trod upon. Browning will result.

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