

should be equipped with ball bearings and oil seals, the seal will soon start to wear uneven. When this happens, moisture will get into the bearings and in a short time they will start to rust. Should this occur, it is only a short time before it is necessary to replace the bearings and seals.

Great care should be taken not to run any mowing equipment, tractors or trucks over curbs, into deep ditches, into trees or posts, or into any type of fence. It is always worthwhile to police your areas where you travel and remove any sticks, stones, bottles, tin cans, or any debris lying around. Failure to do so usually bring on costly repair bills as well as loss of time. It is always more profitable to stop and remove the rubbish before running over it.

Many times as I was traveling around the country, I noticed beautiful trees which required many years to grow and a fair amount of money and care to get them in the beauty that I saw from a distance. After a closer observation I noticed on certain trees, they had been injured by a careless operator using a piece of equipment. When I say a careless operator, in a case of this kind, I can find no other word to use. He not only injured the tree, but certainly did no good to the equipment he was using.

We often find a nice piece of well maintained turf and many times in this fine turf as well as other places, damage done by wheel marks. The reason usually is engaging the clutch too quickly or trying to stop too quickly . . . sometimes making too short a turn on a hill when soil or turf is not in a condition for a short turn. At a time like this is when most damage is done. Damage to turf caused by the clutch being engaged too quickly can only be charged to one or two things. If it is due to a faulty clutch it should be repaired. If not, it is carelessness on the part of the operator. The same holds true by stopping too quickly . . . either the brakes grab or a careless operator.

Over loading trucks usually brings on costly repair bills, not only to the truck but also to roads or streets upon which it is driven. A truck is made to carry a certain weight and should not be expected to carry weight beyond the manufacturer's recommendations . . . for the same reason a fighter would not be expected to fight a man beyond his own weight. In other words, never send a boy to do a man's job.

When loading small fertilizer spreaders on or off a truck or trailer, it should be done with the greatest of care. Carelessness on the part of the employee will result in severe damage to the spreader board and wheels. Fertilizer spreaders both large and small should be cleaned thoroughly after each day of use, especially after using chemical fertilizers. After they have been thoroughly cleaned, all bearings and moving parts should be lubricated. Failure to do so will result in damage to the hopper and cause bearings to freeze.

Aerifying machines should always be operated with the greatest of care. Running over stones, sidewalks, roadways, sprinkler valves and any other hard objects will injure the spoons or spikes. Should this occur, it will be impossible to get a satisfactory job from the machine. In a case of this kind, there is no alternative other than replace the damaged spoons or spikes with new ones.

When operating a roto-tiller, one should always keep

in mind even though this machine is made for fairly rough use, there is a limit as to what it can do without ruining the machine. In fact, there is a limit toward using any piece of equipment and the operator should know where this limit is and stop before it is reached.

Driving over valves that are set just below the surface with a heavy load results many times in broken valves. We often find valves that are above the ground being broken. Everyone knows that accidents do happen but in most instances, it is due to carelessness.

Small tools, such as, shovels, rakes, sod lifters, wheelbarrows, etc. should receive the same careful attention as a more costly item. As we all know that many small repair bills will eventually add up to a large figure.

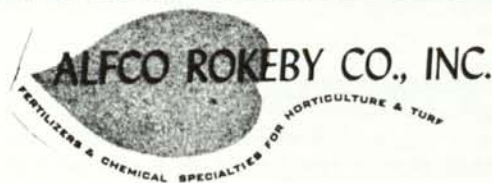
Fire is dangerous, we all know that, but many of us are careless around our equipment buildings. The loss of equipment from fire during a year is tremendous. We should never do any smoking near open gasoline cans or while filling a gas tank with gas or leave oily rags laying around. There are many other precautions one should keep in mind. It may not only save your equipment, it may save someone's life.

In many instances, some of us get a little careless either on the job or at our home or both places.

We always should remember we have a job to do and by cooperating with each other the task will be much easier. We live in the most grand country in the world. This was brought on by our forefathers, many years ago through their cooperation with one another. Let us do our part by helping thy neighbor.

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