

## TRACTORS ON RUBBER

### Greenkeepers Study Work of Rubber-Tired Tractors on Courses

**RUBBER TIRES** of the type used on airplanes now are being used on some golf course tractors by way of experiment. Early reports of results indicate satisfaction on courses that do not have steep hills.

Advantages noted include faster operation and lower repair expense due to cushioning effect of wheels and reduced vibration. Mowing of turf on certain soils shortly after rains due to absence of compacting the soil from light pressure of the airplane type tires also is cited as an advantage. Against this, however, is the aerating effect of steel wheel spuds. It would be advisable, some state, to give

fairways discing treatments at intervals if rubber tires were used on tractors.

The Goodyear *Triangle*, company publication of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., shows two illustrations of golf course tractors equipped with the airplane type wheels, in a recent issue.

The publication says of such tires for course tractors:

"The light tractors in many cases can be fitted with standard passenger car Airwheels, 8.25 or 9.00 in size, which with a pressure of 10 to 12 pounds will give excellent traction, while for the heavy tractors Goodyear has the 46x20 and 26x11 Tractor Airwheels and hub adapters fitting all popular models."

Regarding the advantages of Airwheels on a golf course tractor, Mr. Thomas of the Colonial C. C. in New Orleans recently said:

"This equipment enables us to save 40 per cent on the operation, by which I mean

that in time, gas, oil and labor saved, we are able to effect a reduction in our costs of at least 40 per cent. We can cut all of the fairways in less than two days with this equipment, whereas it takes two and a half days to cut the same with the old Fordson.

"Of course, this is providing the weather is fair. It is when we have rainy, slick weather that the Model 20 on Airwheels shows up even better than the above figures, because the Fordson cannot work under such conditions and the Model 20 goes right on with its work. In addition to this, we are able to do any and all work about the club with this equipment."

In an early issue GOLFDOM hopes to report further on this traction innovation.



Top—McCormick-Deering tractor on Airwheel tires at the Colonial Country Club, New Orleans. Bottom—Worthington Mower tractor on 9.00-13 Airwheels at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Short Hills, N. J.