

THE MEN BEHIND THE SCENERY

By AL SCHARDT

They write about the amateur, print pictures of the pro,

But the man you seldom hear about is there to run the show.

They never think to praise him when they get a perfect lie,

But when they miss a ten-foot putt they scream, "What ails that guy?"

They often don't recall his name, to know what's on his mind

Would still some comments caustic and explosions unrefined.

In the morning when you're sleeping and playing great in dreams,

At work, and never thought of, is the man who keeps the greens.

The slumbers of his patient self were ruined for the night

As he laid awake and tried to plan his watering just right.

He tossed and thought of grubs and weeds, of costs and brown patch, too,

The greensman's sure a lucky guy, with nothing much to do.

JOHAN VAN KLEEK, golf authority who is supt. of the New York Park Board's courses, makes a pertinent observation:

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Pinehurst Influence to Be Found on Many Courses

ALL the dope seems to mark Pinehurst as the capital of American golf. There's no telling how many clubs were organized in the early years of the twentieth century by men who brought the golf bug back to their homes from Pinehurst, but Donald Ross, presiding genius of golf at the famed establishment in the Carolina sandhills, has been architect of 600 courses, and that means the fine influence of Pinehurst is definitely on almost one out of every seven courses of any size in the United States.

Men in the advertising business, according to Ross, were the biggest factors in starting the golf boom. They'd come to



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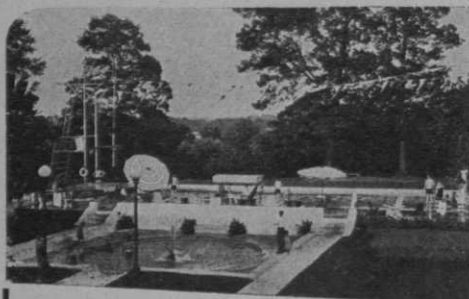
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Pinehurst and leave with the determination to see that their home towns got golf courses. Ross came to Pinehurst in 1900, when the golf course was a makeshift layout that had hacked from the pines a couple of years previously. In 1899 he had established what is believed to be the first American indoor golf school. It was at the Boston Athletic association and it was there he became acquainted with Richard Tufts, sr., founder of Pinehurst.

In 1901 the Pinehurst caddies were supplied with khaki uniforms and leggings, probably the first caddie uniforms in golf. The Pinehurst caddie has become quite a character in American golf and the Pinehurst caddie quarters at Taylorville is the one village in the country that depends on golf for its existence. There are about 500 negroes living in Taylorville. It is named after Demus Taylor, who died several years ago at the age of 104. Old Demus was the dean of the caddies, having attached himself to Ross as bodyguard and caddie top-sergeant when Ross came to Pinehurst. Demus—whose name Ross believes was originally

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Demus used to claim that life had treated him pretty well. He saw the south as a stud in slavery days and was well fed and treated by masters who rated him as a good investment. The time between emancipation and the beginning of Pinehurst wasn't any golden age for Demus, but he used to tell Donald Ross that being black boss of the Pinehurst caddies was an ideal way for a talented man to round out a career.

IN obtaining soil samples for testing don't take samples from the tops or bottoms of slopes; such samples won't be representative.

GREENKEEPERS' CONVENTION

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applications of lead arsenate in topdressing.

Slides showing operations in growing seed of golf course grasses were used by H. F. A. North of the Green Section who gave a helpful address on seed selection and buying. The North address will appear in a later issue of GOLFDOM, as it contains much information on grass seed production methods that the greenkeeper will want to consider in buying.

Concluding the educational conference was a turf watering forum at which papers from successful greenkeepers in various sectors were presented. A large chart showing annual precipitation in inches and by months in different major cities was displayed on the speakers' platform. Lengthier reports of these watering comments will appear later in GOLFDOM. Speakers and high spots of this interesting feature of the program follow:

Clarence W. Hazlett, pres. of Southern California Greenkeepers' Assn.: Areas with underlying sandstone ledges require special attention and heavy watering. If they are high, there is danger of overwatering adjacent lower areas. Must be alert to weather and atmospheric changes. Each green a different watering problem every day. Use water cautiously during hot weather.

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