

CLUB DUMP-TRUCK CONVERTED INTO TREE-MOVER

CLUBS desiring to relocate trees on their property or to replace trees that have been destroyed could well use something along the line of the tree-mover 'invented' and built last fall by Val Flood, veteran pro-greenkeeper at the Shuttle Meadow Club, New Britain, Conn., with the help of his foreman, Tony Ferrivva.

It has enabled him to transfer many large trees from one spot to another this winter. Shuttle Meadow, it will be recalled, suffered serious tree loss in the Eastern tidal wave and hurricane last September, and it was this that prompted Val to construct his mover. How a tree is moved by Flood's device is told in the accompanying 6 photographs.



1. Tree mover in position on dump truck which is driven to the tree which Flood has decided to relocate

2. Tree is then undermined and pulled over by a tractor. Roots are kept wet to hold maximum of soil



3. Tree is being loaded on mover. Chain is fastened on roller, put around the center of roots, then wound up tight. Careful undermining and wetting down have kept roots and most of dirt around tree base together



4. Tree is now loaded on truck and is ready to be hauled to new location



5. The truck backs into hole which has been dug meantime, and dumps the tree into bottom of hole. Tractor then pulls tree, supported by mover, into vertical position

6. The job is finished. A 14-ton tree has been moved 1/2 mile and guyed in new location at little expense

