

serve as humus material for topdressing. At Columbus club, Haskin is now using shell material that is more than two years old. He is looking for a chemical to carry out the rotting process in shorter time.

Sawdust as Humus Source

Southern greenkeepers may find use for the many old sawdust piles in the South as topdressing material. My study of this sawdust indicates that it may be the thing for humus material in our greens. There seems to be no harmful factor in it and it certainly keeps a porous green. Most of these sawdust piles are many years old and any organic change has had time to take place.

In selecting topdressing material, I am careful to find soil that will not pack and, further, that has a light consistency. We have found most of this material in wooded areas, and right around the surface of the ground. Many times we only skim off 6 inches of the surface.

Of greatest value to most greens that I have studied would be a more regular use of sharp sand in the compost heap. We buy ours from a sand company here in Tallahassee, and try to secure the coarsest and sharpest builder's sand.

Few places are able to get stable manure and must turn to other forms of organic matter. We have used sludge from the Imhoff septic tanks of the sewage system, but beware of using this matter unless

you can keep it from packing into brick-like consistency. We are now making up regular compost piles of this material, mixed with leaves, sand and woods dirt. Such piles are placed at convenient spots over the course, and are used after one year of seasoning. Every 10 weeks the mixture is turned over with shovels and if possible torn up with rakes. Grass and weeds must be kept out of these piles, as they soon become rampant.

Many clubs down here have tried the plan of having one man do all the mowing each day and then be off for the day. In some cases this will work well, providing your greens are not too large and you can fully train the right man to engineer the mower. When I used this system, I had a negro who could mow all 18 of our greens in 6 hours with a power greens mower.

Power Equipment Popular

Complete motorized equipment is coming to the front in the South. For years, use of motor equipment in smaller clubs was infrequent because of cheap labor, but during the past 3 years more and more clubs are finding that they get a better job and quicker service from the motor outfits and they also find that the workmen give more to the job.

The man charged with keeping the Southern golf course must appreciate that the course is for play and must be kept in



Photo above shows Red Stevenson, pro at the Clinton CC, Lock Haven, Pa., demonstrating the technique of driving to Bill Strohmeier, of the Piper Aircraft Corporation. Red and Bill have become so interested in the other's avocation that a deal has been worked out whereby Strohmeier instructs Stevenson in flying and Red turns around after each flight lesson and teaches Bill the intricacies of golf. The Clinton club's golfers are rapidly becoming accustomed to having their first fairway playing interrupted by the little cream and red Cub Coupe landing by the clubhouse after Red has taken a flying lesson. While Strohmeier is finding it easy to land on the Clinton course, the British, awaiting invasion by the Nazis, are altering their golf courses so planes can't make a landing on them. And back in America there's plenty of loud wailing that there aren't enough air fields for emergency use, so it may be that the American golf course situation, in a pinch, might supply that deficiency.