

It is believed that this figure set a world record for attendance at a golf tournament on a single day.

Performance Studied by Greenkeepers

PHILADELPHIA golf club supts. are optimistic about the prospects of keeping putting-green grass diseases at a minimum for the duration. They came to this conclusion after examining 5 different greens on the Merion West Course Aug. 18th, sections of which had been treated with either mercury or a new fungicidal material that has possibilities of being a substitute for mercury. Both large and small brown patch (dollar spot) had been active on these greens some time during the season.

Eight different materials were tried. The plots treated with $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 oz. of Thiosan or 10 lbs. of hydrated lime per 1,000 sq. ft., at 2-week intervals throughout the summer, showed turf with less amount of active disease. The Thiosan was broadcast with slightly moist sand and not watered for at least 24 hours, while the lime was broadcast without a carrier when the grass was dry, being poled off afterwards with a bamboo pole.

The treatments to determine what might be used for mercury, which is no longer available, were outlined by Dr. C. C. Wernham, Research Pathologist of the Pennsylvania State College. The actual work was done by Ben Struble, a graduate student of the Pennsylvania State College, who was stationed at the Merion golf course the first week in June. Joe Valentine, superintendent of the Merion golf course, turned over 5 greens in order that information might be secured on substitute materials for mercury in 1943.

Dr. Wernham informed those who examined the plots that in normal times research information in one year would not be released. However, in order to give all greenkeepers the greatest assistance the data would be available. Every effort will be made to continue similar experiments in the Philadelphia sections next year.

The meeting was called by Charles K. Hallowell, Philadelphia Extension Representative, who was assisted by Dr. R. S. Kirby, Extension Pathologist. Dr. Kirby will carry the results obtained at Merion to other golf course superintendents in Pennsylvania.

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