

Very restricted root systems can be expected where this condition exists and every effort should be made to aerate the soils of your fairways before the hot days of summer approach. There is a possibility also that if a hot, dry season occurs in the early days of summer many of the grasses existing on these fairways will be killed or severely damaged.

Once these heavily compacted soils become dry, water penetration will almost be impossible and serious surface runoff will result. This will also encourage shallow rooting systems and thus increase the susceptibility of the grass to drought. Aeration of the turf in one form or another will loosen its compacted condition and permit better penetration and utilization of normal rainfall.

This condition also will be prevalent on restricted areas such as tees and putting greens because of the heavy concentration of foot traffic. Aeration and cultivation of these areas is essential in order to afford deeper root penetration.

Careful use of irrigation systems will be essential this summer to encourage deeper root systems.

—*Timely Turf Topics*

#### MASS. GOVERNOR VISITS SPALDING PLANT

A. G. Spalding & Bros. was honored with a special inspection of their Willimansett, Mass. plant when Gov. Robert F. Bradford, of Mass., visited the Springfield district recently.

Accompanying the Governor were Lt.

Gov. Alfred W. Coolidge and eight of the nine members of the Governor's Counsel. It was rumored that the missing member was fishing in Maine.

A golfer himself, Gov. Bradford showed great interest in the various items of sports equipment manufactured at this Spalding plant.

At the completion of the tour, Spalding vice president W. T. Brown presented the Governor with a matched set of Spalding "Registered" golf clubs and each of his party with a dozen Spalding "Dots."

#### WILSON EMPLOYEES IN FACTORY IDEA CAMPAIGN

A new employee suggestion plan entitled "It Pays to be a Schemer" soon will be presented to all Wilson Sporting Goods factories. Under the direction of Fred Bowman, VP and GM, and administered by his personnel aides Ken McCormac and Wes Johnston, the program will present a prize list including a minimum of \$5 for each suggestion accepted. This stipend can extend up to 10% of the estimated annual first year's net savings to the company derived from any idea.

There is no limit on the type of suggestions contributed and the opportunity is open to every employee in every factory. Naturally, the idea is to contribute superior production methods, but these can extend into any phase from sweeping the floor to the finest precision operation. A Suggestion Committee will be appointed to run the show in each factory and will set up a mode of operation.



Gov. Bradford of Massachusetts is shown new woods by John Morin, pres., Spalding's employees' union. Big Bill Brown, Spalding, v.p., Sen. Barry, Spalding's Frank Williamson, Jerry Douglas and Jim Long and members of the governor's staff are among those present.