

**PLYMOUTH (PA.) CC SUCCEEDS
IN WEED CONTROL**

Due to lack of labor during the war the weed problem at the Plymouth CC near Norristown, Pa. had become serious. A preliminary test of Weedone in early September, 1945, showed how well plantain and clover could be cleaned out of turf without injury to bluegrass. The fairways and roughs on the 100 acres were heavily infested with dandelion and plantain, with a generous assortment of other turf weeds. Accordingly a fence to fence program was begun on May 15 in 1946, using one part of Weedone to 100 parts of water. The application was done by Henkels & McCoy, Philadelphia.

There were a few places where the sprayer skipped near the tees and toward the end of the summer these unintentional control spots showed by contrast how thorough a job of weed-killing had been done.

In addition to the dandelions and both kinds of plantain, the ninth fairway was heavily infested with knotweed. There were a number of bad spots in the rough along the 13th fairway where hawkweed had taken over. The 3rd and 16th fairways had plenty of speedwell. All these, together with an over-supply of clover, were cleaned out by the Weedone application. There was considerable poison ivy along the fence which was treated with a stronger solution of Weedone.

It is interesting to note that this Spring the plantain has not come back, but that the dandelions have shown some comeback, on the first fairway in particular. These may have come from seed or from plants that were sprayed too lightly, and accordingly follow-up sprayings will be applied by the first of June.

Probably the outstanding result was on the ninth fairway, where the turf is now thick and firm. In previous years the knotweed has prevented the establishment of bluegrass in spite of a good fertilizer and seeding program. The course is under the supervision of William Baskin.

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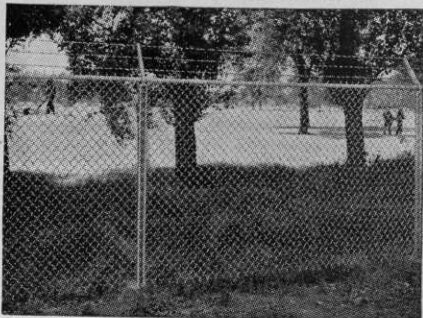
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