

rains of 2 or 3 inches in a few days the grass would wilt, due to drying winds and short root development, and required light watering although there was plenty of moisture in the soil. We applied fungicide as often as twice in one week and then again went three weeks without applying any. For a while during the summer we spiked our greens weekly and then even had to go out and tubular-tine the knolls and aerify the edges to keep them from drying out.

The fairways also suffered considerable throughout our area this summer. Those who had good grasses in their fairways and could water them fared the best. Our tees, along with those on many other courses, took a beating this season due to the play and weather. We are now in the process of renovating them to get them in shape for next summer. Let's hope that it will not be "one of the worst summers you have ever experienced."

Sports Pages Telling Course Maintenance Story

Golf course condition and maintenance operations have been getting good space as live sports page news during the past two years. Sports editors and writers have recognized that course supts. have stories of interest and information to all golfers.

Supts. also have been getting feature publicity on garden pages in recent years and are in heavy demand for spring lectures at garden clubs on lawn care.

An example of how interviewing a course supt. brings out a sports page feature appeared in the Greensboro (NC) Record where sportswriter Adrian Brodeur wrote:

Ever wonder how much work and exactly what procedure is followed in making a new golf green? Take it from A. D. Edwards, Green Valley Golf Club superintendent, it's plenty of work and there's a hard pattern to follow.

Green Valley, newest course in the Gate City, will soon join the ranks of the city's other four when it officially becomes an 18-hole course in Spring. Work started months ago on an additional nine holes and work was just completed a few days ago on the planning and seeding of green grass.

Green Valley's new nine greens will be the city's biggest greens. This claim was made by Edwards who said they would almost double the size of the present nine greens at Green Valley.

"I doubt very much if a golfer will ever get the same putt to a cup twice in one year," Edwards said.

"We are going to have a lot of cup

space on these new greens and every inch of the new green will be available for cupping."

That's quite a claim since many greens have large areas, because of rolls and pitches in the greens, where cupping is impossible. But while the new Green Valley greens will include pitches and rolls, they will still be suitable for cupping purposes.

After plans for the size of the greens were formulated in the Starmount offices, Edwards and his crew went to work preparing the greens for next Spring's play. Seven of the new nine greens will be a texture of the fine Hall's Bermudagrass. The other two will be a combination of the Hall's grass and Tift bermuda, an imported fine grass from Florida.

Source of the expensive Hall's bermuda came right from Green Valley. Last year Edwards made a huge new practice green out of the famous Hall grass. In the past 12 days he has taken out 51,000 2-in. plugs out of the practice greens.

Using a special tool, made by West Point Products Corp., which cuts a perfectly round 2-in. plug, Edwards and his crew of eight dug up the 51,000 Hall plugs and then dug up 51,000 more plugs of topsoil on the greens where the Hall plugs were to be placed. The plugs were placed in the holes 6 in. apart over the entire surface of the greens. Within a few weeks time the new greens will be covered, not thick but covered, with stringers from these plugs.

Hall's bermuda doesn't have a seed. It has to be transplanted and that is a tremendous task. Eight men and boys aided in the vast job of digging the plugs and plug holes.

The reason for two of the greens to contain a mixture of Hall's bermuda and the Tift type is of an experimental nature. If it is successful golfers will have two of the finest greens in the city. While Hall's bermuda is fine in itself, the combination of these two grasses should provide an even finer putting surface.

Cotton Writes Helpfully in "My Swing"

Henry Cotton, one of the world's greatest students of golf playing technique as well as playing star and a clear writer has written "My Swing" which is published by Country Life, Ltd., 2-10 Tavistock st., London, WC2, Eng. It sells for \$4.

It's a most informative combination of picture and text analysis and instruction and is certain to have interested and extensive reading in the U.S. as well as in Britain. Cotton brings a keen freshness into golf shot-making analysis.