

a newcomer in the turf fungicides, proved fair, while Actidione and Cadminate gave no control.

Melting-out (*Helminthosporium*), which seems to be getting more serious in a number of sections in the country appeared in test plots in only Michigan in 1952. Dr. Vaughn had extremely good control only with Actidione while Calo Cure, Tersan and Tat-C-Lect showed only fair.

Copper Spot was serious only in New Jersey where our tests showed Calo Clor, Calo Clor + Tersan, PMAS, Puraturf, Crag 531 and Cadminate gave satisfactory control. Low rates of Calo Cure, Calo Clor and Tersan, plus standard rates of Orthocide 406 and Actidione gave poor control. It was of particular interest to us that while $\frac{1}{2}$ the standard rate of Calo Clor or Tersan gave very poor disease control the combination of these two at the $\frac{1}{2}$ dose rate gave exceptional control—better than either one at the standard dose rate.

Report from England

We welcome into the 1952 project a report from England where Dr. Smith reports upon a disease which is not usually too severe in the United States, but does give us considerable trouble on occasion. His data on Red Thread (known to some of you as Pink Patch) show excellent control with Tersan, Crag 531, a mixture of Malachite Green and Bordeaux Mixture, and a copper material new to most of us known as Coppry. Very good control was also obtained with Puraturf.

Finally, I would make this comment. It is occasionally heard around the clubhouse that "from the looks of the greens they must have a plumber acting as the greens superintendent." May I say that this statement can no longer be based upon fact. First, the plumbers nowadays are getting such high wages that no club could afford to hire one for the salary they pay their greens superintendent and second, no plumber is smart enough to handle all the problems in the fast moving world which is the domain of the golf course superintendent.

American Playground Restores Nahma (Mich.) Course

When the American Playground Device Co. purchased the former sawmill town of Nahma, Mich. in the fall of 1951, the Anderson, Ind. manufacturer of swings, slides and other recreational equipment also bought 4,300 acres of wooded land, including a 9-hole golf course.

American has installed its swings, slides, see-saws and Castle Towers at many golf clubs and now can show its playground equipment, park benches and picnic tables on its own golf course.

The Bay de Noquet Co., which had engaged in lumbering operations in Upper Michigan since 1881 and whose Nahma mill sawed its last log on July 26, 1951, built the Nahma course in 1927. The site was an 80-acre farm, where the company pastured the horses used in its early day logging before the advent of truck and tractor.

The idea for a golf course in a sawmill town of a few hundred inhabitants developed from the enthusiasm for the game displayed by Dr. Ferris Summerbell, then the company physician, William H. Acker, company manager at Nahma, and Pearce Cameron, manager of the community's only general store. The trio played golf whenever they could get away to the Escanaba CC, 35 miles from Nahma. But finding the distance oftentimes inconvenient, they improvised three holes at the Nahma baseball field, where they practiced for a couple of seasons.

Supported by interest shown by other Nahma residents, they induced the Bay de Noquet Co. to transform the old company farm into a course. A club was organized, and at one time it had nearly 50 members, including some residents of nearby Manistique and other communities. After the sawmill ceased operations in 1951, membership declined. Now efforts are being made to obtain new members. It's a bargain. Membership fees are only \$10 per year. Wallace Bennette is the acting secretary.

Course "Good Selling Point"

The golf course always was maintained in good condition by the Bay de Noquet Co. Charles E. Good, president of the lumbering firm, always felt that the golf course would be a good selling point whenever the company was forced to suspend operations because of a vanished timber supply.

Since it was acquired by American, the Nahma course has undergone a number of improvements.

When the course was built, the entrance and No. 1 tee were located at the south end. A few years later, it was relocated at the north end of the course. This year, the fairways were restored to their original numerical order.

A parking lot was established and a white-painted gate erected at the south end of the course, not far from the relocated No. 1 tee. Comfort stations were installed and other improvements made.

Another shelter is planned near the No. 1 tee to supplement the present shelter midway in the course. The latter, inci-

dentially, was originally a sizable play-house which was once the prized childhood possession of the daughter of one of the lumber company's executives.

Les LaBumbard, greenkeeper for 10 years, was busy with helpers last summer putting fairways, greens and tees in good shape. A water system, operated by a Fairbanks-Morse pump, keeps the course adequately irrigated.

American's course is located amidst the pines and hardwoods along the scenic shores of Big Bay de Noc, about a mile northeast of the town, along County Road 495. Although laid out mostly on level ground, it is quite a scenic and sporty course. Glimpses of the waters of Big Bay de Noc are afforded golfers through openings in the woods along the shores.

Par for the 2,836 yds. is 36.

In addition to the golf course, American is rehabilitating the entire town of Nahma. The one hundred homes are being repaired and repainted white with harmonious trim. The Nahma Hotel also has undergone extensive exterior and interior improvements. Rustic lodges on the sandy beaches have been enlarged and modernized, so that each has two well furnished bedrooms, living room with an artistic fireplace, kitchen and bathroom.

Ultimately, American will establish a branch factory in Nahma for the manufacture of its large line of park, picnic, playground, swimming pool and dressing room equipment. Its objective: To make Nahma a model community, where the people will enjoy good working conditions and play at golf, hunting, fishing and other outdoor pastimes in the great American Playground that surrounds the town.

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