



AKRON SUPTS. DRAW 1400 TO LAWN CLINIC

Ohio golf course supts. drew 1400 to pack Akron's Central High auditorium on a sleety early spring night. The superintendents starred in the annual Lawn Clinic put on by the Akron Beacon-Journal. The lawn clinic idea was started in Akron 6 years ago when Bill Lyons gave a lawn and garden talk arranged by the Beacon-Journal garden editor Mrs. Kate Clapp. This year the paper's promotion department gave the idea the full treatment and with advance publicity public interest in the meeting grew so the intended meeting hall wasn't large enough and a late switch was made to Central high. After an introductory talk on lawn care by Lyons he announced that 14 experts for Ohio golf courses would go through the crowd answering questions. They were swamped and next morning so were the lawn supply dealers. Their stocks of many lawn equipment items and supplies were cleaned out. Next year the Beacon-Journal plans an even bigger promotion featuring the supts. as the men with all the right answers for good lawns. Supts. who participated were Bill Lyons of Firestone Tire and Rubber; E. M. Kirkhart, Youngstown CC; Carl Springer, Congress Lake CC; Ken Springer, Fairlawn CC; Nelson Monical, Portage CC; Ernst Ranck, Mayfair CC; Colin Smith, Shaker Heights CC; Larry Wolfe, Rosemont CC; C. L. Deming, Sleepy Hollow CC; M. A. Matteo, Mayfield Heights GC; Robert Fannin, Kirtland CC; C. R. Burris, Acacia CC; and K. B. Crandall, Cherry Ridge GC.

and arranged so as not to interfere with play any more than necessary.

Keep Golfer Happy

Give the grass first consideration, but keep the golfer closely in mind. The golfer pays the bill. He wants good grass to play on so keep him as happy as possible.

Great care should be taken when applying the materials to get them on evenly and to avoid any possibility of burning the grass. Having the proper equipment can save dollars as well as trouble.

Cups should be moved as often as needed — every day when play is heavy. The main purpose is to distribute the wear, but it is also a means of changing the play of the hole.

Care should be taken to select the best grass on the green, smooth the area close to the cup as this soil swells up when the hole is cut, and set the cup to the proper

depth. Any grass extending into the hole should be trimmed with scissors to make a neat appearance. The cup plug should be replaced to fit perfectly. Low plugs will have long grass in them, high ones will be scalped by the mower and ones packed too tight, to make them fit, will probably die.

Painting the inside of the cups white improves their appearance and makes them easier to see. Ball marks need to be repaired daily when the play is heavy. By squeezing some of the surrounding turf into the scar they can be effectively fixed. The USGA recommendation of keeping the cup 15 ft. from the edge of the green is a good one to follow for every day play as well as tournaments. This prevents getting the cup too close to a trap or a sharp slope at the edge of the green.

In view of the many things required for the maintenance of the greens, it is easy