



This exhibit by Connecticut Assn. of Golf Course Supts. at Hartford Flower show was a headlining display of the show and drew thousands to ask questions about lawn care of golf course experts and receive their 2-page lawn-making booklet.

Connecticut Supts' Exhibit Is Flower Show Feature

THE THIRD Turf Clinic and exhibition presented by the Connecticut Assn. of Golf Course Superintendents, featured the Connecticut Spring Flower and Garden Show, in the West Hartford Armory.

The space allotted was 320 sq. ft. and was used to display a model split-level house, with appropriate foundation planting, walks and driveway, in a setting of pitch pine. The house was loaned by Green Acres, Inc. There was a ledge formation left of the house which sheltered a flagstone picnic area complete with fireplace, table and chairs. Scale was 1½ in.-1 ft. The display featured a beautiful sloping lawn of Toronto creeping bent from the Keney Park



Connecticut superintendents on Flower Show exhibit committee: Front row (L to R) Phillip H. Kylander, Andrew F. Lentine, George Moquin. Rear row (L to R) Anthony Longo, Charles Storer, Harry Meusel, Kay Ovia.

course and forced in Elizabeth Park cold frames. A split rail fence enclosed the property at the lower level. In front of the fence were turf samples 4-6 sq. ft. each of chewings fescue, Colonial bent, Kentucky blue, trivialis blue and a mixture of fescue, bluegrass and Colonial bent.

"Tips on Lawn Making," a 2-page leaflet, was distributed to the interested public. In all 5,200 copies were given out.

The turf clinic was manned at all times by members of the association. During the week, 29 different members were on duty answering questions for home owners. One evening, Dr. John C. Schread, Entomologist from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, served at the clinic.

The general impression of the display and clinic was highly complimentary.

The Connecticut supts' organization received a reasonable amount of space in The Hartford Times and some in The Hartford Courant, in connection with the turf clinic. Everett J. Pyle, turf supervisor of Hartford's Dept. of Parks and Recreation, and show committee chairman, appeared on a WKNB Television program at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, March 18. He told what the association was doing at the show and mentioned that the golf superintendents and their courses were the proving grounds for everything new in the science of turf culture. Jeanne Porter, who did the interrogating on this program, had the camera focused on a close-up picture of the supts' display.

The Association received a gold cultural

certificate from the Connecticut Horticultural Society with a judges' score of 91, and received a silver bowl from The Hartford Times.

The committee members, in addition to Pyle, were Kay Ovia, John Perkins, Jr., Jack Gaghan, Phil Kylander, Joe Bidwell, Ed Fanfesti, Tony Longo, Harry Meusel and Charlie Baskin.

The association acknowledged its gratitude to George H. Hollister, Director of Parks and Recreation, Hartford, for permitting the use of facilities, equipment and man power; to Herb Christensen of the Park Department for making the picnic table and chairs; to John Perkins, Jr. for the split rail fence and fireplace; to William Marks, Park Department greenhouse foreman; to Alfred Therkelsen of the Park Department for help with materials.

Others who helped are Joe Bidwell for the pitch pine trees, and Andy Lentine and Kay Ovia for supplying men and trucks for hauling sawdust.

Richard Henderson, Public Service Director for The Hartford Times, thanked the supts. for fine cooperation and invited them to participate next year.

Pay Tribute to the Late Tommy Dougherty

Springhaven Club, Wallingford, Pa., paid tribute to Tommy Dougherty who was with the club as caddy, pro, supt., and manager for 38 years, April 10.

The party was planned last winter by Pat Bonoma and a committee of other Springhaven members, and with the approval of the Dougherty family was carried through, although the beloved Tommy died suddenly Feb. 8 while attending a Mid-Atlantic supts. meeting.

The love and respect which Springhaven members and friends had for him was evident in their complete participation in every way. Sixty women and 220 men entered the golf tournament competing for 100 prizes, all of which were donated by caddies, players, pros, superintendents and business friends.

Alex Strachan, pres., The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Supts. and T. L. Gustin, Gen. Mgr. of Philadelphia Toro Co. and close friend of Tommy, offered words of comfort to Mrs. Dougherty and family. They recalled many happy events with Tommy.

Dr. W. R. Levis, pres., Springhaven Club, extended to Mrs. Dougherty and sons Tommy and Joe the courtesy of the club for life.

Club Treas. Larry McIntire presented

Mrs. Dougherty with \$3000 in government bonds.

Theodore Parker, for 35 years Tommy's assistant, was recognized with a gift. He succeeded Tommy as superintendent.

Golf Goods Biggest Share of 1953 Sports Equip. Sales

The annual audit of sporting goods sales for 1953 made by Ernst and Ernst for the Athletic Goods Manufacturers Assn. shows golf equipment sales of \$48,707,666. This figure is based on factory selling price including excise tax. Total sales of all athletic and sporting goods reported by the participating companies which include all of the leading manufacturers and by far the bulk of sporting goods production, except hunting and fishing, were \$126,804,998.

Sales of baseball and softball equipment amounting to \$24,911,342 is the second largest item of total sales with athletic shoes (\$14,441,110) in third place followed by inflated goods (\$14,084,006). Other items in order of sales are: miscellaneous items, tennis equipment, athletic clothing, helmets, pads, etc., and boxing gloves.

There were 4,071,245 golf clubs sold by manufacturers in 1953, of which 2,831,933 were irons and 1,239,312 were woods. Ball sales amounted to 2,716,552 dozen and there were 495,422 golf bags sold.

Highest grade irons accounted for approximately 40 per cent of total iron sales and top grade woods were 35 per cent of all woods sold. In the ball department, the highest grade balls accounted for better than 60 per cent of the entire volume.

Martell Heads Canadian Team for Hopkins Cup

Henry Martell, Canadian PGA champion will head 7-man team playing U. S. PGA squad for Hopkins trophy at Mississauga G&CC, Toronto, June 10, 11, 12.

Stan Leonard, Pat Fletcher, Gordon Brydson, Bill Kerr and Jules Huot of Canada and Bobby Locke of Africa will complete the team's roster.

The U. S. team headed by Walter Burkemo, PGA champion, will be named soon.

The Yank team has won the previous two matches. Twosomes will be played at 18 holes match play on the first two days, and foursomes at 36 holes on Saturday.

John J. Hopkins, founder and president of the International Golf Assn., sponsor of the championship has announced that Gordon J. Stringer, vp of the IGA will be director of the Cup matches.