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## Resourceful Grounds Staff Makes Big Savings

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Golf club accounting statements rarely show the great increase in the operating value of the plant that is made by the maintenance staff in addition to its work of keeping the existing course in good condition.

As builder, owner and operator of a 27-hole semi-private course at Milford, Mich., I got a good perspective of a supt's achievements when he has to handle a building or rebuilding job while maintaining a course. The resourcefulness of some of these men is amazing.

Golf course design, construction and maintenance are fields in which practically the impossible is done, and done

often. We had an instance of achieving the unbelievable when we were doing our own building. Using some of our old parts, buying a good reconditioned pump, and using underground iron pipe from 6 ins. to 1 1/4 ins. and our own staff, we put in a green, fairway and tee watering system for around \$6,000 on which we had received quotations as high as \$83,840.

I, of course, am not saying that the watering system we installed is a counterpart of the one that could have been installed for \$83,840. But our system will do the work we want done until we have \$83,840 or whatever other amount is needed for a fine new system. Our supt. and his staff did an amazing job in adding value to our course.

## Big Turnout for Canadian Turfgrass Conference

The seventh annual turfgrass conference sponsored by the green section of the Royal Canadian Golf Assn. and held at Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph late in March, attracted a larger attendance than any previous meeting. Leading turf authorities from both Canada and the U.S. were principal speakers. Well over 100 supts. and representatives of seed, fertilizer and equipment companies were on hand for the two-day conference.

Speakers included James R. Watson of Toro Mfg. Corp., Minneapolis; James Tyson, Michigan State College; H. A. Luscombe of the Canadian federal park commission; D. C. Hamilton of the Ontario Agricultural College's horticulture dept.; H. B. Musser, Pennsylvania State University; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; and M. E. Peart, also of OAC's horticulture dept.

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