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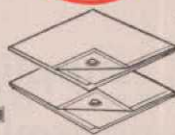
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low maintenance costs. This is especially true if the tree roots have to be pruned, the area around the roots occasionally sodded and the green regularly swept or raked free of seeds and leaves. One tree planted only 18 ft. from a Camargo green cost more than \$100 in extra maintenance expense in 1957, according to Boyd.

Tree and shrub lovers probably won't take kindly to the idea that these plants can eat into the supt's budget. Boyd, like all supts., feels that they are indispensable to a course, but he contends that landscaping architects or club tree committees shouldn't be turned loose to plant them without giving a lot of thought to air drainage, the possibilities of root damage to both trees and grass, wind direction, and above all, ease of mowing.

Boyd also suggests wide use of upright growing trees, keeping them 20 or more ft. apart and removal for the purpose of re-planting if it is found that they are running up maintenance costs.

Henry J. Meiers has been reelected pres. of the Cleveland Metropolitan Golf Assn. Other officers who were reelected at a recent meeting were Don LaPorta, vp, and John A. Young, Treas. John Weagley is secy.

Think You've Got Troubles? How About These Mudhens

Although beleaguered by mudhens that overrun part of the course, La Cumbre G & CC near Santa Barbara, Calif., has been instructed by state and federal wildlife commissions not to capture and gas the birds. Attempts have been made to decimate the invaders with shotguns, but Supt. John Garcia says that because the birds are so heavily feathered, the pellets bounce off them without doing much damage. The La Cumbre mudhen population is estimated at 3,000 to 4,000. It is centered around a lagoon near which there are four holes. When the mudhens start parading they take over large sections of fairways bordering on the lagoon and play is considerably delayed until they decide to move on.

Western Seniors Tourney

The Western Seniors Golf Assn. will hold its annual tournament at Tulsa CC, June 17-19. It will start three days after the Open is concluded at Southern Hills. Les Hoss is general chairman of the tournament committee.