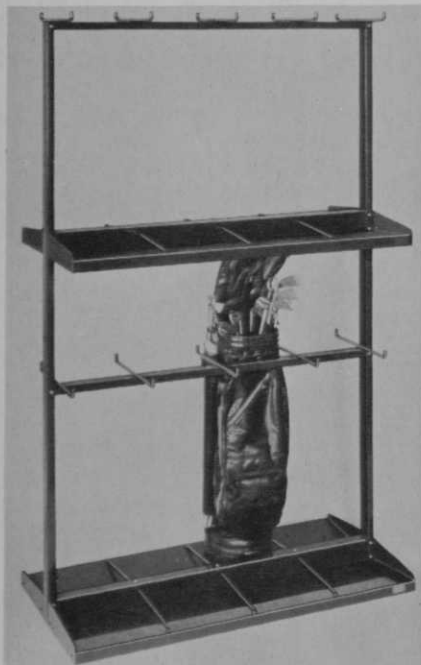


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A special breed

I enjoyed the article "Superintendent or Greenkeeper—Which?" by Bill Smart (April GOLFDOM). I have had the same view for a good many years.

As you probably know, Leonard Strong, then greenkeeper at Saucon Valley CC and president of the national association, was one of the principal advocates of the change of name. He and I frequently debated the question, but I could never convince him that anyone could become a superintendent, but that only an artist with special talents could become a greenkeeper. It is not stretching the truth too much to say that Leonard came to us because his predecessor, a superintendent recruited from a steel plant, had reached the logical conclusion that if 100 pounds per acre of ammonium sulphate was good, 1,000 pounds per acre would be 10 times better.

Many of my friends are golf course superintendents. The ones I admire and respect most are greenkeepers.

*George A. Hurd, chairman
Green committee
Saucon Valley CC
Bethlehem, Pa.*

Nicely Put

I want to thank you for the wonderful review of my book, "A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way," in the June issue. Mr. Smart, the reviewer, did a great job, and I am grateful to him.

*Paul Voykin, superintendent
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