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So, how well do you know your superintendent? Do you, the chairman or the president, encourage your superintendent to develop these many-sided skills and talents? Let us not forget that today's golf course superintendent is a mighty important person and, as he involves himself more and more, he becomes very nearly the indispensable employee.

Q.—We have wondered about the apparent conflict between increased emphasis on irrigation of fairways and the possibility of developing improved grasses for non-irrigated fairways. Aren't we pulling in different directions? Isn't there a middle ground?

(Indiana)

A.—Because of the great pressure generated by the expansion of irrigation systems (no pun intended), research leans strongly toward solving the extra problems brought on by irrigation of turf not designed to utilize excess water. These problems are immediate and they have been brought on by demands of club members for green turf. Research had not pre-

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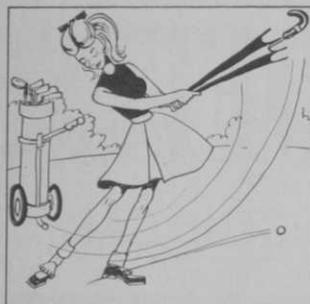
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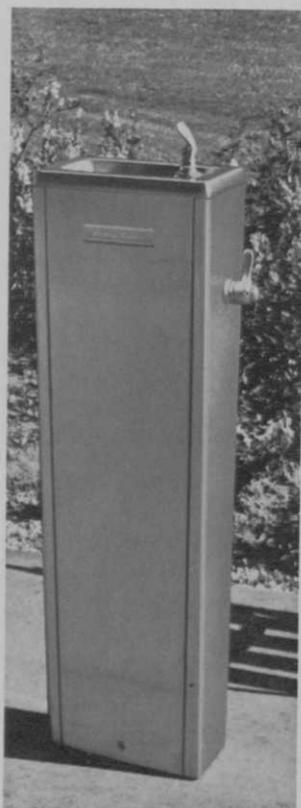
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pared for these problems and the answers are not at once forthcoming. Certainly we do not have the grasses to meet the demands. Neither do we know how water should be managed for the kind of turf we have now.

In the absence of enough money to support research for both concepts, developing drought-tolerant, non-irrigated fairway turf must be relegated to a secondary position.

The "middle ground" is partly research and partly educational. We have some grasses for fairways that can produce excellent turf with far less water than is usually applied. When turf loses a little color, even though it is healthy and it provides excellent playing conditions, members are prone to pressure the superintendent into irrigating (or the super does it himself to avoid the criticism he knows will follow) even though it should not be watered at that time. "We have the water system—why don't we use it?" We may never be able to educate golfers to adopt a sensible approach to irrigation even though the superintendent knows what to do. A national water shortage could bring this about and in my opinion we ought to be ready. Water most certainly is not the final answer to green playable fairway turf.

Q.—Is "Turf Management" by Musser still available? Where can we get it?

(Nebraska)

A.—Yes, the book still is available. Parts of it are a bit outdated but nothing has been printed to take its place. See your golf course supplier—often he stocks this book for his customers. The United States Golf Assn., 40 East 38th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016, can supply you or advise you of the closest source. Most bookstores carry it. □