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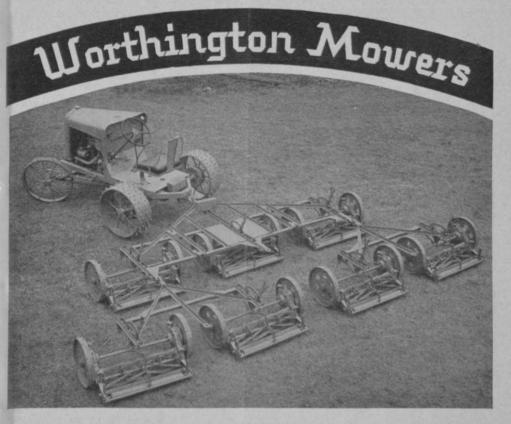
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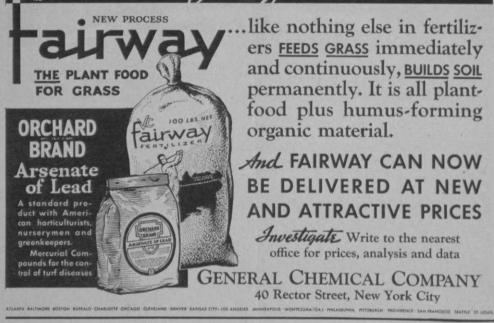
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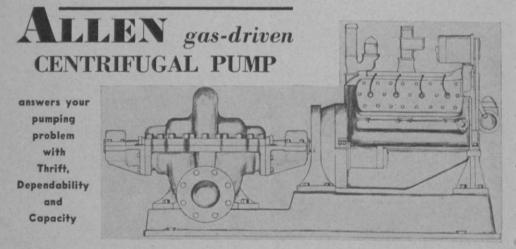
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# 1935 LOOMS BIG!

#### Stage Is Set for Record Season at Nation's Courses

REDIT it to the New Deal, normal business improvement, repeal, greater leisure, or what have you-but something has perked up the golf world these past ninety days so surprisingly that there's every indication 1935 will be rated as a banner year for the players, the clubs, and the manufacturers. Not only is a new spirit of confidence appearing in the various reports that filter into GOLFDOM's office direct from the various clubs, but manufacturers' salesmen who regularly call on these clubs, and therefore are in excellent position to gauge the outlook for the season ahead, report they are booking orders far in excess of this time a year ago.

The results of 1934 have had considerable to do with the existing optimism. Last season was a testing period for many clubs. They had managed to squirm through the worst years of the depression on a skeleton membership and in 1934 faced the necessity of improving the financial state of things, or else. This, as annual reports from the clubs indicate, was accomplished in great style by all but a very few clubs, and these undoubtedly were beyond the stage where improvement could be expected, so they quietly folded and disappeared from the scene.

#### **Annual Statements Better**

The rest of the nation's clubs recorded distinct improvement for 1934. During the year more memberships were sold than in several seasons past. A surprising number of clubs began once again to boast of waiting lists, and with the increased memberships came several benefits —larger departmental business, more prompt collections, cash with which to pay for essential replacements to clubhouse and course, and a general pick-up in club spirit. As a result, the financial statements that have been sent GOLF-DOM from clubs throughout the U. S. are almost uniformly improved when compared with statements from those same clubs for the season of 1933.

GOLFDOM does not mean to convey the impression that the nation's clubs have licked all their problems. This is far from the case. Fixed charges are still too high in many instances and something must be done to reduce bonded indebtedness through assessments on the members; this will go hard on the golfers concerned, but it is the only solution for those clubs short of a receivership, which none of them desire.

In addition to the problem of lowering indebtedness the clubs must prepare to make heavy investments in improvements, if they are to attract members and compete with other clubs. A fairway watering system seems to have become a necessity, at least for all layouts in the metropolitan areas. Clubhouses and contents, courses and equipment have been permitted to deteriorate these past few seasons, because the advisable repairs or replacements were not vital at the moment and the clubs very often preferred to go

BY JACK FULTON, JR.

along until there was a little more cash in the treasury.

#### Much Money to be Spent

This means that many thousands of dollars are going to be spent this season and next (just as soon as the clubs can possibly arrange matters) for clubhouse decorating, for replacements of worn furnishings and for improvements in facilities. It means that many thousands of dollars are soon to be invested in new course equipment to replace or augment present worn-out mowers, hose, sprinklers, tractors and other items that the greenkeeper must have if he is continue to operate efficiently. Courses need fertilizing and reseeding, and many labor hours spent in "manicuring" them back to the condition in which first class layouts were maintained in pre-depression days.

Better days lie ahead for the pro-shops, too. Like the clubs, the members have to a large extent "gone along" with what equipment they had. Thousands of sets of clubs are today badly out of date and will be replaced by their owners with modern implements in the near future, as conditions improve. Add to these sure sales for the pro the many sets of clubs that new members will be buying and you will see that the future is not dark for the pros.

All in all, GOLFDOM looks for a decided pick-up in the already improved condition of the golf industry. No one doubts that the stage is set, and it seems simply a case of conjecturing how rapidly the wave of confidence can gather the momentum to push golf onto the high platform of prosperity it deserves.

#### **Optimism from All Sides**

GOLFDOM is not alone in its feeling that the future is bright for golf. From all sides come similar reactions, in proof of which we quote from some recent letters:

### From Herbert Jaques, president of the USGA:

"Since 1932, which was probably the point of low ebb, we have seen much forced reorganization of golf clubs which put them on a far sounder basis than they have ever been in the past. We have seen these jobs tackled in each club by a large group of members who have put their shoulders to the wheel because they realize that the club is a vital part of their own pleasure and recreation. In the past year, we have seen a noticeable increase in the amount of golf played and in the use of clubhouse and course privileges.

"I look for a conservative but steady growth in the game for 1935 with a decided improvement reflected coincident with any business improvement, for which there are many reasonable indications. The golf business should benefit much along the same lines. There are always new and attractive features produced in the golf equipment field which find a ready market even in poor times, and I see no let-up in the determination of the American golf public to improve their games every opportunity possible.

"If the attitude of the public in making their Christmas purchases is any indication of what may be expected of the golf prospects for 1935 I am decidedly optimistic."

#### From E. E. Wippler, green-chairman, Bloomington (Minn.) GC:

"Bloomington is looking forward in 1935 to one of the best years it has ever enjoyed. We are planning to enlarge our clubhouse and to improve the golf course considerably. By way of taking advantage of the apparent prosperity, Bloomington has hired a manager who will be in complete charge of the course, as well as the membership campaign and tournament and play program for the season."

From E. E. Chapman, vice-pres. of the L. A. Young Golf Co., comes a cheerful note on the season ahead, and included in the note are some suggestions to club officials:

"During the past three or four years, pursuing a mirage was a picnic compared with trying to turn the proverbial corner in the golf business. However, from recent observation it would appear that this elusive corner might materialize during 1935. Everyone contacted is unusually optimistic. Advance orders are considerably larger than those of the previous year. Possibly the simplest way of expressing our faith in the coming season is by saying that we have been operating on a full capacity production program for the past month, and this will continue throughout the winter and summer months.

"So much progress has been made in golf club management and operation during the past few years, in spite of the depression, that it is difficult to offer