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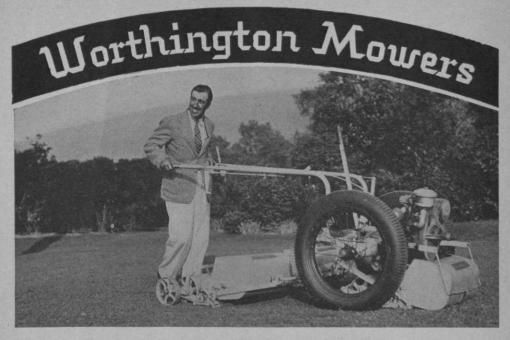
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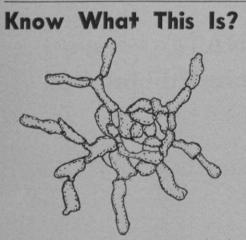
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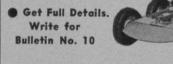


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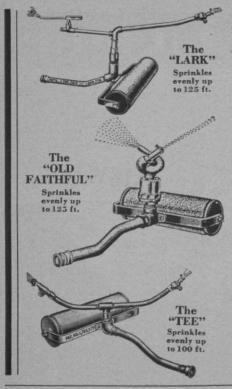
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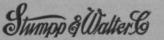
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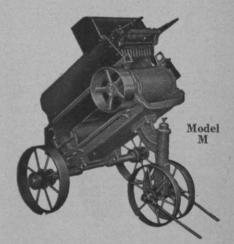
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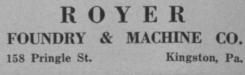
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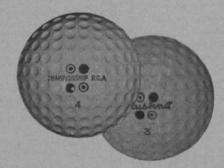


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. . . but greenkeepers continue to fight drought successfully, as told here in nation wide survey.

UP to the fourth week in July, despite adverse weather conditions that literally put the forced cultivation of first-class golf courses to the test of fire, greenkeepers have performed a job of maintaining playing stand-

ards that should arouse the admiration of the golfing public. Although the greenkeepers' work to date this season generally has been of such success as to identify them as miracle men, even the best of them are keeping their fingers crossed because the tough part is still to come.

However, a nation-wide survey of representative territories recently made by GOLFDOM and the judgment of the nation's foremost authority on turf culture, Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of the USGA Green Section, give license for the verdict on the greenkeepers' current display of ability.

Tournament conditions this year have given an unusually good picture of regular maintenance practice. At Baltusrol, the club officials, Major Jones, general manager, and Charles Chase, greenkeeper, lived up to the early avowed intention of having the course for the National Open just as it would be for member play. Kicks from the star contestants were at a minimum and a volume of kind words were said about the course being a fine test of real golf as it is played. At the Davenport (Ia.) CC during the Western Open, greens were in magnificent shape according to the players. The splendid putting done during the tournament attested to the greens condition. Tees, too often in just fair shape even at many good clubs, were smooth and of the right length and consistentcy. Fairways were burned except in the valleys, for Davenport has one of those difficult hill-and-valley problems to handle before it can install fairway watering.

At Happy Hollow, Omaha, where the Western Amateur was held during weather conditions that would fry a hunk of pig iron, players and Western Golf Association officials were loud in their praise of the course. Oscar Johnson, Happy Hollow greenkeeper, relates that the excellent shape of the course was no accident. Johnson had the usual amount of hard work and worry prior to putting on a successful tournament. Says he, "The summer around here has been the driest I have ever seen. Our water bill has been pretty high. Notwithstanding, I'm certain my greens are in the best condition they've ever been. I've been watching against brown-patch and sod webworm and haven't had any trouble worth mentioning from these sources.

"I attribute not a small part of the way our greens have developed and held up to our practice of spiking a great deal of peat moss into them. Our greens have a tendency to harden, due to hot weather and persistent hot winds. Conditioning with peat moss helps these greens to hold the right amount of water, and what is almost equal in making the greenkeeper's mind at peace, the greens in which peat moss has been introduced hold the approach shots of players."

Better Conditions Mean More Members

Around Detroit, where the golf and industrial comeback has been great, Herb Shave, greenkeeper at Oakland Hills where the 1937 National Open will be played, highlights the conditions he and other superintendents are experiencing. "Maintenance standards are higher this year," says Shave, "because clubs are realizing that to fill memberships the courses must be kept in best possible condition. Wages have increased and more men are being employed. There has been considerable new equipment bought this year, replacing worn-out equipment. This, of course, has had its effect in improving course condition without correspondingly increasingly the expense of maintenance.

"Fairway watering equipment, hoseless and hose, has been having a good selling season. This year's fertilizer sales will be far above average. All these things point to a marked comeback.

"Early season weather conditions were none too good. It was wet. Nights were cold. Greens and fairways were so tough it was like trying to cut wire. Greens did not get much color until June. From the start of June until July 4th we had great weather for growing grass in the Detroit territory, but after July 4th we were right in the heart of tropical desert weather.

"The way the greenkeepers in this district have held their greens during the hot weather has been remarkable. This has required judicious watering and care in cutting, and all the advantages of correct construction and luck that one needs in this business, but doesn't always get. We have had lots of clover in fairways this year, but I guess this condition is widespread. The heavy show last winter seems to be one reason for the clover crop we have this summer.

"Brown-patch has not been troublesome. Weather conditions have helped, and every one of us with budgets that will permit are playing the safe game of 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.'

"Budgets this year generally are higher. Imperative need of equipment replacement, fertilizer, higher wages and the knowledge that a real thrifty budget makes provision for possible emergencies, all have figured in the budget increases."

Somewhere East of Suez In Torrid St. Louis District

It is somewhere east of Suez where the best is like the worst, according to Kipling's dope, and the greenkeepers put St. Louis in that location regardless of what the geographies show.

Robert Foulis, spokesman for St. Louis district greenkeepers, considers that the job generally done by the men in that territory this year represents one of the finest achievements of course maintenance. In addition to having a bad drought year to date, St. Louis has suffered from terrific heat, temperatures of above 100 being registered for 15 consecutive days. Since the middle of April in that territory, they have been watering greens, approaches, and tees. There have been very little fungus or insect troubles up to mid-July. Greens, for the most part, are in excellent condition.

Fairways, reports Foulis, are badly burned and will require heavy seeding and fertilizing this fall. He remarks that fairway watering is a problem that the St. Louis sector will have to meet. He has 13 fairways at the St. Louis CC irrigated. One of these fairways has had watering for five years. All of these fairways (which are under Foulis' supervision) have come through the hot weather and drought in good condition. Budgets are normal.

Is Greenkeeping a Science or an Art?

Howard Farrant, greenkeeper at The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., in giving a summary of outstanding conditions in New England, touches on a point that for the first time, so far as we can recall, is located as a source of greenkeepers' troubles. The point is that working the men under forced draft, as many greenkeepers have been compelled to do on account of depression budgets, has shown up in the work done. This matter has been mentioned vaguely in the remarks of a number of greenkeepers interviewed by GOLFDOM and is worth a story all by itself. Just how much of greenkeeping is a science and how much of it an art, probably has more bearing on the labor situation than most of us in the course maintenance field realized. Farrant's com-