## Grass and Greenkeeper at Mercy of Players and Weather By JACK DARAY

**R**ECALLING the miseries of 1935 when greens over a wide midwestern area went out from scald and fungus diseases, the knowing greenkeeper winces as he considers that he may again be helpless this year if weather conditions are such that he is forced to excessive watering.

Extensive observation of greenkeeping from the viewpoints of golf architect, player and greenkeeper has convinced me that the hardest problem of the greenkeeper is to keep from over-watering his greens while at the same time keeping his players satisfied. The average player wants every shot that lands on the green to stick there, regardless of the fact that a shot to bite hard must be played with such skill that even the most talented of pro and amateur stars can't be sure of this result.

Consequently, players demand the greens be kept so soft that a skidding, hardtopped shot will stay on the putting surface. The green-chairman gets complaints and in turn rides the greenkeeper with the result that the greenkeeper, in desperation, soaks the greens and hopes that the weather will not be such that his grass will be destroyed by steaming or baking, or by diseases that find grass easy prey when in weakened condition from an excess of water.

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What complicates the problem in many instances is faulty construction, which can only be cured by rebuilding. In many of the cases where trouble has hit hardest, the greens are badly located from a maintenance standpoint. In other cases the greens were constructed during that wild era when many courses were built by sharply competitive bids and the successful bidder found himself compelled to work on such a narrow margin that he turned the top soil over and buried it in order to save on his dirt handling costs. The greenkeeper and the club are paying the bill for that false economy.

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## Don McKay Elected Head of Connecticut Greensmen

A NNUAL meeting of the Connecticut Assn. of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Brooklawn CC, Bridgeport, Conn. Officers elected for the coming year were: Don McKay, Sunset Ridge CC, pres.; Charlie Bashin, Waterbury, CC, v.p.; Charles Traverse, Mill River CC, secy-treas.; A. Lentine, Wallingford CC, ass't. secy-treas.

More than 60 members and guests attended the dinner and meeting afterward which had among the guest speakers, Henry Cliffe, Supt. of Parks, Bridgeport; E. F. Morgan, Conn. Experiment Station, New Haven; E. E. Evaul, Rutgers college, and John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section.

Approximately 25 members of the Connecticut Assn. attended the Golf Show held at Amherst college and put on display a miniature tool-house and equipment as their part of the show.

## The Fungus and How It Works By E. KLAUCKE

FUNGI, members of the plant kingdom, are composed largely of thread-like cells joined end-to-end, called hyphae. They reproduce by thousands of small "seedlike" bodies called spores. Because they lack the green coloring matter necessary to food manufacture, fungi must obtain their food from another source.

Fungi that obtain their food supply from other living plants or from living animals are known as parasites. In order to grow and reproduce, fungi require moisture, air and certain temperature conditions besides an available food supply.

A blade of grass may become sick and die from a fungus parasite in the following way:

A spore of the parasite is blown onto the grass blade.

Given the proper temperature and moisture conditions, it germinates and produces a young thread or hypha.

On both sides of the grass blade are numerous small pores. The young hypha enters one of the pores.

It then secretes a substance that dis-

solves the cell walls of the grass leaf and then absorbs the grass juices into its own body, thus robbing and killing the grass plant.

Associated with several fungus parasites of fine turf grass are small, hard bodies known as sclerotia that consist of a tightly woven mass of hyphae. These hold the fungus over during adverse weather conditions and many are to be found near the top of the soil, particularly in fine turf grass areas. When atmospheric conditions become right for the fungus, these sclerotia unwind from their tight, balllike mass, and hyphae grow out in all directions in search of tender grass for food and sustenance.

THE club that hasn't a canopy of wood or canvas over its lesson and practice tees is neglecting to supply members with an inexpensive comfort. Spring showers and blistering summer days this year have emphasized need of these practice tee canopies.

Clapper Cracks Ribs.—Orville Clapper, manager of New England Toro Co., recently stumbled over a fairway mower in his warehouse. Three broken ribs for Orville. Mowers lived up to their reputation for durability.

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the hilly Georgia country. The new models may be inspected at International Harvester truck branches.

Worthington Ball Co., Elyria, O., have issued the 1937 edition of the Rules of Golf booklet. This reprint of the official rules in handy size has been eagerly received in its previous editions and this year's edition promises to have record circulation. Copies of these rule books are available in limited quantities to pros who want to give them to their members with the compliments of the pro and the Worthington Ball Co.

Stanley Hobbs has been made New England pro representative for Crawford, MacGregor, Canby. Hobb's headquarters are at 12 West st., Boston, Mass.

Toro Mfg. Co. of Minneapolis has a new branch at 3015 Woodhill Rd., Cleveland, under the management of S. A. (Jerry) Salter. The establishment was opened March 11 with ceremonies concluding with a dinner at Hotel Cleveland. Kenneth Goit, Toro's sales manager, presided at the affair and set forth the operating policies and plans of the new branch. John Quaill, president of the NAGA, Don Boyd, president of the Ohio Greenkeepers Assn., and several prominent Cleveland district greenkeepers also spoke at the exercises.

Strike of factory employees in the plant of The L. A. Young Golf Co. was short lived. E. E. Chapman, vice-pres. and gen. mgr., commented on the situation as follows:

"A number of our factory employees, organized by the CIO, met and presented a number of demands upon us.

"We had several meetings with the committee and were making considerable progress toward a settlement that would be mutually satisfactory. Progress, however, apparently wasn't fast enough to



suit some of the boys, for while we were in a session with their committee a strike was called on Wednesday, March 26. This did not develop into a sit-down strike as all employees left the factory at noon. "Convening in a meeting the same eve-

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ment offered by the management and the plant opened as usual Thursday morning. "We were gratified at so speedily iron-ing out the difficulties, for factory morale remains unimpaired and there is a fine feeling on the part of both management and the employees."

Calvert Distillers Corp., Chrysler Build-ing, New York City, has just issued a 36-page booklet entitled "Helpful Hints for Successful Entertainment." Booklet was prepared with the idea of offering helpful suggestions to convention chairmen and entertainment committees for use in the preparation of programs. The booklet, which was prepared by an

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A quintuple-purpose cabinet shower, being offered by the Henry Weis Mfg. Co., Inc., Elkhart, Ind., has the conventional shower for the adult, a special shower for the growing child, a gentle spray for the baby, a shower for the elderly person, and a special foot shower. The shower cabi-nets, which have two shower heads, may be obtained in a variety of finishes and colors.

Bell Sound Systems, Inc., 63 E. Goodale st., Columbus, O., have a low cost departmental intercommunicating telephone system that is well adapted to country club requirements. Details will be sent on request.

An interesting booklet describing True Temper golf shafts has been issued by The American Fork & Hoe Co., Geneva, Ohio. Complete record of important tour-neys won by users of True Temper shafted golf clubs is included. Catalog list ap-pearing in back of booklet, gives length, weight, and general characteristics of True Temper shafts for men and women, and will prove helpful in ordering. Copies are obtainable upon request.

Golf Recorder, a device which keeps accurate check on player's progress in improving his game, offers a good profit margin for pros desiring to use the Recorder in checking improvements made by



their pupils. Members also find them valuable for check-up on themselves. Complete details sent on request by the Golf Recorder Co., 4619 Ravenswood ave., Chicago.

With enthusiasm quite unusual in pro business circles, the U.S. Royal golf kit has been ordered and received by more than 1,200 professionals. Comment following receipt of the huge and comprehensive kit, which has for its purpose the promo-tion of more and keener interest in club tion of more and keeper interest in chap competitions, gives definite promise that the kit will create hundreds of thousands of playing rounds in addition to the nor-mal figures of play at golf clubs. Increased play, the carefully planned ob-jective of the U.S. Royal golf kit, natur-ally has stirred interest of club officials who see in the larger traffe an improved

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condition among clubs. Pros, of course, know that their business is in direct proportion to the number of rounds played so they are welcoming the amazingly complete detail of the kit.

A fortune has been spent by the United States Rubber Co. on the preparation, printing and shipping of the kit to professionals. It's a broad range proposition. The U.S. Company is playing a sure thing to get its own investment back with a handsome profit. Other makers of balls and clubs will profit, too, from the stimulation of club events. Club will cash in through greater interest and attendance, but the pros come out on the longest end. All details of the campaign are planned to clear through the pro and emphasize the pros' importance and service as the organizer and conductor of all activities giving members greatest value from their club memberships.

Each kit represents a husky cost, but is not for sale. It is sent free on request to golf pros, and the fact that approximately one out of every three professionals in the United States ordered it some of them on the urgent request of their tournament committee heads—within two weeks of its presentation, shows that it ties in with pro needs. Pro estimates of the kit's value to them in increasing play run as high as \$1,000.

The portfolio containing the items for tournament promotion measures 17½ in. wide, 15 in. high and, with its 15 compartments closely compacted, 2 in. thick.

Events for which all material is supplied and filed are:

Army and Navy; War of the Revolution; Costume; Bet-A-Million; Blind Bogey; Sweepstakes; Air Race; Get-Your-Goat; Ringer; Target; Driving; Putting; U.S. Royal Golf ball game in one day and allseason events; miscellaneous.

Full instructions are given so all the pro has to do is to "read the directions on the wrapper" and set the works in motion. Striking advertising material is supplied for all the events. Even stickers of dates are supplied for attaching to the display announcements so the announcements have a neat and classy look instead of the home-made and casual appearance of many announcements. Phoney money is supplied for the Bet-A-Million tournament, and "Goat" and "Kid" tokens are furnished for the Goat event. Pros are asked to estimate their requirements for these supplies and order separately from the Golf Kit Editor, U.S. Rubber Products, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York City.

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Alex Cunningham (left), widely known veteran pro and president of Illinois PGA, points out to Jock Anderson the "see your professional" line that features all items of the giant U. S. Royal golf kit or promoting play and interest at clubs this season.

schedule appearing on the third page of the large four-page folder on how to use the kit.

The company also supplies free, on pro order, pennants for the Army vs. Navy tournament, American and British flags for the War of the Revolution events, and yardage flags for the driving events. The folder impresses on pros the necessity of ordering their free supplies early, for at the very fastest, three weeks are needed for delivery. There's nothing to be gained by stalling around on the ordering and with the chances looking strong for approximately half of the country's golf clubs using tournament material from this kit, pros who delay ordering run risk of disappointment.

The instruction folder also contains six suggestions for sales letters to be sent by pros to their members.

A great feature of the U.S. Royal golf outfit is the U.S. Royal golf ball game, an ingenious and attractive shop display proposition. The game consists of a golf course scene mounted on a heavy background. It is 35 in. high by 33½ in. wide. There are nine wire baskets, numbered as holes, into which golf balls are bounced. The game makes lively entertainment and more than a few have had hunches that the U.S. Royal golf ball game makes a pleasant instrument for putting currency into circulation when played by gentlemen or ladies who have a yen for wagering. The game will go great in pro-shops and locker-rooms. One game will be supplied to each pro at his club, on request. Undoubtedly many club members will want these games for home use. The member can get one of the games by buying a dozen U.S. Royal balls from the pro, and then filling in an order blank. The order for the member's game calls for a charge of \$2 by U.S. Rubber Products, Inc. When the payment is received by the U. S. people, the game is shipped to the member. Full details on this also are contained in the kit instruction folder.

Reception of the U.S. kit proposition by pros who ordered early tips off other professionals to the wisdom of prompt investigation of the kit. Complete details may be secured from U.S. at 1790 Broadway, New York City, any of its branches or from U. S. Royal salesmen.

Wesley Bintz, Lansing, Mich., consulting engineer and designer of swimming pools, has a catalog, "Modern Swimming Pools," which includes swimming pool data and cost analysis of Bintz type pools. Copies may be obtained upon request.

Wilson Sporting Goods Co. is making a new club that has met with pro approval. It's the Am-B-Dex, a two-faced wood of the cleek type, suitable for right- or lefthanded players. It is designed by the veteran Willie Hoare. Pros comment warmly on the merits of the club as an emergency tool for playing shots alongside fences, trees, water, etc., left-handed, and as being beautifully balanced and headed for right-handed wooden cleek play.

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A putter known as the Dedly, now is being made by the Dedly Putter Co., Ann Arbor, Mich. It features an adjustable weight which is provided by 10 lead slugs which may be placed, in any desired number, in a round holder that extends at right angle back from the center of the putter blade.

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