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The competitions which give prize chances to all classes of players have Joliet one of the golf-talkingest and playingest small cities in the country.

Heinie is always on the lookout for exhibitions. Harry Adams has given him a hand in lining up talent for exhibition matches and demonstrations. Harry, Jerry Glynn, Johnny Bulla and other boys have appeared at Crystal Lawns and helped to keep golf interest blazing.

When you mention Johnny of medicine ball fame, some pros would begin to storm. The prospect of Johnny appearing at their courses and reminding the players that golf balls are sold at drug stores is an alarming one to these fellows, but not to Heinie. He says he sells golf balls where golf is played and by making it plain that he has good balls at 25 cents, 3 for \$1, 50 cents and 75 cents, he'll get all the business his smart, vigilant and energetic merchandising merits. He points out as his opinion that many fee and public course pros make a mistake by putting the big play on 75 cent balls when 50 cents per ball is about tops for most of the traffic at such courses. And 3 for \$1 balls are best sellers. How long that will continue with ball prices due for a raise, there's no telling.

This phase can be argued plenty, but Heinie maintains that he gets a much higher percentage of the business that passes his pro-shop than Walgreen's drug stores get of the business that passes their windows.

"When I miss out on a sale it is my fault, not the customer's," Heinie Sick reasons.

He is a great one to shop around the

factories for discontinued lines of clubs and balls and bags. And how he ballyhoos those bargains to the Crystal Lawns players.

Heinie probably does by far the largest business in used clubs of any pro in the Chicago district. He says he never makes a cent on these used club sales and often handles the same used set as many as three times a season. By getting his patrons accustomed to good quality clubs he trades them up and claims more high grade clubs used by players at Crystal Lawns than at any fee course in the country.

Another reason he has a policy of not making a dime on these sales of used clubs is because he figures that getting a good set of clubs in a man or woman's hands is a sure way of making them play more golf. More golfers and more golf is what he's after.

Whether the sale is 10 cents worth of tees or a \$140 set of clubs Heinie gives the customer big-time service. He says that one of the strongest points a fee course pro can have in his selling plan is shop appearance and sales service that will stack right up with the best that's provided at the best of private clubs.

Heinie was brought up right in golf. He started as a caddie at Omaha (Neb.) Field Club when Johnny Goodman was one of the caddie corps. Sick showed possibilities to Stanley Davies, widely known pro at the Omaha club, and Stanley took him into the shop. Anybody who's trained by Stanley and satisfies this able and exacting master pro, learns the business thoroughly and correctly. Heinie later was assistant to Bob Christie and learned plenty from Bob, too.

Sick himself follows the Davies principle in selecting, training and supervising good assistants. The assistant he's had for



One of Heinie Sick's champion pupils is his wife, Mrs. "Bernie" Sick, shown here practicing under her husband's watchful eye. Mrs. Sick holds the women's Cook County Open title.

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One of the golf instruction classes at Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., is shown in photo above. Les Heon, pro at Montpelier (Vt.) CC, is pro instructor at the Academy, and during the past year gave both group and personalized instruction to more than 100 boys at RMA. Parents of these pupils appreciate the work Heon has been doing there, as their many letters of interest and encouragement during the past three years testify. The practice 'net' shown above was devised by Heon, and serves satisfactorily in providing practice facilities in a limited area.

several years drew No. 158 in the first draft so no pro golf assistant did any better than a tie with Heinie's boy "Weenie" in getting into the draft army.

Heinie says the best golf boosters at his course are the doctors. About 30 of them play every Wednesday at Crystal Lawns. They prescribe the game to many of their patients.

This fellow's shop at Crystal Lawns shows what ingenuity can do with small space. It's an open front shop, only 14 ft. square but looks larger. It contains a counter and show cases and always a good display of clubs of wide price range. The shop has light blue walls, and dark blue steel furniture. The porch in front of it is an attractive lounging place. It's only 15 ft. from the first tee.

Heinie's wife holds the women's Cook County Open title. He taught her. She's cashier at the club and a sound business team-mate for Heinie. She doesn't compete in women's events at the club. Smart girl, that.

Mrs. Sick's record as a golf pupil of her husband has been instrumental in building up large classes and individual lessons for Heinie at the Joliet YWCA.

From high school freshman age to the 90-year post, golfers around Joliet know Heinie Sick and think well of him. His pro colleagues at neighboring clubs, a group of sound and active fellows, think highly of him too. And in this pro business when the other pros in your neighborhood give a cheer for you, you really are good.

#### Chicago Officials Hold Annual Club Relations Day

ANNUAL Club Relations Day of the Chicago District Golf Assn., when club presidents, governors and committeemen get together to discuss management problems and play an afternoon of golf, was held at Olympia Fields CC, June 20. Counting the women on committees of the Women's Western and Chicago Women's DGA, who this year were invited for the first time, attendance was in excess of 300.

Activities began at a breakfast presided over by CDGA Pres. Maynard D. Fessenden. Speakers were Pres. Paul Smith of Olympia Fields, who welcomed the visiting officials, John Monteith, Jr., of the Green Section, who spoke on ways of improving courses at no extra cost, and Mrs. Chas. B. Willard, president of the Women's Western GA, who discussed junior golf activities.

Golf occupied the attention of the crowd during the afternoon, followed in the evening by a program of speeches and discussions on "What Is Golf News?", "Making Use of All Our Committees", "New Ideas for Women Chairmen", "Handling the Caddie Situation", and "Handling Golf by Promoting Competitive Tournaments".

Including the women golfers in Club Relations Day proved a great success and will be followed in coming seasons.

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### Soil Germs— Their Role In Composts and Special Fertilizers

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PRODUCTIVITY of our soils is directly affected by the activities of the innumerable soil organisms. Many of these organisms cannot be seen with the naked eye, yet they take part in a great variety of fundamental activities. They perform an indispensable service in keeping certain plant nutrient elements in circulation. In the absence of these germs, the surface of soils under natural conditions would soon become covered with a great mass of undecomposed plant and animal residues; life would soon cease because the essential elements would quickly become exhausted.

The original concept of the soil population as being predominately bacterial has been modified in recent years to include also numerous groups of fungi, actinomyces, protozoa, algae, and many small animals. A general knowledge of the nature of soil organisms is of considerable interest and of extreme importance because it is to these tiny living things we owe the continued development of higher plants.

Bacteria are usually regarded as the simplest and smallest forms of life known. The numbers of bacteria present in soils are extremely variable since so many conditions affect their growth and since they can multiply in numbers with such extreme rapidity. A new individual may be formed in less than 20 minutes, thus permitting sudden fluctuations in numbers with the ever-changing environment. It has been found that the numbers may range from 1 to 4 billion per gram of soil and it is not unlikely that the total live weight of bacterial substance, per acre-seven-inches of soil, exceeds 1,000 lbs. in good soils.

Soil bacteria may be divided broadly into two large groups based on their food and energy requirements: (1) those which can obtain their energy from the oxidation of inorganic elements, their

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carbon from carbon dioxide, and their nitrogen and other minerals from inorganic compounds; (2) those which obtain their energy and carbon from organic substances.

Those bacteria which obtain their energy and carbon from organic substances may be subdivided into two groups: (1) the nitrogen fixing bacteria (those that gather atmospheric nitrogen), and (2) those that require fixed nitrogen. There are two groups of nitrogen fixing bacteria; the members of one group grow and function in the association with legume plants. and members of the other group are able to gather and fix nitrogen in soils in the absence of higher plants.

Fungi are all devoid of chlorophyl and obtain their food and energy from the soil organic matter or from other forms of life with which they may be associated. They respond especially well to aeration and can make extensive growth only under aerobic conditions. They make a vigorous growth in either acid, neutral or alkaline soils; many fungi are favored by the more acid soil conditions.

The number of fungi ordinarily found per gram of soil is usually between 8,000 and over 1,000,000. This would probably be the equivalent of from 1,000 to 1,500 lbs, per acre (7 inches deep) of living substance. It is observed, therefore, that fungi may be out-numbered by bacteria but the fungi present a much greater mass of growth per unit volume of soil, due, of course, to their much greater size.

Actinomyces may be looked upon as occupying a position, from the morphological point of view, between that of the bacteria and fungi. They resemble bacteria in that they are unicellular and are about the same size in cross section. They resemble the filamentous fungi in that they produce a very extensive, unicellular and profusely branched filamentous network.

#### Sensitive to Acidity Changes

For the most part, actinomyces are aerobic and in comparison to most soil organisms they are more sensitive to changes in soil acidity. They function best in soils at about the neutral point as far as soil acidity is concerned. They perform a very important function in soils by breaking down organic matter and setting free the nutrients it contains.

These organisms are present in great abundance in soil; the numbers may run as high as 36 million per gram of soil.

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chlorophyl-bearing microscopic The plants are called algae. They are universally distributed in the surface layers of soil wherever moisture and light are Algae obtain nitrogen and available. minerals from the soil while carbon is derived from CO2 of the atmosphere. They utilize the energy of the sun so long as they have free access to light. Below the soil surface, in the absence of light, they act in a manner similar to fungi in that they live at the expense of the soil organic matter. Algae may thus live and function much like higher plants or they may perform like the lower forms of plant life.

Algae are most abundant in the upper soil horizons where environmental conditions are most favorable for their development. The number may run as high as 10,000 or more per gram of soil with a total live weight of perhaps 800 lbs. per acre-7-inches of soil.

The development of algae in the soil results in increasing the supply of organic matter and in transforming, temporarily, soluble forms of nitrogen and mineral elements into organic or insoluble forms. Furthermore, they may aid in the decomposition of organic material and they exert a solvent action on rocks and minerals.

The protozoa are generally accepted as being the simplest form of life belonging to the animal group. They are all microscopic in size and unicellular but larger than bacteria and more complex in their activities. Soils may contain up to 1,000,000 or more of these organisms per gram of soil with a total live weight of two or three hundred pounds per acre.

Protozoa depend on the organic matter as a source of food; certain groups may feed on bacteria. Granting that they may feed on bacteria then their effect will be either beneficial or harmful depending upon whether they consume beneficial or pathogenic bacteria.

Nematodes are sometimes called eel worms; they are round or spindle-shaped and usually with a pointed posterior end. Most of them are microscopic in size, seldom large enough to be readily seen with the naked eye. Billions of them are found in each acre of soil. Some of them feed on decaying organic matter, some feed on earthworms, bacteria, protozoa, etc., and others infest the roots of higher plants, passing a part of their life cycle imbedded therein, causing a great deal of damage to certain crops, especially the vegetable crops.

The activities of all mematodes are not harmful to the growth of higher plants. They aid in bringing about an intimate mixture of the mineral and organic matter and in breaking down organic matter. They may improve soil aeration in heavy soils.

Perhaps the most important group of the larger animals inhabiting the soil is the common earthworm. They prefer a moist environment with an abundance of organic matter and a plentiful supply of available calcium. They are found only sparingly in acid sandy soils low in organic matter. Obviously, figures indicating numbers are merely suggestive. The numbers per acre-plowed-layer may range from a few hundred or even less to more than a million. It has been estimated that between 200 and 1,000 lbs. of earthworms are present in an acre of soil

It is believed that in some soils these organisms may pass several tons of soil through their bodies annually and in so doing bring about an increased availability of plant nutrients. Considerable soil mixing is accomplished as a result of their action. Holes left in the soil aid in increasing soil aeration and drainage. Frequently earthworms bring considerable quantities of soil from the lower soil layers to the surface which is very objectionable in the soil of golf greens. This frequently occurs where such soils have received heavy applications of organic fertilizers.

Other groups of the larger animals inhabit the soil, namely: rodents, ants, snails, spiders, mites, millipedes and centipedes. Some of these organisms may spend all and others only a part of their life cycle in the soil. Although soils may be directly benefited by their activities, it is obvious that they may prove unfavorable under certain conditions.

Soil organisms, in general, have the same nutritional requirements as higher forms of life. For their growth and synthesis they all require supplies of energy in addition to the several essential elements including carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, calcium and others. With the exception of algae all the important soil microbes are devoid of chlorophyl and must obtain their energy either from the oxidation of simple inorganic substances or from complex organic substances as is





### WHITE GRUB CONTROL

White grubs, or the larvae of the May or June beetle, are a menace to fine turf. Grubs of the green June beetle do damage too, but are more difficult to control because they work deeper in the soil. In eastern regions, grubs of the Oriental, Garden, Asiatic, and Japanese beetle do similar damage. All can be controlled by applying acid lead arsenate, commonly called lead arsenate.

When any of these beetles occur in sufficient numbers, resulting grubs will damage grass, unless enough lead arsenate is applied to kill the young On new seedings lead argrubs. senate should be applied and worked into soil before seeding. This treatment may retard, but will not prevent germination. Apply at 5 to 10 pounds per 1,000 square feet, which is 200 to 400 pounds per acre.

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the case with most bacteria, all the fungi, and protozoa.

Certain groups of bacteria have the ability to utilize the free nitrogen of the air and build it into their protoplasm, thereby increasing the soil's supply of combined nitrogen. Other soil organisms must get their nitrogen from complex organic substances or from simple inorganic compounds. They obtain their other necessary mineral elements from the soil minerals.

The environmental conditions, including the physical and chemical composition of the soil, determine the nature of the microbial population at any given time in the soil. In general, the fertile heavy soils rich in organic matter contain many more microbes than light soils poor in organic matter.

The optimum temperatures for most soil microbes are considerably higher, as a rule, than those which prevail in the soil, even in summer. Consequently it may be assumed that micro-organisms never reach their highest level of activity in soil and they thus utilize only a part of the potential energy sources. For the majority of the soil organisms the optimum temperature is about 35° C. Within a rather narrow range the rate of biological



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