

Cost Records Help at Kenwood

★ Taylor Boyd, supt. grounds at Kenwood CC., Cincinnati district, gives credit to maintenance cost records as an important factor in guiding their club through the maze of wartime operating problems. Boyd says:

"The war hasn't treated our club too badly because we had, for several years, kept records of costs and had learned that our bunkers were an expensive item and could be eliminated to a certain point without destroying the quality of the course. We closed 78 traps of the 240 on the thirty-six holes thereby cutting the labor problem by one-third.

"Our tees were so constructed that they may be mowed by a fairway unit, also the banks and approaches of our greens are so built that most of them can be cut with tractor and mowers. All of these items certainly looked more and more practical as the labor supply dwindled to mostly high school boys.

"We are planning on more changes or improvements to make the courses more pleasant and more beautiful and at the same time save more labor, therefore money. Our courses, as most are in this area, are hilly with many deep ravines crossing several fairways. These ravines are so deep and steep that they require hand scythe work to do the mowing. The cost of cutting down the banks with a bulldozer and making the grade of such a nature that fairways units may be used will be saved in three years time over the old method of cutting.

"The only change in actual course maintenance procedure this year over previous years was our greens fertilizer, both as to type fertilizer and its application. This procedure materially affected our fungicide treatment or the necessity of it I might say. However, until we are more sure that no ill effects will result all we can say is that our greens caused less trouble than any year up to date.

"Lest we forget—there were 100 days, with 55 of them with temperature above 90 degrees, starting May 19th, that were drier than dust, which affected all clubs."



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L. B. Icely, Pres., Wilson Sporting Goods Co., right, and Ed Rankin, new Wilson division's Gen. Mgr., look on as Walter Hagen signs up.

Hagen Golf Products is another move to meet increased demand during the war and to be prepared for postwar demand. King Sportswear is a 'Division of Wilson' today. The same is true of O'Shea Knitting Mills. Our plant at Ironton, Ohio, added since the war for expanded leather goods production, and our unit at Tullahoma, Tennessee, to increase production of baseballs and softballs, are all a part of a broad program of expansion. These are only the beginning of the increased facilities we believe public demand for Wilson products will necessitate after the war is over and the upsurge of sports takes hold."

The new Hagen Division of Wilson Sporting Goods Co. with its modern plant at Grand Rapids, Mich., will operate as an individual and separate unit. There will be no change in the key personnel, in the factory proper, according to Mr. Icely.

Since the inception of the L. A. Young Golf Co., Walter Hagen has been actively engaged in field and development work, and will, of course, continue in these ac-

Wilson Acquires Hagen Golf Products

L. A. Young Golf Company Becomes Division of Wilson Sporting Goods Co. in Expansion Move to Prepare for Postwar Golf Boom

BIGGEST news of recent years in the golf industry came shortly after the first of October from L. B. Icely, with his announcement that the Wilson Sporting Goods Company, of which he is president, had purchased the factory, real estate and all other physical assets, and good will, of the L. A. Young Golf Company of Grand Rapids, Mich. Acquisition of the home of the internationally famous Walter Hagen Line of Golf Products adds substantially to the manufacturing facilities with which Wilson will be prepared to meet the vast demand for postwar golf and other sports equipment.

In making this announcement, Mr. Icely said, "We believe that America's sports will see a boom after this war the like of which has never been seen before.

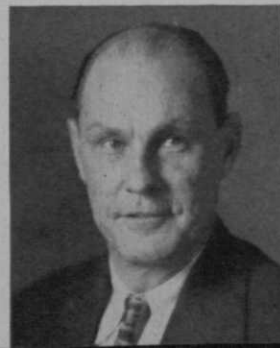
"With the promotion sports have received at home during the war—with the increased public appreciation of their importance to all sectors of American life—with the support of ten millions and more of returning service men, who know what sports mean to physical fitness, relaxation and peace of mind, the popularity of sports will increase tremendously.

"Our present expansion program began with the war. The purchase of Walter

activities. Ed. Rankin will continue as general manager with Bob Smith as factory superintendent in charge of the golf ball and golf club plant. Dick Link will remain in charge of research, design and development capacity. Other key members of the Hagen staff will continue with the new ownership.

"This much you can say," said Mr. Icely. "The purchase of the internationally known Hagen Line of Golf Products is a definite progressive move in the broad expansion program that Wilson Sporting Goods Co. has adopted. While this new

Left, below: Bob Smith, in charge of ball and club production, and Dick Link, in charge of design and development of new Wilson unit.



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The Wilson Golf Equipment line will continue to be manufactured in Chicago, under the same management and policy as it has been in the past.

Hagen, one of the most colorful figures in American golf history, expressed his belief that postwar golf would increase far beyond prewar dimensions due to the broad introduction of outdoor sports to millions of young men and women in the Services and the fine physical condition in which their service training has put them. "In view of the tremendous increase in the number of golfers when war ends," said The Haig, "all of us at Grand Rapids plant are delighted with the move that has made us part of the Wilson organization. I always have regarded Mr. Icely as one of the most able and farsighted men in the golf industry and consider myself down-right lucky to become associated with a man who backs up unusually keen vision with aggressive action."

Rhode Island Greens Meet

Members of the Rhode Island GA met at the R. I. Agricultural Experiment Station at Kingston, Sept. 11 to review the experimental work in progress and to hear Dr. Davis describe her ideas concerning the future of the Green Section of the USGA. The following day Dr. Davis accompanied by several members of the Rhode Island staff attended a meeting of the Connecticut Greenkeepers held at the Waterbury CC.

The program started with a tour of the turf plots where green chairmen and greenkeepers rated the USGA creeping bent selections and the new selections of velvet bents. Several clubs expressed an interest in establishing experimental "pie" greens using some of the new strains of grasses as soon as sufficient vegetative material is developed.

Great interest was shown in the disease control plots where several new organic fungicides are being tested. The group was particularly impressed with the control of common turf diseases by a new type of organic mercury fungicide called "Puratized N5D." This compound proved effective in the dilute concentration of 1:17,000. Information on the control of turf diseases by these new fungicides may be obtained from the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, Kingston, R. I.

Dr. Davis reported extensive attacks of the Copper Spot disease this year in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. An epidemic of this disease occurred on velvet bent in Rhode Island and apparently is quite prevalent in Connecticut. The leaves of the grasses when attacked become copper colored due to the countless number of spores produced by the fungus. The standard fungicides tried on Copper Spot haven't given satisfactory control.

Dr. Davis revealed that the USGA is considering the establishment of regional research centers throughout the United States and that Rhode Island Experiment Station was chosen as the guinea pig because of its good record in fine turf investigations. Cooperative projects with the USGA have been under way at R. I. for several years.

Dr. Davis expressed the hope that regional golf associations and greenkeepers would be interested in fostering regional programs. The Washington office would act as a clearing house and co-ordinating agency between the regional experiment stations.

Iowa Greenkeepers' September Meeting

By H. L. LANTZ

Ia. Agr. Expt. Sta., Ames, Iowa

Members of the Iowan Greenkeepers' Association met at Ames, September 11 and 12. Following dinner a panel discussion gave the greenkeepers an opportunity to relate experiences of the past season, which all said was a tough one. Too much rain in April and May all but ruined many courses. Labor, inexperienced and none too reliable, added to the troubles, and a lack of adequate fertilizer materials had been a source of considerable difficulty. All indications point to the fact that many golf courses will have to reseed or restolonize many greens due to the failures of labor, disease control and a lack of suitable fertilizer material. To make matters worse, very few courses have maintained a bent grass nursery, many reported.

Wm. Keating, President of the Iowa Greenkeepers' Association, and greenkeeper at the Des Moines G&CC, presided and gave details of maintaining his excellent greens. In the first place, Bill emphasized that proper location, construction and drainage are essential. Maintenance procedures on Bill's course are pretty uniform from year to year. No one thing accounts for Bill's success, but a combination of correct practices has turned the trick.

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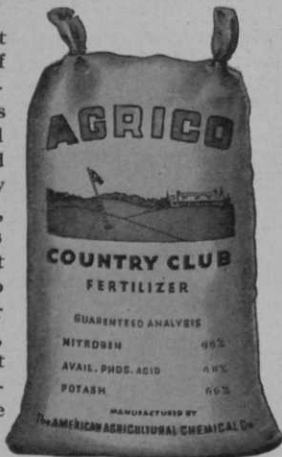
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★ John MacGregor, former president of the Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn. of America and of the Midwest Greenkeepers Assn., recently resigned from his position as greenkeeper at Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., to become associated with the Chicago factory branch of the Worthington Mower Co., located at 1045 W. Washington Blvd. For the past 22 years MacGregor has been in charge of the Chicago G.C. course, where he was responsible for what was considered one of the finest turfed and best maintained courses in the country.

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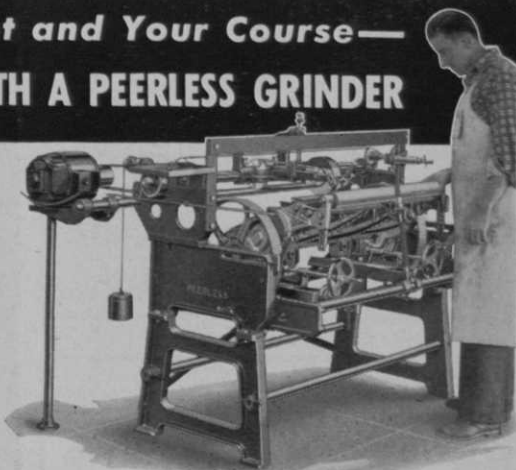
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Letter to the Editor

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DOM in the foreign parts we have entered
but was laid up with jungle rot and hardly
able to navigate to the chow hall let alone
the nineteenth hole. Bud Ward has laid out
a one-holer in the jungles and practices
continually with a club made out of a
piece of pipe. It looks like one of those
things we used as a kid to play shinny-on-
your-own-side. Smiley Quick, of Southern
California, is batting away at sea-urchins on
one of the islands with a Japanese putter
he found in a pill box. . . .

S 1/c Jack Morris, now in the
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Armed Forces Get Golf Balls Civilians Must Wait

Acute Scarcity of Golf Balls Continues to Threaten 1945 Play

RUMORS, of new golf balls in time for next season's play, took a sudden nose dive as the nation's newspapers and radio broadcast a warning issued by the members of the Golf Ball Manufacturers' association during their semi-annual meeting, late in September at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago. The golf ball makers, in an official statement released by L. E. Coleman, associate president, made plain three facts concerning the 1945 golf ball outlook: (1) No new golf balls are in sight for civilian players; (2) An acute scarcity of golf balls threatens next year's play; (3) Every golfer must turn in every unplayable golf ball for reprocessing without delay.

"Recently publicity attending the government's allocation of synthetic rubber to golf ball thread makers," said Mr. Coleman, "seems to have stampeded the golfing public into believing that the golf ball manufacturers would have new golf balls ready for the 1945 season. The facts are, that at the suggestion of the Army, a small amount of synthetic rubber was allocated for experimental purposes. If, as and when such experiments prove fruitful, all golf balls thus produced will go to the branches of the Armed Services engaged in the urgent work of servicemen rehabilitation. The most favorable results conceivable will fall far short of answering the needs of this specific purpose and further allotments for sometime to come will be earmarked for Service needs.

"Golfers are urged to continue turning in their used golf balls for reprocessing. In 1945 golf will be well into its third year since new golf balls were manufactured and with the scarcity far more acute than a year ago, the percentage of golf balls that can be reprocessed has dropped substantially.

"We urge every golfer to turn in their used balls for reprocessing during the winter months."

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