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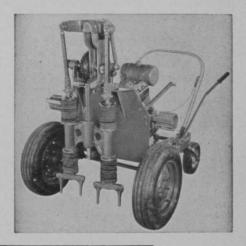
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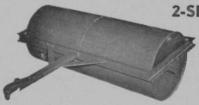
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the large audience and the short time, gave the supts. who were taking roles valid excuses for not giving or getting instructions completely or clearly, all the participants frankly admitted that the demonstration was one that emphasized the necessity of giving orders that were certain to be completely understood, remembered and followed.

Discussion brought out the wisdom of giving written orders in some cases, explaining the job on a blackboard or by pencil sketches in the maintenance shop in other instances, or having—as Norm Johnson has at San Jose CC, Jacksonville—large diagrams of greens areas in the shop to show the help exactly what the superintendent wants done.

In view of the many labor management problems confronting supts. it was the consensus at the Midwest conference that a session similar to that at Purdue be put on as a valuable feature of the Golf Course Supts.' national conference in St. Louis next January.

#### Williams Memorial Trophy for Air Force Championship

A permanent golf trophy honoring Lt. Morris Williams, young Texan who died last fall in an aircraft accident, has been established by the United States Air Force.

The huge loving cup, to be known as the Morris W. Williams, Jr., Memorial Trophy, will be placed in the custody of the winner of the U. S. Air Force World-Wide Golf championship yearly according to provisions of the memorial.

Maj. Gen. E. J. Timberlake, who is primarily responsible for the trophy, presented the cup to Williams' parents March 2 in a public ceremony at the University of Texas.

Williams was a jet fighter-bomber pilot in Gen. Timberlake's Ninth Air Force at the time of his death last September. He was stationed at George Air Force Base, California,

He was never defeated in service tournaments during his military career. Williams held the All-Service championship competing against the top golfers of the Air Force, Army and Navy.

At the time of his death he was the U.S. Air Force champion and champion of the Ninth Air Force.

His previous titles included the Air Force Training Command championship, the Air Force Pacific Coast championship and the Hawaiian Coast Conference championship. Before entering service he led the Texas University Golf Team to the Southwest Conference championship in 1948, 1949 and 1950. He also won the Texas Amateur and Texas PGA in 1950.

#### MAINTENANCE PRACTICE

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Many of our courses now have been in play since the turn of the century and the strains of grasses are not tolerant. Many of our greens were built without concern for surface drainage and are being rebuilt for that purpose.

Some of our courses are still maintaining a collar around the green of several feet that is cut at an intermediate height. This adds to expense in maintenance but is an asset to the player and general appearance of a green.

#### Tee Maintenance Differences

Tee maintenance varies considerably in our district from surfaces similar to green condition to surfaces similar to fairway condition. At our club we have predominantly bent grass on the tees and treat them rather similar to greens. We cut our tees at about % in. and follow a fertilizer practice very nearly the same as for the greens. On occasion we treat the tees with fungicide. We do not plug the tees as we used to years ago but instead we use a mixture of soil and seed in the divot holes about once a week. We use rvegrass seed with some bent seed mixed in. Four men can cover all our tee divots that accumulate over a week's time in about 4 hours and it is usually done on Monday afternoon.

At Beverly we are continually rebuilding our tees to provide approximately 4,000 sq. ft. of teeing surface on all the holes. With adequate areas for tee marker placement we find much less wear on the turf. Several courses are trying Merion bluegrass on tees and the reports thus far are somewhat varied. Some seem to like it and some have not. Where Merion and bent have been mixed, the bent has taken over.

#### Fairways the Headache

Fairways have probably given us our biggest headache in recent years. The players have demanded close cut fairway turf which has forced the courses with fairway irrigation to go to bentgrass on their fairways.

Then after going to close cut bent we gradually go into large quantities of poa annua in the fairways. Of course when the hot weather comes along we lose poa in



the fairways. Not all of it, but usually a considerable amount. At the same time we have pretty well learned to live with poa on our greens and tees. The main difference is in the degree of moisture control between the two areas. With this point in mind several clubs have already doubled their irrigation capacities for fairways.

We are planning to do the same with our fairway system in the near future. When we can go out and water all of our fairways in one night, we will have gone a long way in preserving poa annua.

The water shortage in the city supplies have also helped many of us to make the same decision. Last year many courses suffered when municipal water supplies were rationed during the drought. Several courses are trying to compete with the poa on fairways through sodium arsenite treatments and reseeding with bent. They have been successful where they have repeated the treatment every few years.

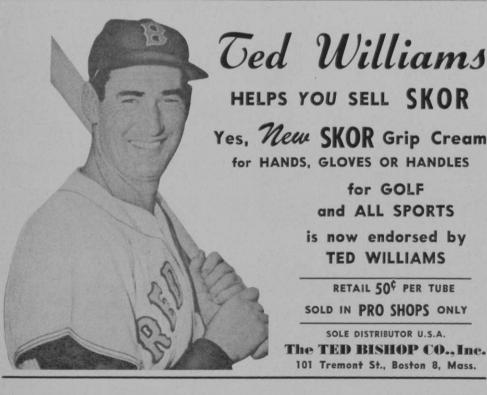
Clover control on fairways is becoming more evident all the time in Chicago through the use of 2,4-5T. Some superintendents are using the material in the Spring and others late in October. We are

particularly in the Fall of the year due to ill effects to the bent grasses.

Insects gave us plenty of trouble last year on fairways in the form of a specie of the sod webworm. Large areas of lawns were killed out and many of the courses were hard hit on the fairways. We had three attacks during the season and neither Chlordane nor DDT seemed to have any effect on them. We expect to treat with arsenate of lead this Spring in an attempt to keep them under control. We expect also that the arsenate of lead will help to keep down the crabgrass population in fairways as it has been on the increase since the use of arsenate of lead has been discontinued. Also phenyl mercury will probably be used to help combat the crabgrass.

We have licked the angleworm casts on fairways through the use of Chlordane at 8 to 10 lbs. of toxicant per acre. This is a fairly cheap treatment and requires less than a day to apply.

Our fairways at Beverly are cut about % in. during the Spring and then raised to 34 in midsummer. In the Fall we usually go back to the closer cut again. Some of the other courses cut about the same and using very little 2,4-D on bent fairways others cut higher at about ¾ in. to 1 in.



At Beverly we find that our need for fairway aerification is more of perforation than of cultivation due to thatching of the bent. Also we want to do the least possible amount of damage to the surfaces, so we not impede the golfers. We are accomplishing this through the use of a new tine on the Soilaire machine that we have developed through the cooperation of Kenneth Goit of Soilaire Industries.

Our fairway fertilization program starts in March with an application of 6-12-12 at 600 lbs. per acre. We try to apply this chemical fertilizer before the grass starts growing and while we still have surface frost in the ground. The next fertilizer treatment is usually applied about July 15th. This time we use Milorganite at approximately 400 lbs. per acre. Milorganite





is used again about the middle of August at the same rate. Our fourth and final treatment is applied in mid-September and is usually a 5-10-5 ratio material applied at 500 lbs. per acre. This program gives us close to 50 tons of fertilizer for fairways each year.

Another treatment for the fairways is sodium arsenite. We start in March and apply three or four treatments at the rate of 1 to 2 lbs. per acre. This kills back knotweed and chickweed and inhibits the growth of poa annua. As soon as the sodium arsenite treatment is complete we reseed any sparse areas with bent seed.

In our rough maintenance at Beverly and at several other courses, we have just this past year started to cut an intermediate height adjacent to the fairway and one swath wide with a five gang mower. This has eliminated the complaint by many players who found their ball just off the edge of the fairway and lying imbedded in a thick mat of bentgrass. We also cut the area between the tee and the fairway with this same unit so as not to handicap the women who many times cannot reach the fairway from the tee. Like the collars on the greens this also adds to maintenance

cost but pays dividends in appearance and improved playing conditions.

The maintenance of traps in the Chicago area is one item that gives us a characteristic completely different from many Eastern courses. We maintain a groomed appearance on the edges of our traps where the eastern courses usually allow the edges to become rough and the grass to be somewhat long near the edge similar to the way it is kept on the old courses in Scotland. We like the groomed appearance of a neat edge and some of us also add a sharp lip of several inches in the greenward side so that a ball will not roll out. During the Winter months when the ground is frozen we usually have our fresh sand hauled direct to the traps by the supplier.

A resume of our work in the Chicago area would not be complete without a brief mention of the functions of our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

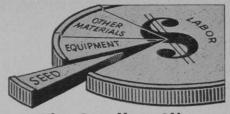
One of the most valuable services we render as an association is that of the consultation committee. We have this committee that is ready at any time they may be called upon, to go to any club whose superintendent is one of our members, and



go over his problems with him and give its suggestions as to the proper procedure to follow. Many difficulties have often been overcome or avoided by having several other superintendents come in in this way and be of assistance.

This past December we launched a new program on education. We started a two day school that dealt primarily with one subject. The first school's subject was plant disease. We spent two days going over the subject in considerable detail and in microscopic study of the various diseases. Next year we are planning to put on a clinic dealing with soil study and look forward with a great deal of anticipation to assistance from James Watson of the Toro Corp., similar to the assistance and cooperation we received from Dr. Klomparens of the Upjohn Co. at our plant disease clinic.

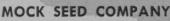
We believe this sort of concentrated study will and should eventually replace the regular local turf conference as we now know it. After two days of basic study on one subject one feels that he is up to date on all new developments in that subject. Then, too, I believe that our agronomists, pathologists, and other specialists would



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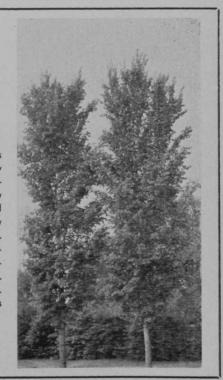


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feel that they were actually doing more good through education that is so much more complete than merely giving a 45 minute report once a year. We found also that once a subject is developed for a clinic such as we held, it can be repeated for other local groups without a great deal of work in preparation.

Another way in which our local association plans to be of greater help to our superintendents and to our golfers is through a committee recently organized by Ray Gerber of Glen Oak CC. Ray has volunteered the services of his committee to the Chicago District Golf Association to work with its greens committee. We hope that through their cooperation we shall progress together.

#### "HOMETOWN BOY"

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ner, followed by a bingo game, serving from 70 to 80 meals.

Each activity of the club is handled by a special committee, the chairman of each being under the supervision of a board member. This plan works like a charm. Every one is glad to do his part.

#### Rebuild the Course

Then we started on the golf course. During the past two years it has been completely rebuilt. The rocks we couldn't blast or bulldoze out were covered up. Hundreds of trees which caused lack of air drainage were removed. Good topsoil was brought in and new fairways built and sodded with Bermuda. Deep gullies were filled. Five greens were built, replacing the old ones which gave so much trouble every summer. Two brand new greens of 10,000 sq. ft. built correctly were opened for play last May. Most of these things were financed by my own money, as well as most of the new maintenance equipment. I have bought an Aerifier, power sprayer, two new greensmowers, a heavy duty utility mower, and all the other things necessary for the proper maintenance of the course. I bought a new Verticut also.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Bob Dunning of Tulsa for teaching me how to build greens and maintain them. I know nothing whatever about it. All of this work on the course, with very little extra help, had been done by my chef Bob Neely and myself. We haven't even slowed down during the past two years and are still at it. In addition to all this, Bob has done an admirable job in the kitchen. Our only tools have been an old road grader lent to us by a neighbor, our tractor and a borrowed spring tooth

harrow and a disc. All of the material used in the new greens was bought and hauled in, as all our soil is either silt or pure clay.

#### You Think You Work?

I sleep with my greens, doing all the watering—mostly by hand—and with the exception of mowing, they are not touched unless I am there.

I am up at 5 every morning and on the job — and many a night during the critical months I am out on the course at midnight.

I stay at the club all the time, seven days a week, and 24 hours every day — being the club manager, professional, and green superintendent — and then am on the job every night to take care of the members who come to the club. I don't get any too much sleep but I love this work.

Money couldn't hire me to work this way—and yet I'm happier than I've ever been in my life with this hobby. I love to look at a beautiful green and think I BUILT IT! I love to have the members come to me and tell me how nice everything is—and how they appreciate what I've done. Man—that's living!

Fred Grau was here not long ago and pronounced my greens, "championship".

Our course, which formerly was an easy 35 par, rated by pro playing standards, and a 66 for 18, is now a plenty tough 35 par. Holes have been lengthened, traps built and greens enlarged and undulated. We have built 13 Bermuda tees averaging around 2000 sq. ft. Some of them are U-3. I have a nursery all built of 6000 sq. ft. to grow my own strains of grasses — Merion Blue, and Fred Grau's special "Zoysia", as well as U-3 Bermuda. Give me another year, and I'll challenge anyone to show me a finer 9-hole golf course in the country.

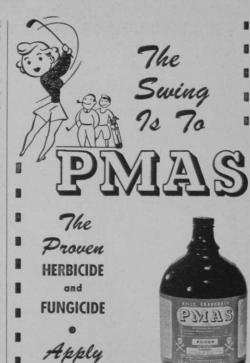
#### Members Work Cheerfully

As I am writing this, we have just finished painting our swimming pool -35 members did the job in an hour and a half, followed by a picnic supper. This shows the spirit of cooperation and pride of my members in their club.

They'll dig crabgrass, build boat docks, or anything asked of them. A small town club with limited membership and low dues just can't afford to hire these things done.

Our club financially is as sound as a new dollar. We owe no one a cent outside of current bills and no outstanding indebtedness. I write vouchers each month for all bills, the Board of Directors passes on them and the treasurer writes the checks.

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I have a deepfreeze, an 18 case Frigidaire drink cooler, a safe, and a new cash register, a cigarette machine, and a large stock of hats and caps.

Behind the clubhouse, on a Bermuda lawn, we have a large playground for the kiddies, with chutes, swings, merry-goround, teter-totter, and May pole. We have a nice picnic ground with tables and benches. There is a new garage and work shop just completed, with cement floor, and plenty of storage space for fertilizers and our equipment.

There is a new boat dock and aluminum

