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Others Get Praise, Money While Supts. Sulk in Their Maintenance Buildings

By HARRY E. LORENCE

Supt., Beaver Island GC, Grand Island, N.Y.

For the past few years I have heard supts. in my area constantly declare they are worth much more than their present salaries. I have heard them say that growing fine turf is not a simple matter. I have been told that supt. must be trained in agrostology, agronomy, arboriculture, botany, chemistry, landscape architecture, mechanics and business management; that he is a landscaper, chemist, plumber, mechanic, accountant, purchasing agent, personnel manager and golfer.

I have continuously been challenged to name where else in the business world a person in charge of 10-20 men, an annual budget from \$35,000 to \$100,000, thousands of dollars worth of machinery and 150 acres of valuable land is making well under \$10,000 a year.

What is the answer? Could it be that we need to tell our story? Shouldn't we inform the public as to the problems involved in turfgrass management? We definitely do! Our handling of public relations has been extremely poor. We must acquaint the public with the duties of a supt. by writing magazine and newspaper articles, by accepting speaking engagements and by making ourselves known to the players at our clubs.

150 Acres of Problems

It is our responsibility to erase the image of the simple grass cutter from the minds of the public. The homeowner has an idea of the problems involved in keeping a weed-free, insect-free and fungusfree lawn. He should be told the supt. encounters these same problems every day, that he is striving for perfection on a 150 acre tract of land with several different types of grass cut at different heights. In addition several hundred feet are tramping his turf and 50 electric golf cars are rolling over it. You don't think this is true? All right, try this the next time you're introduced to a stranger. Tell him your occupation and watch for the puzzled expression on his face. I'm sure you all already have seen it. Now ask this person if he knows what you do. I bet more often than not the answer will be, "You must be the fellow who cuts the grass."

No Screening Here

A supt., who did not have an assistant, recently retired from one of our exclusive country clubs. Did this club accept applications from qualified candidates to fill this vacancy? No! They awarded the position to one of the course laborers who doesn't know one grass, weed, fertilizer or chemical from another, but does know how to cut grass. Another club appointed a supt. who was not the best qualified man for the position, but offered to work for the least money. It can readily be seen that even the men in charge of country clubs do not recognize the fact that a supt. must possess technical knowledge.

Recently I watched the concluding ceremonies of a televised tournament. The winner thanked the club president, the club manager, the assistant manager and the pro and congratulated them on the condition of their fine golf course. But he didn't think to mention the man who really had the golf course in such excellent playing condition for the tournament.

No Newspaper Recognition

I have noticed that newspapers hardly recognize our profession. In the spring, when an article appears on the sport pages concerning the conditions of golf courses in this area, the writer asks the opinions of the pros. But the pros aren't to blame for oversights such as these.

This past year a supt. and a profes-(Continued on page 74)





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Back to the Old Days

Organic Material Helps to Rebuild Depleted Soil

By FRANK T. SPROGELL Vice President, Dr. Allen's True Organic Compost Co.

Some of us who, for many years, have been responsible for golf course maintenance have wondered how we once managed to keep greens in such excellent condition despite the somewhat primitive stage of turf management technology compared with today's advanced methods, materials and machinery.

We had turf diseases, pests and miscellaneous troubles, including poor construction, to contend with in our early days of "greenkeeping". But, in retrospect, they do not seem to have been any worse comparatively than the difficulties that beset us even with all the advantages we have in this modern, highly scientific turf management era.

Evaluations of factors accounting for progress and continuing problems in turf maintenance depend to some extent on the viewpoint and interests of the person who is making the appraisal. I had my own special interest in going with Dr. Paul Allen after spending 40 years in the management of golf courses in eastern, central and southern states. After Dr. Allen combined activated sewage sludge and poultry manure into a "True Organic Compost" that was being talked about favorably in Florida, I tried it on greens at the PGA National course in Dunedin, and later on some of the greens at the PGA courses in Palm Beach Gardens.

Results were decidedly satisfactory. The weedless compost, rich in major nutrients and minor elements, non-burning and odorless, wasn't absolutely unique. There are numerous effective turf fertilizers. But it appears that the old-fashioned value of soil building in "True Organic" compost and similar material has supplied what had done so well by us in the old days.

A good living organic compost is much more than just a fertilizer when made of 100 per cent manures. It is a means of continuing life. Nature makes compost. Manures composted scientifically are evidence of nature's efforts to build soil. This type of organic compost is an efficient digested fertilizer and the heart of soil building.

Bacteria Depleted

Many experienced supts. realize that life (soil bacteria) is being depleted in the soil. This is caused by the constant use of sterile materials and the necessary application of various chemicals needed to correct weed and turf diseases. Detergents and chlorine in city water used on many courses also deplete soil life. Seldom are materials, containing living soil organisms, added to turf programs to help remedy the deficiency. Lack of active, living organics in the soil creates a condition difficult to cope with. Unhealthy turf, shorter roots and compaction result. The soil becomes less friable. preventing adequate water and air circulation.

To correct this condition supts. are beginning to revert to the old custom of using substantial amounts of live and active organics. Humus is a necessary and active organic portion of the soil. It creates a loamy textured structure by producing granulation, thereby improving aeration and drainage. It also improves the soil's exchange capacity, which is the soil's ability to retain plant nutrients and moisture. Active organic matter is needed by soil microorganisms as a source of food.

Accumulating an ample supply of active organisms in the soil reduces injury to growing plants from toxic substances and excessive quantities of soluble salts. Sufficient living organic matter in the root zone assures the full and complete productive value of all types of inorganic or sterile fertilizers.

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TURF NEWS

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You Don't Get Paid to Solve Problems! You might quarrel with that, but stop and think for a moment. Do you admire the superintendent or turf manager who is continually solving problems—some very well? Or do you *really* admire —and in fact, envy—one who doesn't *have* problems?

Some turf managers say that not having problems is an accident . . . or the other fellow's good luck. Don't believe it! The turf manager without problems is usually the one who plans for problem-free turf and a problem-free golf course. He buys trouble-free equipment that won't wear out or break down. He plants the kind of grass best suited to conditions in his area . . . not the kind that will "go out" quickly because it's unsuited to the area. He waters his turf before it dies from drought. And he sees to it that he doesn't have to "cure" turf diseases or repair damaged turf by reseeding, resodding and rebuilding.

How does he do it? He follows a *preventive* disease control program using Kromad, Calo-Clor, Cadminate[®] and other fine Mallinckrodt fungicides. He knows you can't "cure" diseased turf. You can only replace the sod or cut off unsightly disease-riddled blades. In a way this corrects or solves the problem, but club members and guests will know the problem existed and that he hadn't geared his plans to prevent it!

Get with a preventive Kromad —Calo-Clor—Cadminate program now. Your Mallinckrodt distributor has stocks on hand. Then take a look in the nearest mirror . . . you'll see a turf manager to be admired! He's the man with disease-free greens and a secure future. He doesn't have to solve problems . . . he doesn't have problems. Hey! Isn't that YOU?

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wins the fight for praiseworthy putting greens.

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To prevent goose grass (silver crabgrass)-apply at the recommended rate on your turf now before it germinates. This is especially necessary on put-ting greens where a Pre-San treatment will save you the trouble of hand-picking goose grass plants later. If you don't want to treat all areas where you've normally had goose grass infestations, make a trial on half a putting green—or on a section of your bentgrass nursery. The results will convince you that overall Pre-San treatments early next spring will be a "must" for your 1965 maintenance program.

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Visits to Other **Courses Best Part** of Turf Education

Studying how experienced supts. handle a job enables young men to get their problems solved

> By PAUL VOYKIN Supt., Briarwood CC, Deerfield, Ill.

Because of differences in topography, soil condition, drainage and, of course budgets, the maintenance of a course isn't exactly alike at any two clubs. As far as I am concerned, about the only thing supts. actually have in common is the weather - or their battle against it. Weather and nature are the most important influences we have to contend with in our business, vet little is spoken or written about these factors in comparison with turf itself, fertilizers, insecticides and similar things that become so much a part of our lives.

In the 12 years I have been in the turf business, the most successful supts. I have run across are those who not only have wide technical knowledge and practical sense, but understand how to work with nature and its elements. They never fight nature or try to rush it. They learn to live with it and, that, I think is the secret of their success.

This is something you don't learn in a classroom. Part of it comes from experience, although it may be inborn with some men. At any rate, it doesn't come easy to some of us, mainly because we don't have enough patience. But without a smattering of it, no number of diplomas, reports, charts or skill as a public relations man is going to make any supt. much of a success. How much or how little of this knowledge, or instinct, or whatever you may want to call it a person has, makes the difference between a good supt. at one club and a mediocre one across the highway.



Good Man Priceless

Next to learning how to cope with nature, I'd say our most important job is getting along with the people who work for us. The Chicago area is beset with golf labor problems. Most of these are due to the fact that work on the course is temporary or seasonal and wages are low. In too many cases, only transients are attracted. I know of a few cases where supts. have become so wrought up over the lack of quality in their poor workmen that they have chased away both the good and the bad by their attitude toward everyone who works for them. A good man comes close to being priceless, especially when the pressure is on in July and August. So my advice to the young supts. is to cultivate as many of them as possible.

For the last several years, I have hired Mexican Americans at Briarwood. They (Continued on page 74)



GRAU'S ANSWERS TO TURF QUESTIONS

BY FRED V. GRAU

High Schools Need Help in Maintaining Their Athletic Fields

Admittedly, athletic fields are not directly concerned with golf and golf turf but with so many Junior golfers using their high school athletic fields, let's be generous and give consideration now to this phase of our business. Most of us enjoy athletic events played on turf.

Most of the basic principles of producing satisfactory wear-resistant turf, known by course supts., seem to be unknown or are ignored by those in charge of athletic fields. It is well-known that most high schools simply do not have knowledgeable caretakers for their turf. Too often the grass is just one more job thrust upon the long-suffering janitor.

Perhaps supts. and others can encourage school boards to retain part-time agronomists or turf specialists for supervision of agronomic procedures. One man could serve several schools over a considerable area. Periodic visits of a few minutes would suffice for a trained turf man to advise on the needs for cultivation, fertilization, seeding, sodding or sprigging, irrigation, weed control, mowing and other details.

Knotweed for Graduation

Many of my visits to high school athletic fields have revealed a sorry condition. Rarely is there any turf in the center of the field. Knotweed, fortunately, comes in early and strong and covers the ironhard compacted clay that is referred to as "soil." After the last game in the fall it was too late to cultivate, fertilize and seed. This spring the field had to be used for spring sports, band practice, etc., etc. As a result nothing much can be done until school is out. Oh yes, they want it



beautiful for graduation exercises.

Some schools have learned to use their county agent or university agronomy specialist, just as many courses do. It is a sound system, especially since nearly every university now has accepted the challenge of providing turf information. As a result of this activity there have been published some excellent guides to better turf on athletic fields.

Occasionally one finds a field that is in such constant use by such a large number of participants that the grass literally is worn off and "stomped out." The answer here may be periodic re-sodding if it is desired to make a pass at having grass.

Density Is A Problem

Too often the field has been improperly built so that water can not percolate through the dense clay. Drainage tile are fine if water can reach them. Unfortunately, once a field is in play, it is virtually impossible to tear it up and rebuild it.

Fertilization and irrigation frequently are hit-and-miss procedures that lack direction and purpose. With modern fertilizers and watering devices these factors can, at little extra cost, be the cornerstone of good turf.

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