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According to Herb Creed, assistant supt. of parks, it has been using a quite simplified method of spreading topdressing material. A ball-trailer hitch is attached to a 36-inch spreader, which is pulled



by a utility car. The material is hauled to and dumped on a back approach of a green. Two men spread the material, then drag in two directions with a six-foot mat that is pulled by the vehicle.

The material is said to be spread more evenly than if the spreader were pulled by hand. Six greens, averaging 5,000 square feet, are covered in one morning by two men. When the spreader is pulled by hand it takes four men to cover three greens in the same time.

Very little evidence of topdressing is left on the surface of a green. A man operating a greenmower follows the topdressing crew. Aerification and fertilization precede the topdressing operation by two or three days. The greens aren't watered on the day preceding topdressing, and thus no tracking is evident. Creed feels that compaction is kept to a minimum because of the light equipment that is used.

### No. Calif. Turf Officers

Northern California Turfgrass Council recently elected D. W. Galbraith of Leslie-Agriform, president. A. J. Brown of Oakland Parks is vp. G. W. Bell, secretary-treasurer is with Ewing Turf Products, Inc., 155 Industrial st., San Francisco 24.



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## Others Get Praise, Money

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sional were hired by an area club. Which man and position was given a big send-off in the newspaper? You guessed it — the professional. The supt's name wasn't mentioned.

### Supt. Overlooked

Last winter I attended an employee's Christmas party at one of the local private country clubs. I heard warm praise of the fine atmosphere of the clubhouse and excellence of the food. The manager of the club was lauded for the great job he had performed the past year. But again the golf course or the supt. wasn't mentioned. The course, I know, had been in fine shape all year.

So, how can the supt., hope to advance his profession and earnings if he allows such things to continue? I reiterate, "We must inform the public." Let's not sulk in our maintenance buildings and continue to be the unknown or forgotten men.

## Visit Other Courses

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come from Texas in the spring eager to work. Late in the fall, when things slow down at the club, they are happy to return home. That makes it ideal for them and me. Mexicans are capable of doing more work in hot weather than any other nationality I know of. I think the secret is that they drink enormous quantities of water and it doesn't seem to make them sick as it does people of other nationalities. Or, it may be that Mexicans are basically very happy people who derive their greatest pleasure from working with the soil. I have been told that many of them aren't content working on inside jobs.

We are told that eventually automation is going to catch up with course maintenance and that in five or ten years, our labor requirements will be cut in two, if not more. I feel that we will see some changes, but as to how they are going to affect our manpower requirements, I wouldn't venture to say. In the future we



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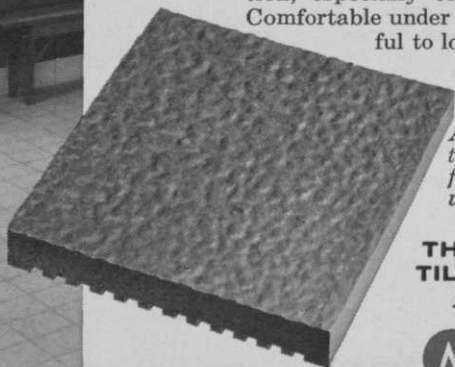


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### **Visit Other Course**

Youngsters just out of school, who are taking over as head supts. within a year or two or three of graduation, sometimes can learn more in one day by visiting another course and talking to an experienced greenmaster than six months of school will teach them. For example, in the last few years we have been making a transition from bluegrass to close-cut fairways. I'd estimate that we now have about 60 per cent poa and 40 per cent bent. It has taken some time to work up to this proportion. In fact, it has been a rather slow and tedious job and I've never been 100 per cent happy with the condition of my fairways, especially during the hot months.

Two years ago, at the suggestion of Bill Stuppel, who was Exmoor CC in Highland Park, Ill., for 45 years before retiring a few months ago, I started on a new type of seeding program. We didn't have much to show for our previous efforts until Stuppel explained why he always had waited until August to seed bent into his fairways. The ground then is warmest, he explained, the poa is weak and other grasses are more or less dormant. This leaves room for the bent to start germinating.

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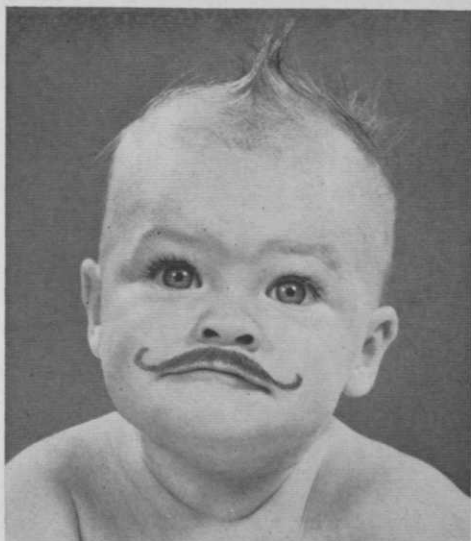
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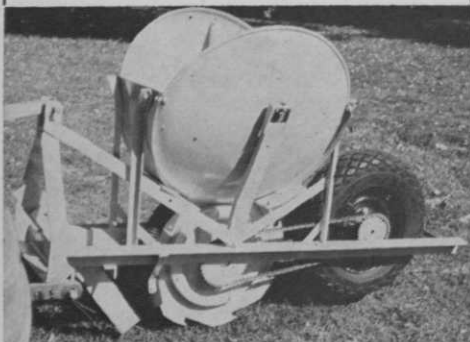
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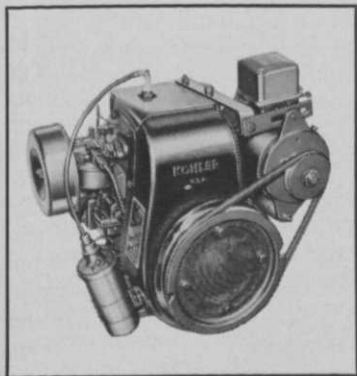
The National Junior golf camp will be held on the 50-acre Smith-Walbridge camp, Maxwellton CC and South Shore CC, Syracuse, Ind., from June 28 through July 3. Denny Champagne, veteran PGA pro, is the director. Classes are open to boys and girls, 8 through 18. There is also a special day camp for adults 18 and over. The Junior camp fee is \$64.50 and includes room, meals, lessons and green fees. The adult fee is \$39.50. Inquiries should be sent to Smith-Walbridge Camp, Syracuse.

A color motion picture of the 1964 PGA Seniors Teacher Trophy tournament is now available from Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc., 3 E. 54th st., New York. The 16mm film, which lasts 20 minutes, can be obtained free of charge.





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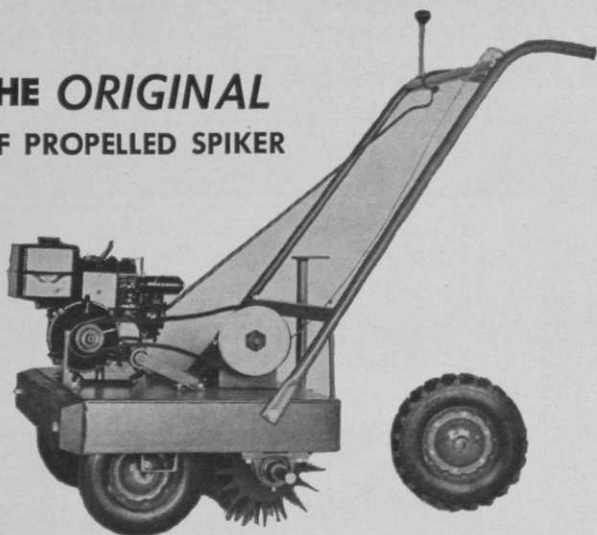
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### Race Track Courses

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them were never cashed, but that investment in good will is still drawing interest.

#### Runs Several Clinics

Pro Tom McHugh at Tanforan donates his time for two six-week clinics for Juniors at the driving range during the summer vacation. Besides sharpening the youngsters' interest in golf, the classes bring out the mothers and perform a subtle sales job at the same time.

While women make up a small percentage of total play, they have their day. At Tanforan, each Tuesday is ladies day and McHugh gives tips freely at a group clinic. Recently he has added a second clinic on Fridays for beginners. These pay off in green fees and in the sale of clubs, balls and other equipment as the women's interest and skill increase.

#### Hooked Drives Retrieved

The driving range at Tanforan borders the left side of the ninth hole which is 180-yards long. Many a hooked or pulled tee shot lands over the short wire fence.

Nearly every ball hit onto the driving range has been returned to golfers, who report the loss to the manager as they leave. Picking the errant balls out of the collection of range balls at the end of the day isn't easy, but it's part of the service that keeps golfers coming back.

In addition to two large putting greens, always open to players, Tanforan maintains two rough greens as targets for short pitch shots, and a protected portion of the practice tee where golfers can hit from the grass surface.

#### Sells "Dollar" Golf

It's not surprising that Tanforan's owners know something about staging a good show and treating customers well. One of the owners of the course is Clarence L. (Brick) Laws, longtime theater owner-manager in the Bay Area and former owner of the Oakland Oaks, a professional baseball team. During his ownership of the Oaks, Laws brought in Dolph Camilli, Casey Stengel, Charlie Dressen and the late Mel Ott as managers — and employed the popular Lefty O'Doul from San Francisco.