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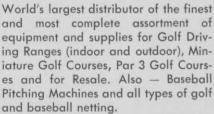
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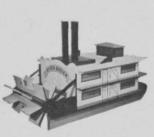


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Condominium apartments offer residents great freedom to "pick up and go", Alvarado says. When an owner wants to travel all he need do is lock the front door. His home will be maintained and his garden kept green during his absence.

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27 More Caddies Earn Michigan Scholarships

According to the annual report of the Golf Association of Michigan, 27 caddies received Standish-Evans scholarships in 1963. They joined 81 youths who have been attending college on caddie grants. All but one of the 108 students attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State.

Bud Stevens of Detroit's Western G & CC won the GAM state amateur in 1963, defeating Glen Johnson of Grosse Ile G & CC for the title. It was the second championship for Stevens. Johnson has won the state trophy five times. Jim Smith of Lakepointe CC won the 1963 Golf Association of Michigan championship by edging Bill Albright of Detroit

There are 70 clubs in the Michigan association.

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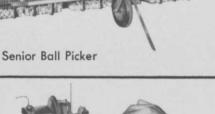
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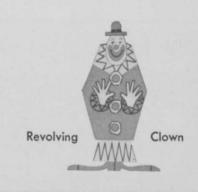


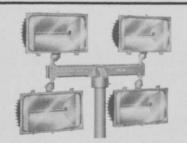






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Hammond Reports Signs of Winterkill Buildup

Late in January, Franklin Hammond, supt. of Colonial CC, Lynnfield, Mass., observed a condition that has him worried and which was viewed with apprehension by a number of supts. at the GCSA conference.

Said Hammond: "Late in January, turf in the Boston area turned green and began growing rapidly. Most of the snow cover had melted. North and east slopes showed vigorous growth and turned dark green. The top inch of soil was free of frost and the turf was lush. If it had been possible to transport greenmowers over the course I would have been inclined to mow.

Weather Pattern Threatening

"The weather pattern does not look good for a gradual hardening of the new growth. The northwest wind will dry the top inch of soil unless we get a good rain or some snow. I'm afraid we're in for trouble."

What do other supts. in the northern part of the country think about this situation?

At Philadelphia, supts. of New England courses and those in the central states told of noting conditions similar to those Hammond had seen at his course. Generally, the supts. thought that vigilance in watering early and adequately might prevent another winterkill recurrence such as they had in 1963.

Schmutte Elected Seniors President

Leonard B. Schmutte, pro at Findlay (O.) CC, has been elected president of the Seniors section of the PGA. Schmutte moves up from the first vice-presidency to succeed William Mitchell, pro at Onondaga CC in Fayetteville, N.Y. Mitchell was elected honorary president succeeding the late Horton Smith. Other newly elected PGA senior officers are Cliff Good of Midland (Mich.) CC, first vice-president and Harry I. Moffitt of Heather Downs CC, Toledo, O. second vice-president. Paul E. Erath of Laurel Valley GC in Ligonier, Pa. was re-elected for a third term as secretary-treasurer.

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spond in a similar manner?

The source for this offbeat information is the monthly bulletin of West Point (Pa.) Products Corp. Trying to explain the 17 per cent increase, the bulletin states: "Sound waves are a source of energy. Therefore we can theorize that this energy effects cell growth. Another theory is that sound energy can increase molecular activity in the soil and keep the plants 'awake'."

If a supt. is having trouble with bluegrass on the fairways, he may suggest that the week's theme be "Down Where the Bluegrass Grows." Or if he's overseeded the greens with rye, he may ask for the sweet serenade of "Coming Through the Rye." Of course, if he gets too corny, he may come up with just that.

'Picture Show' Is A Hit

The picture tour of Philadelphia courses, as presented during the GCSA conference by Marshall Farnham and E. R. (Eb) Steiniger, was top entertainment. After Farnham's opening remarks, Steininger showed a series of colored slides of holes of Philadelphia district courses. He combined more history, golf information, scenery and architectural and maintenance data in his talk than you'd ordinarily get in a three day tour of courses in the area. The picture feature should set a pattern for regional and future national GCSA conventions. It showed many things supts. can take back and use on their courses.

Golf House Contributions

Thirty-eight individuals, clubs and firms contributed items to the USGA Museum and Library during 1963, enhancing the memorabilia at "Golf House", USGA headquarters. Among the gifts were historic golf balls and scorecards.



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Annual breakfast put on at this year's GCSA conference by B. Hayman Co., Los Angeles, for Southern California supts. and their wives was highlighted by announcement that the Hayman organization, led by Ray McMicken and the company's director of turf sales, Warren W. McCleary, had won the 1963 award as the nation's top distributor of Jacobsen turf equipment . . . Milwaukee Sewerage Commission Milorganite staff executives and agronomists, with sales manager, Charley Wilson, signing the tab, also were hosts at a breakfast during the GCSA meet . . . Guests were supts. of > courses in the Milwaukee area.

California Federation of GCSA has been formed as a consolidation of Northern and Southern GCSA, the Hi Lo, Midway, and Central (Fresno area) organizations of supts. . . . George Lanphear of Thunderbird CC, Palm Springs, was elected president . . . First vp is Cliff Wagner of Del Rio & CC, Modesto; second vp is Wm. Hood, Stockdale CC, Bakersfield; and secretary-treasurer is Dave Mastroleo, Fox Hills CC, Culver City.

GCSA voted against constructing a headquarters office building in Jackson-ville Beach, Fla. . . . It's a pretty place but too far off the main line for the permanent headquarters location of a national organization that should be conveniently located for all members and for close, effective publicity contacts, so the GCSA members decided . . . PGA has been handicapped by not having its head-quarters centrally located.