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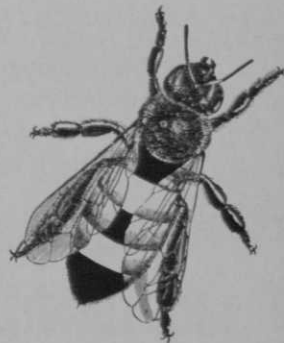
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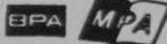
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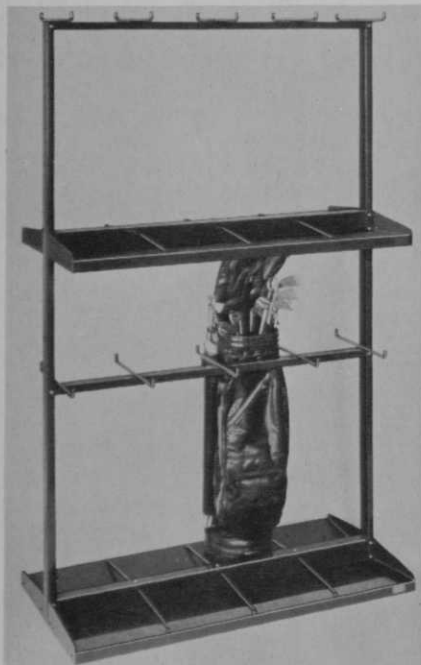
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### A special breed

I enjoyed the article "Superintendent or Greenkeeper—Which?" by Bill Smart (April GOLFDOM). I have had the same view for a good many years.

As you probably know, Leonard Strong, then greenkeeper at Saucon Valley CC and president of the national association, was one of the principal advocates of the change of name. He and I frequently debated the question, but I could never convince him that anyone could become a superintendent, but that only an artist with special talents could become a greenkeeper. It is not stretching the truth too much to say that Leonard came to us because his predecessor, a superintendent recruited from a steel plant, had reached the logical conclusion that if 100 pounds per acre of ammonium sulphate was good, 1,000 pounds per acre would be 10 times better.

Many of my friends are golf course superintendents. The ones I admire and respect most are greenkeepers.

*George A. Hurd, chairman  
Green committee  
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Bethlehem, Pa.*

### Nicely Put

I want to thank you for the wonderful review of my book, "A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way," in the June issue. Mr. Smart, the reviewer, did a great job, and I am grateful to him.

*Paul Voykin, superintendent  
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**Recognition for the  
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Orville Clapper, commenting on the visit of John Campbell, links supervisor of St. Andrews, to the United States and to some of our courses, asks why we don't award to our number one course superintendent an inspection trip to Britain's famed courses. Orville may be now the ranking veteran of the Toro distributors. He has time to think about getting the right answer; he is contentedly retired—as much as he wants to be.

Orv's query reminded me of the time when the Professional Golfers' Assn. was considering the Golf Pro of the Year award. I was against it because I felt it would be impossible to pick the best pro; there'd be at least a thousand ties. Then **Dugan Aycock** said, "There is an argument against everything, but we are going to have as the prize the Bob Harlow trophy and you've got to go for that." So I did, and am glad.

Clapper's thought about golf course superintendent recognition is perhaps too late, considering the United States Golf Assn. Green section's annual award and several Golf Course Superintendents' Assn. sectional awards.

Besides, who would want to be responsible for selecting the year's outstanding superintendent? But

**Swinging  
around golf**

**by Herb Graffis**

maybe the superintendents, golfers, the equipment and supply people and the turf scientists might come up with someone.

Thanks, **Robert A. Haug**, pro at Beaver Brook GC, Clinton, N.J., for advising me that **George Fotheringham**, pro emeritus, Hollywood GC, Deal, N.J., still is very lively. Fotheringham was a charter member and official of the PGA and has much material for its history . . . **Al Houghton**, veteran who started caddying around Washington when Woodrow Wilson was president and one of Al's clients, now is living near the PGA National club, retired, and is a rich source for the PGA story.

One of the most beautiful trophies in golf is the Charles Bartlett memorial, a Waterford crystal award to the winner of the **Beverly Charities** hospitals' pro-am. This bowl, bearing the late golf writer's portrait cut into the marvelous Irish glass, was dedicated by Morgan Murphy, chairman, executive committee of the Beverly Charities at a small dinner, attended by the Beverly Bartlett's associates on the Chicago Tribune, Illinois PGA officials, club members and Beverly's pro, Charles Penna. Also, attending were Charley's son, Mike, Tom Walsh and Joe Graffis of the Chicagoland organization, and a few others.

Beverly Charities raises about

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