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Super Talk

by PETER MILLER

How many of you have thought about a title? I haven't come up with one yet. One of these days when you're out laying sod, day-dream a little. You might say our present title belongs to the pros but I don't think so. If you really want to see your course, play golf. You see it as a golfer, not as a superintendent. I think you will really be surprised; make it a point to get out once a week. It's a good practice!

We had a good turnout at Hartford. The weather didn't cooperate but then it hasn't all spring. I drove in snow all the way over from Madison, and then played golf in the snow. I don't think I should any longer say, "Look at those crazy people out there playing in the snow", at my course.

Thank you, Jiggs, for a good time and golf at Hartford Country Club.

I hope everyone was able to sign the card for O. J. Noer. Here is hoping that he gets well, very soon.

Very happy to see the students being
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SELL'S CELL

by WILLIAM SELL

This spring may be a carbon copy of a year in the past, if so I don't recall which one.

It seems as though most Superintendents were pressured into opening the course before the turf was in playable condition.

I don't remember when the golfers were so demanding, to be on the course, and to play under such adverse conditions. If this continues we won't have to worry about keeping the grass cut this summer, for there won't be any to cut.

Its not only the walking golfer that has been harmful to the turf, but the motorized cart user as well. The carts have accomplished more compaction and wear than a sheeps foot roller could have done.
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Super Talk --

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given a free membership in our association. They surely deserve it and this could mean in the future better informed members for our organization.

Heard Joe Deschler and Al Kress talking about fishing—now I know where to find them on the weekends; looks like they've got Charlie Wilson in on this, too.

Say, did you see Cliff Decker's new shoes; couldn't miss them if you wanted to, as they sure shine. Wonder if you can see the ball, Cliff?

The pictures that Bob Walsh took at North Shore came out good, and as soon as we find out who is in the picture we will publish it.

Did you know that we have eighty-eight members in our organization—bonafide superintendents that is. This bulletin goes out to 250 golf courses; come on, you guys, let's get some members. I'll get one, won't you?

Harry Gill was up the other day—said he thought it would be a good idea if we notified the paper in the town where the meeting was being held. Maybe the publicity for the Superintendent and the club would be good. I sure think that the idea is good and is worth trying; what do you think?

Seems to me, in the last issue I said something about weather warming up. Wrong again. This is really something. I wonder if my greens will ever lose that purplish look.

Don't forget, see you at Portage June 13th.

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Dr. Love and I were talking the other day about cup changing. As you probably know this can be a problem, especially if you are like we are and change cups seven times or more a week.

How do your men change cups? Do you take a pail of topdressing, a cup puller, a knife and a cup setter with you? Or are you like some people I know and just take a cup setter. Which ever method you use, have you noticed that after your plug is set back in, the edges of turf surrounding the plug are depressed? Generally they can't help but be, because you are pushing down on the edges when you put the plug in.

Not only that but people stepping close to the hole before you changed it, depressed or compacted the area. Now, what if you were to take along an ice pick or thin knife, long nail, etc., and after the plug was set in go around the outside edge of the hole and lift or loosen the sod around the plug? I'll bet within a week you would notice the difference; surely your putting surface would be smoother and your cups would heal faster. Why don't you try this; out of the whole round of setting cups, it would only mean a few more minutes.

SELL'S CELL . . .

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But, perhaps, we may have one consolation on judgment day—in the words of this poem—

The Greenskeeper stood at the
Golden Gate
His head was bent and low,
He merely asked the man of fate
Which way he ought to go.
What have you done?, St. Peter said
To seek admittance here.
I ran a country club on earth
For many and many a year.
St. Peter opened wide the gate
And gently pressed the bell,
Come in, he said, and choose your harp
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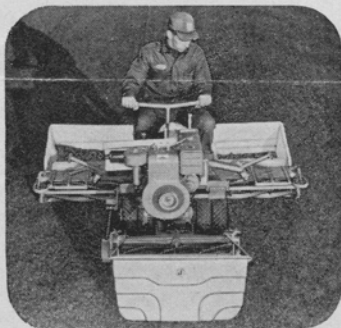
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