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## Notes

by Peter Miller

I thought you might enjoy a picture of your WGCSA board of directors. From left to right above are "Ham" Hanneman, Rainbow Springs C. C., director; Don Hornibrook, Ridgeway C. C., secretary; Peter Miller, Nakoma C. C., director; Art Post, Rivermoor C. C., president; Robert Musbach, North Shore C. C., director; Bill Sell, Port C. C., vice president; Allan Kress, Ville du Parc, director; Harvey Krahn, Ledges C. C., director (not present).

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We had a fine meeting as usual on the 10th at Tuscumbia with "Deke DeCramer, our host. Thirty-eight played golf on a very pleasant day and course. Fred Miller and Ray Mertens were the medal-

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## AUGUST MEETING

Monday, Aug. 14

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ists with a 74 and 76. Very fine scores. Fifty-six attended an excellent buffet-type dinner.

The business meeting was short. Don Hornibrook wanted to know how many Nat. members were state members and visa versa. If you weren't there, please let Don know! Four new members were accepted. The executive committee recommended that Dr. Love be given a 135 mm. lens not costing over \$150 and this was passed by the membership. Don Hornibrook suggested a wage comparison study. This was handed to the executive committee to establish a sub-committee to study the procedures.

Charlie Wilson was our speaker. It seems as though Charlie has been given the job of writing a chapter in a new all encompassing American Society of Agronomy book on fairways and tees. Charlie's talk was a general discussion of possible outlines for the chapter.

The membership meeting in September is a Nakoma. We've got a full day planned here. So watch the next issue for more details.

I had a picture of John Crewe's shoes but couldn't get them in this issue. Sorry, John. Seems they have quite a history. Eighteen years old. They don't leak. The only trouble is that if John swings from a spot of fescue he is liable to slip and miss the ball!

So until the 14th . . . see you at West Bend. Take Hiway 41, 45 or 33 to Hiway Z — 1 1/8 miles on Hiway Z.

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## Tree Fallacies

A surprising number of erroneous ideas exist concerning trees. Some are detrimental to a tree when put into practice, some are harmless, all are interesting. A few of the more prevalent fallacies are as follows:

### 1. That whitewashing a tree trunk will prevent insect attack.

Whitewash, made of lime and water, may destroy lichens, but its value as an insecticide is negligible. Definitely, it will not prevent insect infestation or disease invasion.

### 2. That the glaze-like film which often coats objects beneath trees in the summer is excess sap given off by the leaves.

The fluid that forms this coating is excretion from such sap-feeding pests as aphids and scale insects. If the tree is sprayed to destroy these insects the fluid will cease dripping.

### 3. That tree roots seek such spots as cracks in sewer and water lines for moisture and plant nutrients.

Roots lack the ability to "seek" any particular spot. However, if they come in contact with a local area where the soil is unusually rich many feeding rootlets develop; hence, the great masses of

## Tuscumbia Names New General Manager

A new general manager has been appointed to operate Tuscumbia Country Club in Green Lake.

LaVerne DeCramer, Rosendale, who has been the superintendent pro at Tuscumbia the past five years, will replace Ernie Hofland, Ripon, as the general manager for the club.

His job as a superintendent was to manage the golf course and as a professional he operated the pro shop, gave lessons and ran the course operations.

He has announced that the position of golf course superintendent would go to Louis Kasten, Green Lake, who has been a greens-keeper since January. DeCramer will retain the position of golf pro.

roots that often grow in and clog tile lines.

### 4. That pruning is harmful if not done at a certain time.

With some exceptions, notably flowering shrubs, pruning may be done at any time of year without harm to the plant. Sap flow that sometimes occurs at pruning wounds may be unsightly, but never is enough sap lost to injure the plant.

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## Summer Watering Of Plants

MID-SUMMER is a critical period for trees and shrubs planted within the past year. Water is the crucial factor. Unless there is a constant supply of moisture in the soil while a plant is becoming established, it will die.

Periods of drought, sometimes long extended, may be expected during the summer. High temperatures, low relative humidity, and strong winds are common at this season. In such weather conditions the upper soil layer, where the roots of young plants are located, dries out rapidly, and the moisture contained within the plant tissues is quickly depleted. Curling and wilting of the foliage result, and these signs of water deficiency are followed by shriveling of the bark and progressive dieback of branches and the central stem.

Success in planting is best assured by following a planned program of watering in which weather conditions are given consideration. Throughout the first summer, at least, young trees and shrubs should have a supply of water equivalent

to about a one-inch rainfall weekly, either through actual rain or watering. If your soil is sandy, more may be needed; if it is largely clay, somewhat less water may be required. Cool weather retards water loss from both the soil and the plant, while hot, windy weather greatly increases the amount of water lost in the atmosphere. The program of watering should be adjusted accordingly.

Of the several methods of watering, the use of a soil probe or irrigating needle that attaches to a hose is generally the most satisfactory. With this irrigating device, available at garden supply stores, water can be distributed directly in the root zone; it makes for ease in application and economy in use of water. If an open end hose is used, the hydrant valve should be adjusted so that the water flows slowly enough for it to be absorbed by the soil without any run-off. Soaker hose often may be used to advantage in watering hedges or other row plantings. Sprinkling is usually the least satisfactory method of watering. In this method the distribution of water cannot be well controlled; wetting

## Clippings on the Green

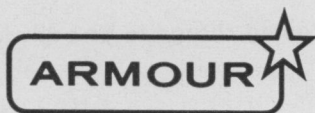
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He starts out to find the creep, and —  
Woe to him if he is seen  
Who left the clippings on the green???

—Marvin LeMay

**ED. NOTE:** This poem was given to me by Fritz Rheinhardt. Thanks, Fritz!

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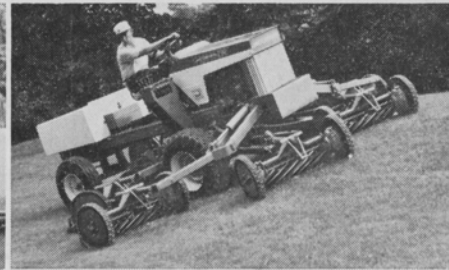
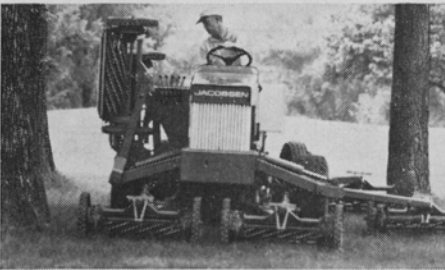
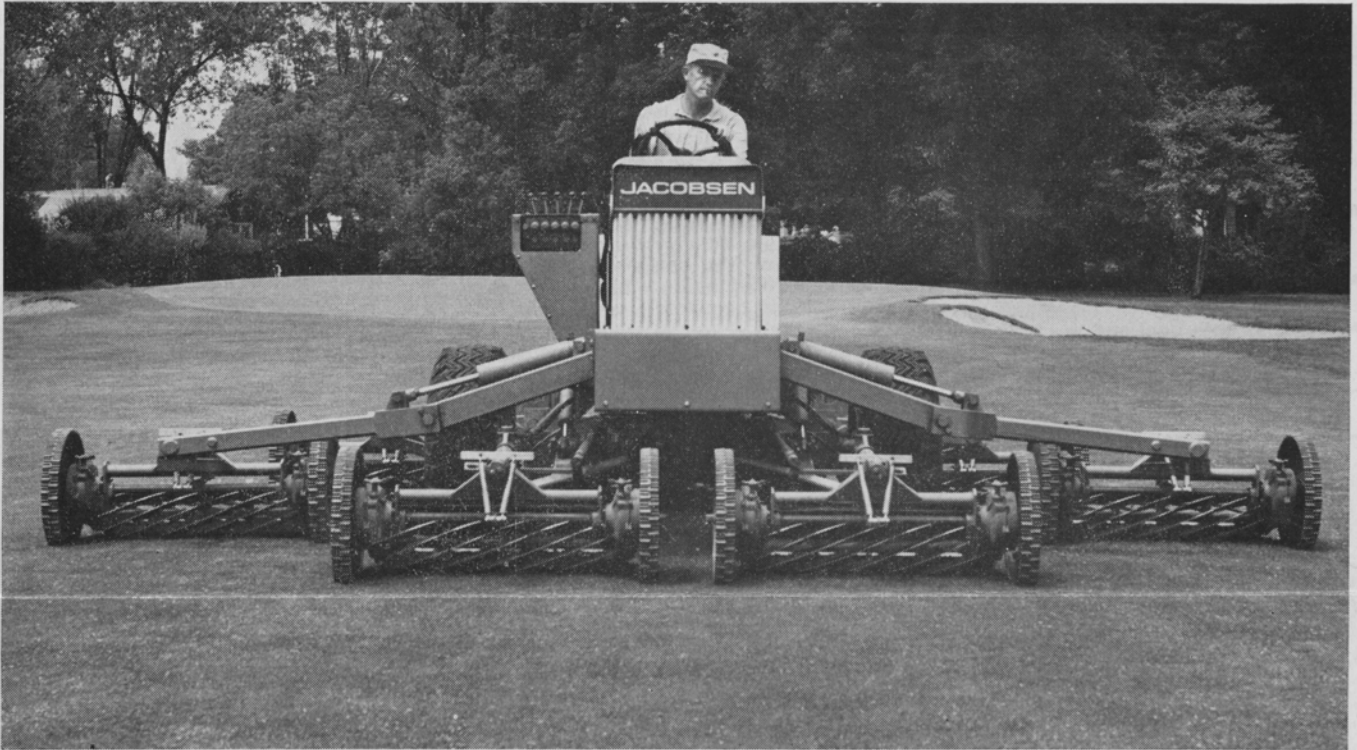
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