

in our approaches. By keeping our fairway mowing unit off these areas we hope to be able to maintain a better quality turf. We might be opening the door to a total concept of triplex mowing our fairways, but so be it.

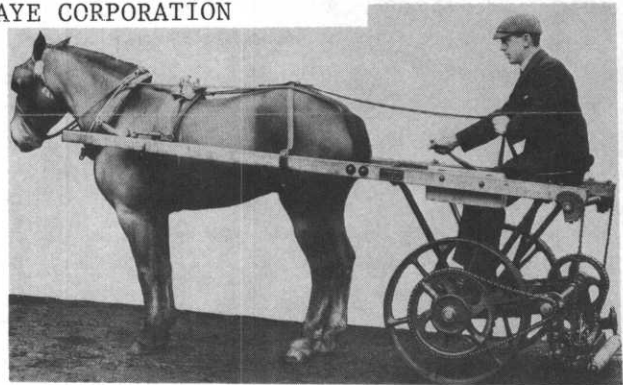
I want to thank all the people who have contributed articles for the HOLE NOTES. We have another pair of good ones coming next month from John Granholt of Eau Claire Country Club and Dan Hanson of Minikahda. Mike Redmond has also agreed to get an article into our Associates' Corner. I also want to thank those of you who have made comments and suggestions about the HOLE NOTES. We are always trying to improve the quality of the paper and any suggestions are welcome. We can't always do everything that is suggested, but we try to work in what we can.

The June meeting is at Whitefish where I'm sure Bernie Zimmer will have an excellent program for us. Be sure to

make plans for the picnic at Baker Park on July 11. Many thanks to Sundance and Gary Peterson. One of these days the weather will cooperate and we'll have that ideal golf outing. Until then, let's hope we all have good seasons. Hope to see many of our "northern" friends at Whitefish.

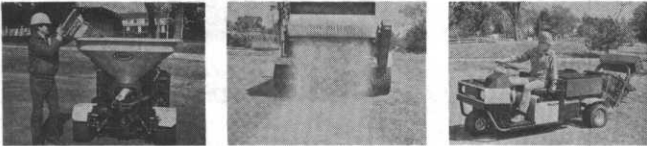
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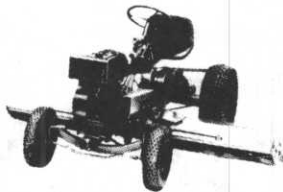


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First of all, I would like to thank Boots Fuller and the entire M.G.C.S.A. for giving us the opportunity to display our Ransomes grass machinery at the Mankato Golf Club on April 11. I'm sure that was the first time a lot of you had ever heard of Ransomes or of Kaye Corporation. In the paragraphs to follow, I would like to tell you a little bit more about us.

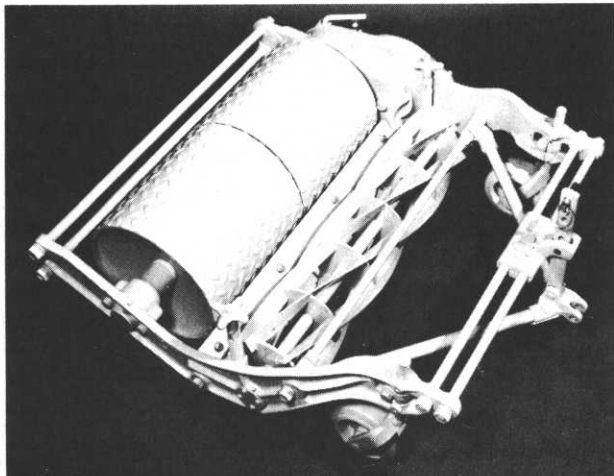
Kaye Corporation was founded in 1944. We sold sporting goods and automotive supplies in a 60 mile radius of Mankato. In 1961 we took on the Snapper line of outdoor power equipment and have since grown to be one of the largest distributors in the midwest. Kaye's headquarters are in Mankato with branch facilities in Minneapolis, Fargo and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Our sales territory includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin. Marley Lloyd joined Kaye in 1965 as a salesman and worked his way up to sales manager, general manager and in April 1982 bought the majority of the company. That is when our commercial products division was born. Don Merschman and myself are the salesmen in this division with Lynn

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by

KERRY GLADER  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - M.G.C.S.A.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members: Roger Freerksen, Class A, Oaks Country Club, Hayfield, Minn.; Tom McCann, Class B, Daytona Club, Dayton, Minn.; Paul Townley, Sr., Class BII, Faribault Golf & Country Club; Dave Clark, Class BII, Village Green Golf Club, Moorhead, Minn.; Brad Harne, Class C, Albert Lea Golf Club; Dean Pelkey, Class D, Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, Minn.; Tom Rudberg, Class E, Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts.

The following were reclassified: Mike Odegaard, Class A, Village Green Golf Club, Moorhead; and Tom St. George, Class A, Soldiers Field Golf Club, Rochester.

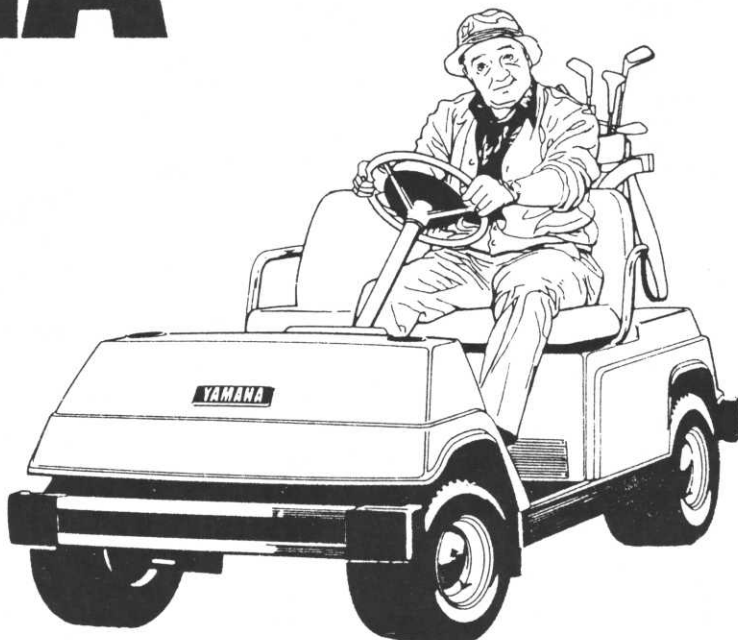
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