

# A Chat With Our President



John Morley

**O**UR Slogan, "Every Member Get a Member" is bearing fruit. Nothing succeeds like success.

**B**Y the time this issue is in your hands we shall have passed the first half of the golfing season. Up to this time Nature has for the most part been kind to the greenkeeper. It is the last half of the playing season which tests the ability and courage which the greenkeeper must possess. If he knows how to assist Nature during the next three months, he is indeed a greenkeeper.

**W**E have not heard lately from our friend John MacGregor of the Chicago Golf Club, but that is probably because he is a very busy man in this weather, as he waters all his fairways.

**W**E should not forget that the winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators. John Pressler of the Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, recently had a horse show on his hands. John needed some help for his compost pile.

**M**ACK BURKE, formerly at the Scioto Country Club Columbus, Ohio, is now helping to construct the new Hills and Dales golf course at Canton, Ohio.

**D**ON'T all answer at once, but which is the most important in hot dry weather, fertilizer, air or water?

**I**S it a good thing to use compost during periods of heavy humidity?

**H**OW can you tell the difference between Washington and Columbia strains of bent?

**T**HE Philadelphia district can boast of one good host in Joe Valentine of the Merion Cricket Club. I shall never forget the fine hospitality I received at his hands when I visited as a total stranger the beautiful course he keeps.

**W**HILE watching the players at the recent National Open at Oakmont Country Club, I felt the pat of a hand on my back. In looking around I greeted Mr. W. C. Fownes, Jr. That gentle pat was a friendly greeting to the members of our association.

*Books cannot always please, however, good;  
Minds are not always craving for their food.*

**I**HAVE received a number of favorable comments on the articles written by Mr. Noer. Don't destroy the magazines containing these chapters on soils.

**W**E have a good many greenkeepers of the east in our association, but we would like to have a lot more.

**C**HRISTOPHER BAIN of Oakwood Club, Cleveland, is now assistant to the treasurer. Chris is a good accountant, and doesn't mind a little extra work.

**I**T is not what we eat that makes us strong, but what we digest. It is not what we read that makes us wise, but what we remember.

**W**ANTED—The name of a course that has a stiff clay soil, with good putting greens that have no drains under them.

**I**WOULD like to see poems in our magazine from our assistant secretary and from A. E. Lundstrom of the St. Charles Country Club, St. Charles, Ill.

**C**HARLES JARMAN of Brookside Country Club, Canton, Ohio, is bringing his greens up to perfection since he got rid of the fescue. When he cut the fescue to please the players, his old greens went all to pieces.

**F**RED KRUGER of the Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago, has four courses on his hands. Fred

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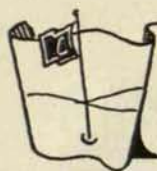
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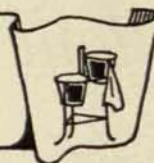
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# The Clearing House



*Address all questions relating to general golf course maintenance to this department. Every question answered free of charge by a committee of experts.*

*What is your opinion as to the planting of bent seed over stolons?*

*Zanesville, Ohio*

If a vegetatively planted green is well planted and well kept it makes a fine putting surface. There is a great diversity of opinion on this question. Greens seeded with fine quality German mixed bent seed are free from the "nap" so often encountered on stolon greens. Follow later issues for discussions.

*Is it possible to mix Calogreen with sulphate of ammonia that is when using water as the carrier?*

*Zanesville, Ohio*

If applying Calogreen in water, the mixture should be kept agitated as this chemical remains suspended in water only a few minutes. It can be applied in solution with sulphate of ammonia, but it is recommended that Calogreen be mixed with compost or sand, but *thoroughly mixed*, at rate of 3 ounces per 1000 sq. ft. of area. Scatter this fine material on green as you would seed.

*My greens show a slight reddish brown stain of the grass blades after the vigorous growth produced by sulphate of ammonia. What can be the cause of this?*

*Greenville, Michigan*

This may be due to lack of potash, or over supply of moisture, or to several other conditions. We suggest that

you test your soil, also experiment by watering only enough to keep the surface firm but not hard for a few days. Watch results and report further.

*What are the fertilizer requirements for the best growth of bent?*

*Greenville, Michigan*

Do not use too much fertilizer in organic form. When over fed, bent grows coarse.

*Several white birch trees on my course are dying off at the top. What can I do for them?*

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

This is probably due to the bronze birch borer but may be lack of fertilization or that they are growing on a shale rock or hard pan bottom.

*Is there any help for chestnut tree blight? There isn't a single perfect chestnut tree left around here.*

*Hartford, Connecticut*

There is no help, unless through discovery of immune trees. This work is in process at several universities, notably at Brown and Yale. Some progress has been made, but no conclusive reports have been made. This disease was imported from Asia, and first attacked the chestnut growth in New York State. It is now widespread.

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is kin of the late Oom Paul Kruger of South African fame, and he is certainly a chip off the old block.

THE efficient management of our association will make for increased tolerance, charity, sweetness and good will in the lives of all our members.

IF you enjoy reading what others have to say, don't forget that others will enjoy what you have to say. If you can't spell all the words correctly, the editor will do for you what I get done for me. There are a lot of greenkeepers, who like myself, never had a chance to go to grammar school.

IN a recent issue of *Golf Illustrated* I was interested in reading an article entitled "Keeping in Step with the Times." The paragraph reads as follows:

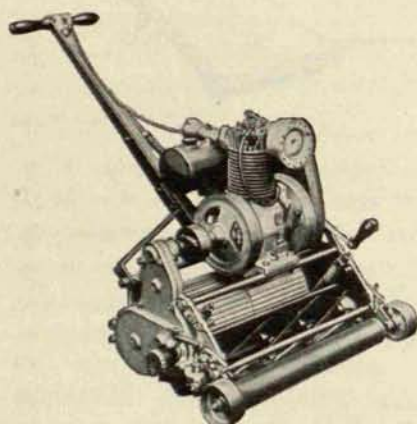
"The professional golfers of America, an army of al-

most 3000 have reached the point where something definite should be done for their individual and general welfare. Other sports have found it advantageous to engage counsel to aid in their development along proper lines. And this method has proved successful. We feel that the time is ripe for the Professional Golfers Association to double its membership of 1200 and to engage a good man in whom it could repose the utmost confidence and whose counsel would be heeded. The undercurrent of both club and commercial gossip should be stilled or referred to some recognized head for disposition. A paid secretary on the alert for the best interest of the players and the traditions of the game would be a progressive step."

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# The Market Place



*Jacobsen power putting green mower*

IN talking with one of the leading greenkeepers of a middle western city, he recommended the use of a small implement called a "weed stinger" for use in killing scattering dandelion and other unsightly weed growth about the course.

This implement is on the order of a small force pump, with a needle at the tip which punctures the weed as the gasoline or other chemical is forced down with a quick pressure on the handle. One excellent type is manufactured by J. Oliver Johnson, Inc., Chicago.

DEMONSTRATIONS of the Jacobsen power putting green mower have been going on at a fast rate all over the country this season, the latest as we go to press being one held at Brookside Country Club, Can-

ton, Ohio, on July 11, at a monthly meeting of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers.

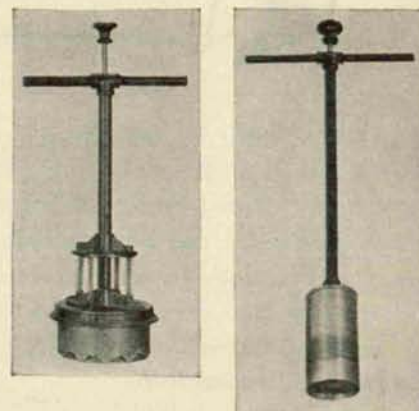
For six years the Jacobsen Manufacturing Company of Racine, Wisconsin, has been in the process of perfecting this mower, and it is now guaranteed to make a clean close cut on vegetative greens, with no danger of throwing oil in operation.

It is built in two models, one making a 19-inch cut, and the other a 24. Accompanying photograph is of the 24-inch model. The 19-inch is different only in size. The 19-inch mower has sufficient speed to mow 17,000 square feet of green in 39 minutes.

The Jacobsen Manufacturing Company is anxious to give the new mowers every chance to prove themselves, and your request for a demonstration will be given prompt attention by the factory at Racine, Wisconsin.

THE golf courses of South America are looking to the United States to furnish them with modern equipment, and we have recently had word from L. F. Mitten, distributor of the Royer compost machine, that he has just shipped one of his large models to the Golf Club Argentino, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

ONE small piece of equipment constantly used on a course, and often in a continual state of dullness, is the hole-cutter. In order to withstand the repeated sharpening, the cut-



*Left, Hercules 10-inch plugger; right, regulation size Gem hole cutter*

ting edge of a hole-cutter should be of steel so treated in manufacture that it has the right degree of hardness and resiliency.

The blades of the cutters illustrated on this page and manufactured by the Golf Course Supply Company, Cleveland, Ohio, are subjected to cyaniding which penetrates to a depth of one-sixty-fourth of an inch. They are made of seamless steel tubing, with a plunger which knocks the plug out of the cutter with no breakage of the turf.

Two sizes are manufactured, the regulation 4¼-inch, and a 10-inch plugger for patching purposes and turf nursery transplanting.

Inquiries should be mailed to the manufacturers at 3049-51 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland.

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We quote the above paragraph to illustrate and prove that before The National Association of Greenkeepers of America was finally organized in the City of Chicago, March 26th, 1927, the founders of this association secured legal advice on all important matters pertaining to organization, by-laws, etc.

We were also fortunate in securing the services of a paid secretary who has had several years of practical experience, and above all the loyalty and esteem of all greenkeepers who have had dealings with her in a business or fraternal way. We have one who has the ability and dignity at a moment's notice to attend and address any gathering of greenkeepers and discuss with them both pro and con any item that may be of interest to the greenkeepers in general.

We are at the present time endeavoring to double our membership by having each member secure one new member, and from all indications we expect that by the time the next issue of our magazine is in the hands of the greenkeepers our aims will have been accomplished.

We even went one step further in order to be able to exchange our views and researches along scientific and practical lines and secured the publication of a magazine devoted exclusively to the welfare of greenkeeping.

We are not in a position to know whether "Golf Illustrated" was informed of our methods, which may have prompted them to print the paragraph referred to, but anyway we are glad to know that their views on these particular lines are ours. *Watch us Grow!*

*John Morley, President*