

STANDING on the first tee at The Sleepy Hollow Country Club one looks out over a scenic panorama that few clubs in the country can equal. Although only fourteen miles from the center of Cleveland, Ohio, you are over five hundred feet above it and might easily imagine yourself hundreds of miles away. As you look out over the course you see rough and rugged forest covered land rolling away for miles in every direction. This country has often been called the Berkshires of Ohio, and could readily be mistaken for the real thing.

Six years ago a handful of enthusiastic business men purchased one hundred and ninety acres here with the scenery thrown in for good measure. The men and scenery were fine but the land was—well, it was not a greenkeeper's Paradise. In fact to use a borrowed simile, it was so poor you couldn't raise an umbrella on it. This property lies on the southerly bank of the Cuyahoga River valley and I guess ages ago all the top soil was washed down into the river. It had also been

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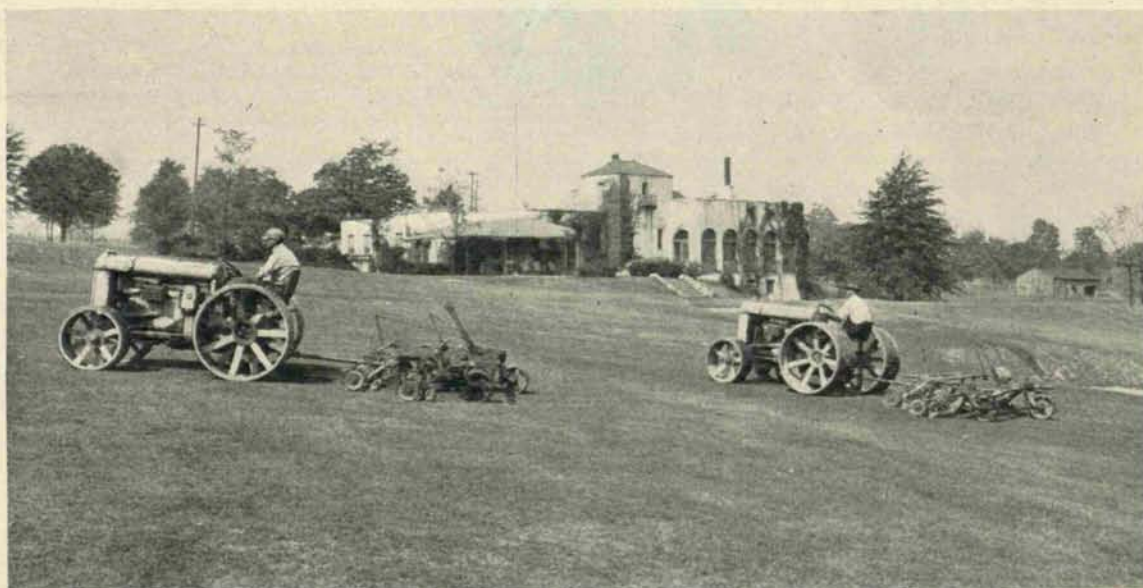
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This left us with some grass and plenty of washouts. Mowing this was a very difficult job. We were using thirty-inch mowers with fifteen-inch drive wheels and about every time one went into a washout it came out with a broken wheel. We couldn't stand this, so we looked for some mower with small rugged drive wheels



Ideal Bull Dog mowers in operation at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Brecksville, Ohio

rented out for several years and was naturally in a badly run-down condition. In fact all it seemed to be was a patch of hard old yellow clay. The necessity of water seemed to have been overlooked as there was no available supply except a small spring.

A lake large enough to hold a season's supply of water was built and also nine holes. This became so popular that in a short time another nine holes was built and then came the job of getting it all in shape to compare favorably with any other eighteen hole course.

Mowing Rough Fairways

We seeded the fairways with red top, blue grass, and Chewings Fescue, but before it caught good the rains took about half of it down where the top soil had gone.

which we found in the Ideal Bull Dog mowers. Our troubles in that direction ended then as I don't think we ever broke another wheel. Of course as time went on we put in drain tile and filled up the washouts.

Fertilizer From Nearby Plant

We have a very cheap and handy source of getting tankage which we use extensively on our fairways with the most gratifying results. Each winter we put it on the poorer fairways with a manure spreader. The following season finds these fairways very much improved. We manage to cover about four or five fairways each winter. Last season our fairways stayed fairly green through all the drought we had and are forming a fine

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quickly attached, and is made to fit any tractor.

Write R. S. Horner, Geneva, Ohio, giving him the make of your tractor, and a sample spud will be mailed for your inspection.

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Two Useful Rakes

Introduced by

Stumpp & Walter Co., New York

THE George Low rake illustrated on this page forms ridges in the sand traps, and compels the player to use a niblick instead of rolling his ball with a putter. This rake is used on nationally known championship courses, noted for their careful grooming. The traps at Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, show the marks of the George Low rake, and Emile Loeffler, greenkeeper at this club has received many compliments on the well-kept appearance of his traps.

Southern greenkeepers in particular will be interested in the Sawco lawn cultivator rake, pictured herewith, as it is a valuable implement to use in renovating Bermuda greens



The George Low sand trap rake makes a fair lie

for winter turf. It quickly establishes a roughened area in preparation for re-seeding. It is sturdily constructed and carries fourteen sharp-pointed and sharp-edged knives.

A copy of the Stumpp & Walter booklet, "Golf Turf" contains much useful information for the greenkeeper, as well as illustrations of

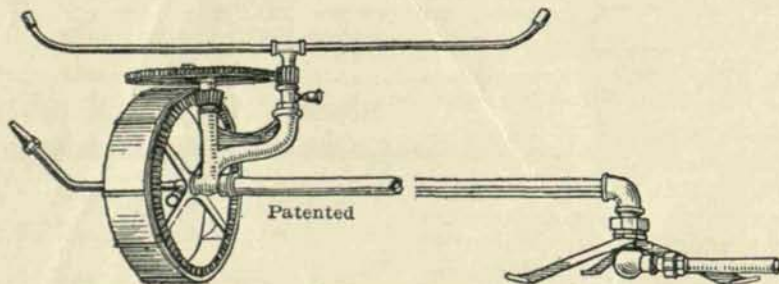
many items built to aid him in maintaining his course. Every greenkeeper should have a copy of "Golf Turf" on his table.

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New Barnes Outlet Box

THE only item the Barnes Mfg. Co. at Mansfield, Ohio, is making in the way of equipment outside of power pumps for golf courses is a cast iron outlet box. Mr. T. R. Barnes advises, "We have just about completed patterns for a new outlet box much larger in size which will have sufficient capacity to take care of 100 feet of 1-inch hose or 150 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hose. This will be a substantial box and strong enough so that a tractor mower can travel over it without damage. It will have a lock so that the hose need not be removed but will be kept where it is ready for use at all times and avoid dragging around the course. We believe there will be quite a saving to country clubs on this fixture."

Circulars showing this new outlet box will soon be ready. Write now for a copy.



The Economy travelling sprinkler covers a large area



Sawco lawn cultivator rake. In use on many Southern courses in renovating Bermuda greens

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fescue turf, the blue grass and red top dwindling away. In a couple of years our greens were such a heterogeneous mixture of grasses and weeds that it seemed hopeless to get them to the point where they would be called real putting greens. Hearing of the wonderful results other clubs were getting from creeping bent stolons we decided to try some. Mr. John Morley of Youngstown kindly supplied us with enough to start a green. We planted our number fourteen and a little later on with clippings from this green we planted number sixteen. In a few months these two greens were so much superior to our others that we decided to change them all to bent.

Washington Bent Proves Best

We then bought \$100.00 worth of Washington strain bent and set it out in a nursery. From this nursery we

have been able finally to change over all our greens and several tees to bent. We plan eventually to change numbers fourteen and sixteen greens to the Washington strain as we find it much superior to others.

Found Lime in Sand

In top dressing our greens we were using a sharp lake sand which upon test showed a very high lime content and encouraged the growth of chick weed. We discontinued the use of the sand and increased our sulphate of ammonia which checked the growth of the chick weed considerably.

We started out with a very poor piece of land but I am pleased to say it is now showing the results of our labor.

In overcoming some of the handicaps we started with, we have probably learned many things that greenkeepers on some courses never have to contend with. Any information along these lines will be gladly passed along to those wishing it.