

What's Doing About New York

By P. C. PULVER



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AN OLD timer, whose golf has been largely in the past, had occasion recently to visit a number of courses in New Jersey. Not in years had he paid any particular attention to golf conditions, consequently when his tour of inspection was over he kept referring to what he had seen in accents of surprise. One remark in particular he made is recalled by the writer somewhat this wise: "Why, these are not golf courses, they're parks." Well, compared with say thirty years ago the courses of the present possibly are park-like in appearance. Incidentally, that is what

your linksman of today prefers. He wants his golf served up to the highest standard—a standard, by the way, which has only been brought about through constant and intelligent study of turf and soil conditions.

It was such study and interchanging of ideas that marked the gathering at New Brunswick on June 18 under the auspices of the Greenkeeper's Association of New Jersey. Affairs of that nature are doing their part in bringing about the transition between conditions old and new.

In sending out notices for the gathering at the State Experimental Station, F. J. Roth, the wide-awake president of the Greenkeepers' Association, extended a cordial invitation to all members of greens committees; in fact, anyone interested in the production and maintenance of turf for golf courses was welcome.

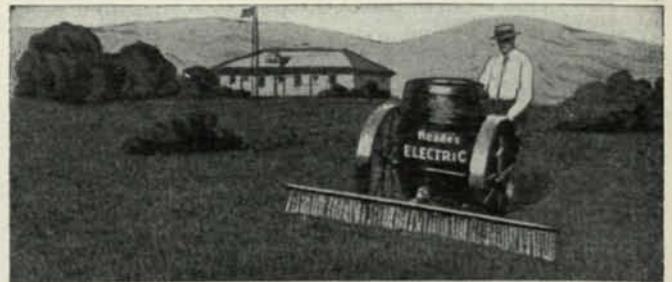
Good Attendance at New Jersey Meeting

AS a result there was a good attendance. The New Jersey station has been experimenting with turf plots for a number of years and these plots because of

their local character, were naturally of vital interest to green committeemen as well as greenkeepers throughout New Jersey. During the meeting held in the afternoon, talks were delivered by Dr. Lipman, on Fertilizers; by Prof. Cox, on Soil in New Jersey; by Miss Fiske, on Seed Analysis and by Dr. Sprague on Test Plot Work.

At the conclusion of the meeting the party adjourned to the turf plots for observation and discussion. In the evening there was an informal dinner at the Elk's Club with the speakers of the day as guests of the Greenkeepers' Association. The whole affair served to demonstrate more forcibly than ever that the Jersey association is an active, going organization, its one sole purpose having to do with the bringing about of better maintenance conditions among golf clubs where its members are employed in the State of New Jersey.

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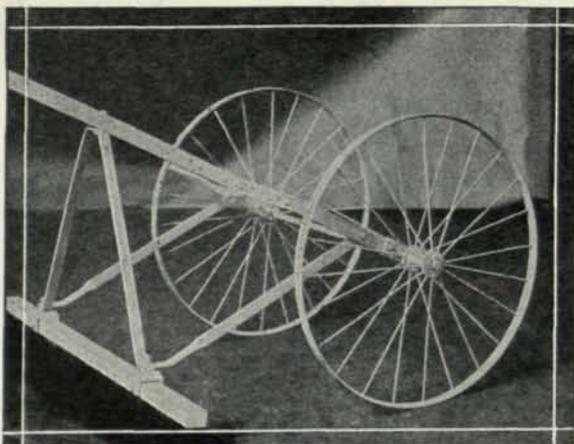
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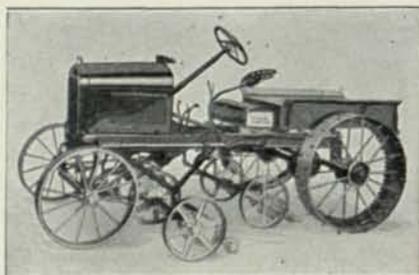
sional links architect, is revamping and enlarging the course at Beacon, N. Y., where Harry Vinall is in charge. Beacon has nine holes at present, but when Strong's work is finished there will be a full layout.

A development in New York State, not many miles north of the big town, is known as the Chappqua Country Club. It is on a large tract of land near Mt. Kisco, and a by no means small part of the attraction when everything has been completed will be an eighteen-hole course laid out by Donald Ross. This circuit is now nearly completed.

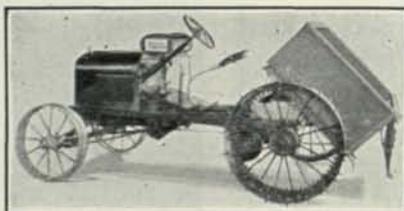
Upper Montclair Meeting

THAT greenkeeping and its ramifications are getting somewhere in the Metropolitan district received further proof at a gathering held June 11 at the Upper Montclair Country Club. Preceding that, first meeting under the direction of the New Jersey State Golf Association green section, green chairmen, greenkeepers, as well as quite a sprinkling of professionals who are not greenkeepers, assembled for play over the course in the afternoon. In the evening Dr. Monteith delivered a talk and there was a general discussion on matters of interest.

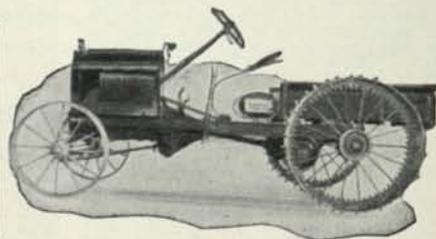
While the value of the tests made by the United States Golf Association green section at the Arlington turf garden near Washington has been appreciated, the question has often been raised as to the practical appli-



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cation of these results on courses in other parts of the country. Supplementing this work with further tests under various local, climatic and soil conditions may therefore be regarded as a natural outcome.

Three Green Sections Formed

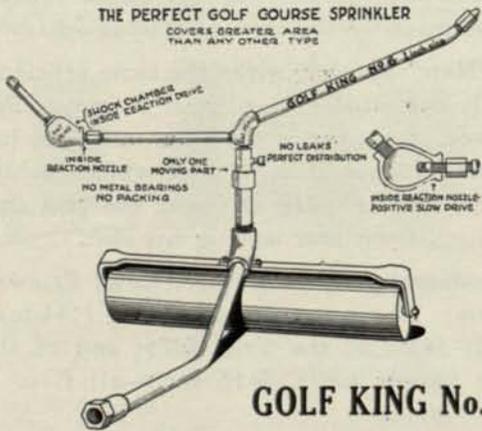
IN CO-OPERATION with the Metropolitan Golf Association three green sections have been formed in that section, one by the Long Island Golf Association, one by the New Jersey State Golf Association and the other by the Westchester County Golf Association. Although each section has its own committee it works in harmony with the others. The objects of these green sections are to carry out tests on turf under local conditions and to bring together green chairmen and greenkeepers at occasional meetings for a better understanding of problems of course maintenance.

In New Jersey test plots have been prepared at two courses, Morris County Golf Club and Upper Montclair Country Club. Similar arrangements have been made in Westchester and Long Island, and it is also intended, where possible, to conduct some tests on a larger scale on the courses themselves.

Weeds at Wheatley Hills

QUITE a mystery was recently solved at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club at East Williston that may interest greenkeepers. For several years chairman Kidd of the green committee couldn't figure out why so many weeds appeared periodically at a certain spot on the

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tenth fairway. The Wheatley Hills course is divided by the Motor Parkway and under a part of the parkway is an opening through which the west wind whistles. On the leeward side, as the nautical man would say, is the tenth fairway. On the windward side of the opening is a patch of rough filled with weeds, or at least was filled with weeds.

One day while on a tour of inspection Kidd saw the wind carrying the flying seeds of the weeds through the opening, and the mystery of the weeds on the opposite fairway was solved. Those particularly obnoxious weeds were removed from the rough and the trouble ceased, but for a long time their presence on the tenth fairway presented a worrisome problem. Wheatley Hills, by the way, never looked in better turf than at present.

Heavy Rains Soften Courses

THE frequent and heavy rains during the early part of June developed not a few soft spots on quite a number of the courses in the New York zone, although it is doubtful if the turf on a majority of the fairways has ever been in such fine condition. Up at Rockwood Hall, near Tarrytown, the course is in wonderful shape, with the possible exception of one spot at the tenth hole in a little valley where some of the artists and writers in their recent tournament managed to get their feet wet in a pretty piece of green that needed draining.

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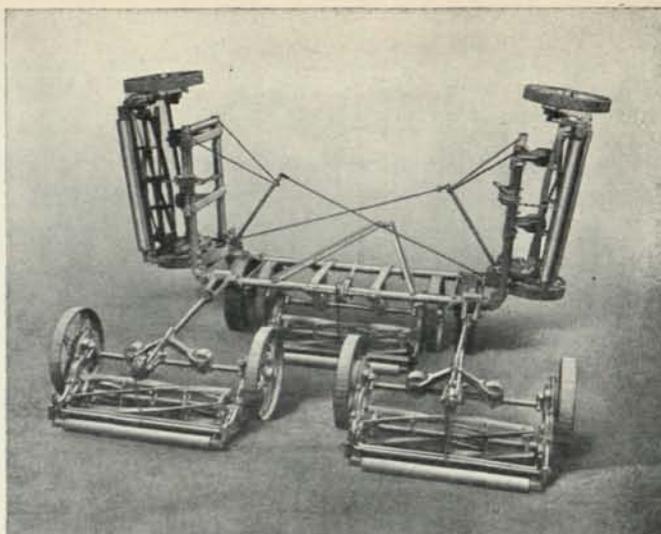
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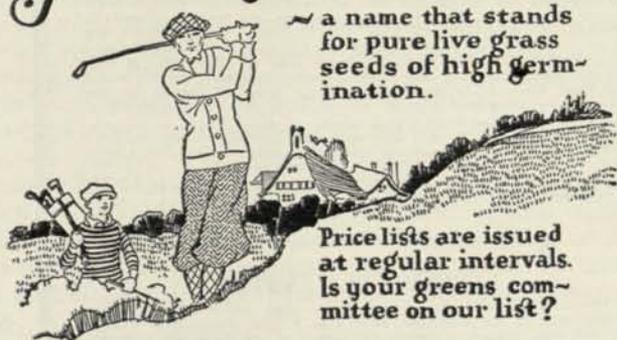
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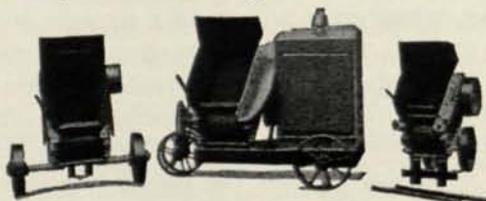
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One of the surprising things in the Long Island section is the wonderful condition of the five daily fee courses at Salisbury. Jack Hagen has the entire layout groomed to everyone's approval, notwithstanding the fact that for the first time in Salisbury's history play was permitted throughout the winter and spring. On occasions a few players were allowed to use one or two of the circuits in the past, but this year the courses were open and a green fee charged. The play was quite heavy up to the regular opening, after which records were broken, as many as 1183 playing in the bad weather preceding Memorial Day.

But even if the aforesaid rains did soften up the fairways throughout the Metropolitan section they only slightly affected the attendance at the numerous events. The triangular women's matches between Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey was brought off at Montclair during a heavy downpour and rain also prevailed during the greater part of the three days required for the women's Eastern championship, also decided at Montclair. Then there was the Metropolitan Seniors' tournament—the first of its kind—held at Garden City midst two days of rain. This rain may be good for growing grass, but it tends to spoil the players, disposition, and if anything it increases the "chin" golf in the locker rooms.

New Public Course for Westchester

THE most impressive undertaking in a municipal way in the New York sector has to do with a 27-hole layout near Yonkers under the auspices of the Westchester County Park Commission. Tom Winton, who has had pretty much of a monopoly so far as these Park Commission course developments go, was the architect and he also has had charge of the construction work. The plan is to open the layout for play this summer. Just who the greenkeeper will be is at present in doubt. It is a Civil Service post, which of course, means an examination.

Winton, by the way, has just finished a course at Hopewell Junction, N. J., and he is also building a new nine holes for the Westport Golf Club, Westport, N. Y.

Quite an interesting development is being completed on Long Island by the Gould Realty Corporation. It is near Huntington on a beautiful tract consisting of some 300 acres containing houses of exquisite design, attractive roads and bridle paths to say nothing of an eighteen-

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Hammock Course to Open Soon

THERE'S a new layout calculated ere long to lure linksmen to the vicinity of Larchmont, N. Y. It is known as the Hammock Country Club, where Nick Demane is in charge. Last year Nick became so interested in this development that he gave up his berth as professional at the Soundview club on Long Island, leaving his younger brother, Arthur, in charge there. At the Hammock club, where the eighteen holes are about ready to be placed in commission, a great deal of work was required, there being considerable fill coincident with construction. Demane laid out the course, which already has occasioned not a little favorable comment.

Course construction problems in addition to those usually encountered by professionals have been undertaken by Alick Gerard, the former Oakland pro, who this season took charge at the Maidstone Country Club out on Long Island. Gerard has been superintending a deal of re-construction work on that layout by the sea, which already has the reputation of presenting one of the best tests of the game to be found anywhere in this part of the country. Surely, Maidstone has no notion of getting behind the times.

Brown Patch and Angle Worms

By HENRY A. MILLER, Greenkeeper

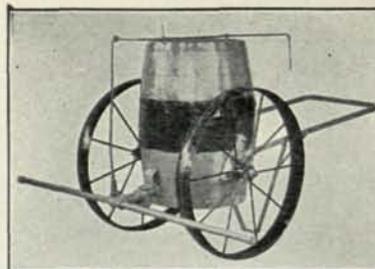
Barrington Hills Country Club, Barrington, Ill.

THE past season was rather bad for brown-patch in this locality. From the weather conditions we had it would almost seem impossible not to get brown-patch on the greens, as it had rained practically the whole summer and it was very humid at times, which will make brown-patch jump up and spread.

Being a wet season we had plenty of angle worms which from my experience helps to spread brown-patch (the more worms the more brown-patch) and also too much water will help toward having brown-patch. A green being surrounded by trees and woods or down in a valley where the wind and sun do not help dry out the wet and sour soil, will be an easy victim of brown-patch. But a green out in the open where the sun and wind can dry it out fast will withstand brown-patch much longer.

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