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Hofmann Cuts Price

Drastic price reductions on the popular Hofmann All-Purpose Distributors are announced by the maker, The Salem Tool Co. of Salem, Ohio. This price reduction amounting in some cases to as much as 33 1-3% has been made possible through increased and simplified production. Design and construction has been greatly improved and a broad range of sizes been made available to ideally and economically answer every size club.

A special new feature of the Hofmann, on which application for patents has already been made, is a feed control arrangement which automatically stops the machine from feeding when the man stops pushing, thus eliminating any piling up of fertilizer in one spot.

The Bookkeeper and the Greenkeeper

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ance account. One day somebody who had the authority spent \$700 on fixing up the roadway from the street to the club house. I promptly put that in course maintenance accounts—there seemed to be no other place for it.

Then along came Bob Power, chairman of the Green committee.

"Ed," said he, "What did you charge that road oil to?"

"Course maintenance," said I promptly.

And then Bob started in on the art of charging all cats and dogs around a golf course to course maintenance.

He didn't know it at the time, but that remark of his on cats and dogs sank in, and I proceeded the next year to reform my books and from that conversation I have arrived at some of the foolishness that I have been exhibiting to you today. The Women's National Golf and Tennis Club, of Glen Head, Long Island, is installing a hoseless fairway irrigation system with hoseless tees and hose greens, under the direction of John S. O'Toole, greenkeeper. Also a new water supply with gravel wall type wells and automatic pressure pumping plant.

Golf News

This system is unique in that the output of the well pumps is passed directly through automatic booster pumps. No storage is required. Buckner irrigation equipment is being used. The entire project will cost \$43,000.00, of which \$18,000.00 applies to the water distribution system and \$25,000.00 to the water supply system. Wendell P. Miller and Associates furnished the plans and are superintending construction.

Wakonda Country Club, Des Moines, Iowa, where Jack Welsh holds forth as Pro-Greenkeeper, almost lost their fairways in the recent drouth, hence as insurance against a repetition of this nearcatastrophe, a standard Buckner hose fairway irrigation system has just been completed—also a new automatic booster pumping plant using city water. (Water is cheap at Des Moines.)

The entire project has cost \$21,500.00. Plans and specifications were prepared by Wendell P. Miller and Associates, who also supervised the construction.

Oak Park Country Club, Chicago, under the direction of William Melville, greenkeeper, is installing an 18-hole irrigation system, with hoseless fairways, hoseless tees, hose greens, and a new automatic pressure pumping plant. \$26,-000.00 has been allotted to the project.

The system was designed by Wendell P. Miller and Associates, who have an engineer on the job to see that the contractor meets every requirement of the specifications. Buckner equipment is being installed throughout the distribution system. W. H. Spears, Jr., Green chairman, handled the project for the Club.

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The Davis Exhibit

George A. Davis, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, in their exhibit at the Greenkeepers' Show at Columbus, featured a complete line of golf equipment, including such well-known products as Koppers' sulphate of ammonia, Thompson sprinklers, Economy sprinklers, Barbak and Dubay fungicides, Hardie sprayers, Premier poultry manure, Emerald cord hose, Pennsylvania mowers and many other important items.

Greenkeepers' Wives Hold Meeting

The Wives of the National Greenkeepers held a meeting at the Columbus Convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, and elected the following officers: Mrs. Joseph T. Varn Hagen, president, Redford, Mich.; Mrs. Herbert E. Shave, vice-president, Birmingham, Mich.; Mrs. Willie Smith, secretary, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. John Gray, treasurer, Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

There was a large assemblage of greenkeepers' wives attending the Convention, and the entertainment afforded by the Association which included sight seeing trips, luncheons and theater parties, was very much appreciated. They wish to express their thanks to the officers of the National Association for their kindness and hospitality.

Bonbright Passes On

James S. Bonbright, vice-president and sales manager of the Pennsylvania Lawn Mower Works, passed away January 24. He would have been seventy-two in March.

Mr. Bonbright started in the hardware business with his father and had a very remarkable career in machinery lines. He became connected with the Pennsylvania company in 1916 as vice-president and sales manager and had a host of friends in the trade. He is survived by his widow and three daughters.