matter in an active condition, and the best way to do that is to fertilize and lime the soil.

When a new material, whether organic or inorganic, is added to the soil, activity of organisms is much increased. The activity is a desirable thing except when there is a shortage of nitrogen.

It is assumed by some that organic matter can be increased by the addition of nitrogen to the soil. If that is true, most greens' soils should be very rich in organic matter. I believe this is true, but only when the soil receives phosphorus and potash in addition to nitrogen. In other words, a complete fertilizer is necessary to produce the amount of grass roots to definitely increase the organic matter content. Even if some of the bacteria do act like "brownies" or "fairies," remember that they must eat.

USE OF CHARCOAL ON GREENS

IN SOME parts of the country wood charcoal has come to be used regularly for building and top dressing greens. Its ability to produce a good physical condition in heavy soils is well known and successfully taken advantage of. Besides the good physical effect, charcoal holds considerably more water than does the same weight of mineral soil. Results from

using charcoal have been uniformly good.

Charcoal seems to do more than just improve the physical condition of the soil. It seems to have a fertilizing value as well. Recent tests show charcoal to have considerable water soluble salts in it. One of these salts is phosphorus. In fact, most charcoals have more soluble phosphorus than do soils. This helps to explain the good effects of charcoal on acid soils where soil phosphorus is quite insoluble.

The finer the charcoal the more basic in reaction. It is more than likely that some of the good effects of topdressing greens with charcoal are due to a neutralizing of soil acidity, or, to a supply of soluble calcium. This phase of charcoal utilization needs more work done on it. Sweetening of soil usually means the getting rid of soluble toxic material such as iron and aluminum in acid soils. The phosphorus carried in charcoal does this job of removing aluminum and iron very nicely.

Since charcoal absorbs water in large amounts, it should also absorb other things such as plant food. Evidence is that much soluble plant food is held in charcoal and prevented from leaching out of the soil. This justifies the use of charcoal even at considerable expense.



Midwest Gossip

By A. L. BRANDON



RALPH N. JOHNSON President, Midwest Greenkeepers' Association

HE annual dinner meeting of the Midwest Greenkeepers' Association, held January 5 at Hotel Sherman, committed its chief business of the evening by the election of the following officers, to lead the Association through 1933: President, Ralph N. Johnson; first vice-president, Peter Stewart; second vice-president, Edward B. Dearie, Jr.; secretary, C. A. Tregillus; treasure, Fred Kruger; directors, D. W. Danley and J. B. Boyd.

Congratulations and good luck, gentlemen! President

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President Johnson, Mr. Tregillus and Mr. MacGregor have been recently working with Dr. Harrison and Dr. Krause of the University of Chicago about a short course for greenkeepers. Plans as yet are not fully developed. It is planned to conduct the school during the first part of March. Attendance will be limited. Registration charge will not exceed ten dollars. Laboratory work will be featured instead of lectures.

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Monday, January 30

5:00 P. M.—Meetings All Committees with Chairmen 7:00 P. M.—Exhibitors' Dinner—Headquarters, Hotel Sherman

Tuesday, January 31

10:00 A. M.—Golf Show Opens—Hotel Sherman (Admission Free) 7:00 P. M.—Meeting of District Vice Presidents

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 A. M.—Golf Show Opens—Hotel Sherman (Admission Free) 2:00 P. M.—Conference Opens—Hotel Sherman 7:30 P. M.—First Session of Business Meeting (Headquarters)

Thursday, February 2

10:00 A. M.—Golf Show Opens—Hotel Sherman (Admission Free)
2:00 P. M.—Educational Conference—Hotel Sherman
7:00 P. M.—Annual Banquet—Hotel Sherman. Guest Speaker, Mr. Harry Raddix,
President, Chicago District Golf Association
(Secure tickets at Registration Desk)

Friday, February 3

10:00 A. M.—Golf Show Opens—Hotel Sherman (Admission Free)
10:30 A. M.—Annual N. A. G. A. Convention—Hotel Sherman (Open to Members
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12:00 Midnight—Annual Stag Party (See Ralph Johnson or Gus Brandon)

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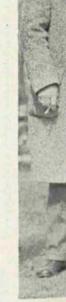
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REHABILITATING OLD GOLF COURSES—By Grange Alves, Pro-Greenkeeper, Acacia Country Club, Cleveland

HUNTING FOR THE PERFECT GRASS—By Professor H. B. Musser, Penn State, State College, Pa.

BETTERING MAINTENANCE AT SMALL-TOWN GOLF COURSES—By Professor V. Stoutemyer, Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.

MUNICIPAL COURSE MAINTENANCE—By Harold E. Stodola, Greenkeeper, Keller Golf Course, Saint Paul, Minn.

MAINTENANCE PRACTICES OF 1932—By O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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GREENKEEPERS' VITAL IMPORTANCE TO GOLF—By Ganson Depew, United States Golf Association, Green Section, Washington, D. C.

BUDGETING FROM THE GREENKEEPERS' VIEWPOINT—By R. E. Farmer, Greenkeeper, Brynwood Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

BUDGETING FROM THE CLUB MEMBERS' VIEWPOINT—By C. W. Johnson, Green Committee Chairman, Sunset Ridge Country Club, Winnetka, Illinois

Possible Effect of Extension of Fairway Watering Relating to Present Maintenance Practices from the Greenkeepers' Viewpoint—By Edward B. Dearie, Jr., Greenkeeper, Ridgemoor Country Club, Chicago, Ill.

Possible Effect of Extension of Present Fairway Watering from the Players' Viewpoint—By Paul E. Green, Chicago, Ill.

Possible Effect of Extension of Present Fairway Watering from the Mower Manufacturers' Viewpoint—By Edward H. Worthington, Vice President, Worthington Mower Company, Stroudsburg, Pa.

GREENKEEPERS' PROGRAM OF SELF-EDUCATION—By Professor J. G. Moore, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Possible Botanical Aid to the Greenkeeper—By Dr. E. J. Kraus, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

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RECENT TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TURF MAINTENANCE—By Dr. John Monteith, Jr., United States Golf Association Green Section, Washington, D. C.

THE GREENKEEPERS' WORK IN BROAD PERSPECTIVE—By D. W. Danley, Manager, Glen Oak Country Club, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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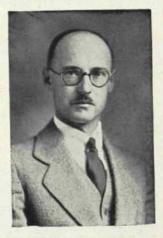
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Brown Patch Control

By ARTHUR BOGGS, Pro-Greenkeeper Kirtland Country Club, Cleveland

IN MY last article I told you about some of the materials used in the control of brown patch and this article will tell you a little about the fungi and the remedy that has solved the problem for me.

MOLDS

As FAR as fungus goes (what we call brown patch) reams of articles can be written about its forms, where it comes from and how it develops but for our purposes we know that it belongs to the mold family and in that classification there are many kinds of molds, mildew, smut, etc. Mold, then, covers the start of our trouble, which has no cell coloring matter and derives its nourishment from organic compounds.

Our greens are ideal locations for the development of mold, because we use a soil rich in organic materials and most greens are planted with bent. Bent grass forms a dense growth (which is desirable, from the golfer's standpoint, because it makes a good putting surface), but it is also an ideal bed for mold development.

WATER

You can argue until the cows come home whether to water or allow greens to dry out. Some claim that the drying-out process keeps down the brown patch trouble, but I am firmly convinced that it does not pay to allow your greens to dry out because bent grass, with its dense and powerful root growth, can and does conserve moisture and to thoroughly dry out a green would destroy the growth.

To dry out and then wet down a green does not improve the situation. True, molds contain about 90% water or moisture—dry them out and fungi lie dormant until moistened again. Acidity, temperature, soil construction and a hundred and one things influence the development of fungi.

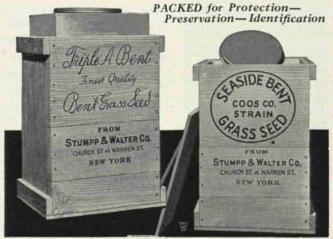
REMEDY

In experimenting with many kinds of formulas containing all the well-known ingredients used for the control of molds causing brown patch we have found that we can go just so far with safety and anything beyond that safety limit spells ruination to the grass. It has been our experience that the most effective and fool-proof treatment for this pest consists in applying a solution of a highly purified form of an organic compound of mercury developed for us by a young chemist friend of ours who has spent a number of years in studying this problem and in developing a special product for this purpose.

A number of such organic compounds of mercury are to be found on the open market but we have not found them as effective or as safe to use as the one developed by our chemist friend. While we realize that the use of calomel and bichloride of mercury results in some improvement and is the treatment recommended by a number of experiment stations, the continued use of this treatment in our hands has shown very bad eventual effects on the grass growth.

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New Jersey Notes

By JOHN ANDERSON, President Greenkeepers' Association of New Jersey



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THE greenkeepers of New Jersey held their monthly meeting of the association in the Newark Athletic Club in Newark, N. J., on Monday, January 9, 1933. Owing to bad weather conditions only 20 were present but with that number a very lively meeting was held.

After the usual business was disposed of, a discussion on ways and means to bring the work of the greenkeepers more than ever before the club members and the golfing public was engaged in. It was the concensus of opinion that with golf clubs in

the financial position which they find themselves at the moment, there is a danger that course maintenance will be overlooked. In the final shake-up, many clubs will find themselves with the course in such a neglected condition that revenues, instead of increasing as business begins to improve, will decrease because economies were practiced which had exceeded a limit where they were practical.

Many clubs have been operating on a maintenance budget so reduced that fairways, tees, and in many instances, greens, have not had the required attention in the last two seasons, but this cannot go on forever. The golf courses will soon show up these deficiencies and the result will be thin, spotty, weedy fairways, with cuppy lies for the ball, and tees will lose that matty, vigorous turf so necessary to the teeing up of the ball for a long shot.

GREENKEEPER MUST STATE FACTS

But what has all this to do with the greenkeeper? No doubt he is applying his appropriation to the very best advantage and can do no more. Let him keep in constant touch with his Green chairman and bring to his notice conditions on the course where fairways or tees must have added attention or they will go back. He should even put the case before the Board of Directors and it may be they will see the need for curtailing expenses in the club house so that some extra funds can be diverted to the upkeep of the course.

Mr. Fred Roth, up-to-date greenkeeper at the Plainfield Country Club, led a discussion on budgeting with the object of getting together as much information on this subject as possible and to assimilate it so that it can

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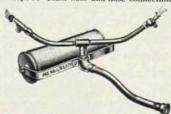
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be practically applied by the greenkeeper. The result is that at the next meeting in February as many as a dozen men will have papers showing exactly how they propose to use their appropriations. How many men will be employed, how the fairways and the rough are to be mowed and just how often. How often the bunkers will be trimmed and the traps raked. How the greens are to be mowed.

If he has not enough help, will he cut the greens every other day or will he have to cut nine one day and the other nine the next? If he employs seven men will that answer the question on the eighteen-hole layout, or will he have to do with six and less trimming in order to get the necessary fertilizer or material he thinks he ought to have to keep his greens and fairways up to a standard that the club members have been used to?

Out of this heap, no doubt, the New Jersey greenkeepers will be able to get something tangible so that they can work out a definite program of economical upkeep for 1933.

Minnesota Notes

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary

THE first meeting of the year was held in the log room of the Superior Golf club, where Mr. Bloomquist saw that we were made comfortable. Mr. E. L. Kidder, Agronomist, gave us a very interesting and instructive talk on fertilizers.

He told us that soils may need more than the three standard elements, nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. In one section of Maine where the fields were heavily fertilized for years, there came a time when the yield became small. For some unknown reason one farmer added 500 pounds of good old Epsom salts to an acre. The yield was exceptionally good. The reason was that the salts supplied gypsum which was needed. Sometimes in desperation we would like to give a tight green a good dose of salts and see what would happen.

GREENKEEPER'S JOB IS GOOD TURF

The main job of the greenkeeper is to raise good turf. To raise a healthy stand of grass you must give it plenty to eat. It needs many things. Most of these are supplied in abundance by the soil. However, there are three that are usually deficient in some amounts. They are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash.

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	5.5-6	400

The 150 for phosphorus means 150 pounds to the acre. pH is a scale for acidity and alkalinity. 7 is neutral. Above 7 means alkalinity and numbers below 7 mean acidity. 5.5-6 is ideal for bent grass. 400 for potash means 400 pounds potash to the acre.

Take your soil sample from the green and you get something like this.

Green	Phosphorus	pΗ	Potash
3	150	6.5	250
Ideal condition	150	5.5-6	400

Therefore this green is good in phosphorus, has plenty of lime because it is a little above 6, but is short in potash. Next year give this green about the same amount of phosphorus you have been giving it, use a little more nitrogen to make the soil more acid, and go almost double on your potash application and you should have good results. Then next fall make the same test and observe your readings. This method of procedure seems very businesslike and should result in good greens.

The last issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER was highly praised and Francis Ouimet's article received much favorable comment. The Greenkeepers are moving in the right direction and must keep up the good work because they have just started.

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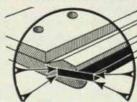
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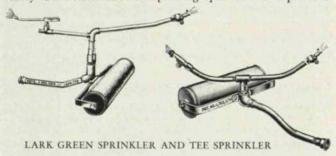


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L. R. NELSON MFG. COMPANY Peoria, Illinois—Booth No. 16

THE famous line of Lark sprinklers will be exhibited by the above company at the Chicago Greenkeepers' Show. This season they are putting out a new "Tee" sprinkler which is especially suitable for sprinkling tees and other large spaces around the golf course.

The new Nelson tee sprinkler has an easy rolling base and an even distribution on any pressure. It will cover areas from thirty to one hundred feed depending upon the water pressure.



The regular Lark sprinkler is too well known to need description. It is used on golf courses, estates and public parks in every state in the Union and many foreign countries. Users have found that the Lark sprinkler is extremely dependable and the splendid material used in its construction makes for long life and economy.

THE OHIO CULTIVATOR COMPANY Bellevue, Ohio — Booth No. 51

NEW lawn mower of distinctive design and appearance is announced by The Ohio Cultivator company, farm implement manufacturers of Bellevue, Ohio, under the name Famous Ohio reversible lawn mower. The feature of this lawn mower which appears most distinctive to the casual observer is the fact that it cuts when it is pulled through the grass as well as when it is pushed.

This is a forward cutting type lawn mower with the flexible ground bar and reel hung forward of center instead of in the rear. The result is that with this mower it is possible to cut right up to walls and edges, which fact does away with the use of a sickle and shears for trimming around the sides and edges of the lawn. Another feature of advantage is the fact that it may be adjusted for the height of cutting by means of a ratchet lever on the handle bar which raises and lowers the cutting bar and ground roller from a height of ½ to 3 inches in a fraction of a second. Thus, during the hot season when it is best to leave grass rather long, it is extremely easy to make the necessary adjustments on this mower.

It is also especially adapted for terrace work and the cutting of bunkers on golf courses. In this work the mower is reversed and pushed up the terrace or banking without operating. It is then pulled towards the operator and cuts as it comes down, saving a great deal of labor and energy in this difficult type of cutting.

Due to the general design of the mower and the forward mounting of the reel, the power of the operator is applied very low down on the frame, which results in the ground roller sticking to the ground under all conditions of roughness or when an obstruction is drawn into the reels. The result is that the mower follows the contour of the ground at all times and does not jump or skip over any patches of grass.

ARMOUR FERTILIZER WORKS Chicago Heights, Illinois — Booth No. 55

HE exhibit of the Armour Fertilizer Works is solely in the interests of their Special Turf Fertilizer. This product is made particularly for use in growing turf on golf courses, city parks, athletic fields and large estates. It is purely an inorganic plant food analyzing 10% available nitrogen, 8% available phosphoric acid and 6% available potash.

The booth will consist of samples of the fertilizer, as well as the bag and booklets describing the product, and pictures showing the remarkable results that have been obtained. In attendance at the booth will be two representatives of the Armour Fertilizer Works—Messrs. Paul E. Burdett and Girard B. Secker.

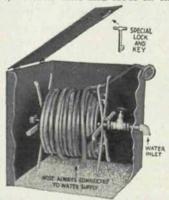
Both of these men are thoroughly versed on fertilizers, their composition, and the results to be obtained from the use of the various ingredients. These men are also particularly well qualified to answer any of the problems which come up in the fertilization of greens, tees and fairways.

Those attending the Convention are earnestly requested to present any of the problems which they may be having in the production of turf on their own courses.

McCLAIN BROTHERS COMPANY Canton, Ohio — Booth No. 58

CCLAIN BROTHERS company will display all of their products at the Chicago show and greenkeepers should be very interested in their practical and labor-saving line. Mr. W. Mc-Clain will be in charge of their display, and will be pleased to explain all details.

One of the newest ideas ever brought to greenkeepers is the McClain Hydro-Mixer, which has been developed and patented by the McClain company. It is claimed by the above company that this small bit of equipment will save greenkeepers hundreds of dollars, both in time and labor in the treatment of



McCLAIN UNDERGROUND HOSE LOCKER

greens with fungicides, sulphate of ammonia, fertilizers, vermicides, etc. It reduces the time required for green treatments from hours to minutes and cuts labor expense to the bottom. The Hydro-Mixer allows you to treat an entire golf green by mixing and pumping only 25-gallons of concentrated solution.

This company will also exhibit their Underground Hose Locker which is a much needed piece of equipment. They claim it is a time, labor, money and hose saver. It is a permanent receptable for the hose at every green and is very ruggedly built throughout of heavy steel. The extra heavy cover permits tractor mowing. It has a revolving metal reel which will hold 150-feet of one-inch hose, which is always connected to the water supply ready to use.