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THIRD ANNUAL GREENKEEPERS' FIELD DAY

at the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, Kingston, R. I., Monday, May 23, 1932.

The Third Annual Greenkeepers' Field Day will be held at the Rhode Island Experiment Station on Monday, May 23rd. The program will include visits to the grass experimental plats, a dinner with speaking program and demonstrations of golf course equipment. Everyone interested in turf problems whether for lawns, estates, golf courses or other purposes are invited.

The program planned is as follows:

- 10:00-10:30 Registration - Experiment Station.
11:00-12:30 Visit to Experimental plats.
12:45 - 2:30 Lunch—Dining Hall.
"Soil Conditions and Plant Growth" by Dr. Howard B. Sprague, Agronomist, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.
Discussion and question box. Golf course problems—Everybody.
2:30 Annual business meeting of R. I. Greenkeepers' Club.
2:30 Exhibits and demonstrations—College Campus.

The experimental plats include various fertilizer treatments, lime tests, weed and worm control in lawns, Brown Patch control, different varieties and strains of bent grass, bent grass breeding experiments and others. A number of new plats have been added during the past year.

Commercial firms dealing in golf course and other turf equipment are invited to exhibit and demonstrate their different lines. The local management

has received excellent cooperation from a number of firms in these field days. The demonstrations will be held on the College Campus.

A cordial invitation is extended to greenkeepers, greens section chairmen, and all others interested in turf or turf problems in any way.

MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, Mass. on May 2nd. The first tournament of the year was held, and prizes were awarded:

- 1st gross—Emil Masciocchi—80
1st net—Guy West—91-18-73
2nd net—Philip Cassidy—93-24-74
3rd net—Marston Burnett—104-30-74
4th net—William McBride—95-20-75
5th net—William Lindsay—94-19-75

The June meeting will be held at the Oysters Harbors Country Club, Oyster-ville, Mass. on June 6th. Here is your opportunity to play a very fine course. Make the most of it!

George J. Rommell, Jr., formerly assistant to Frank Wilson at the Charles River Country Club, is now greenkeeper at the Greenfield Country Club, Greenfield, Mass.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson of Massachusetts State College was elected an Honorary Member at the Feb. 29th meeting, in consideration of the valuable work he has done in helping the greenkeepers of the country.

Herbert Moran recently left for the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N. Y., where he will try to keep busy.

Phil Cassidy reports that work has been started clearing land for the second nine at Needham.

The April meeting of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers Association was held at the Pawtucket Country Club, on April 25th.

WINTER SCHOOL FOR GREENKEEPERS

Statistical Data

Prepared by L. S. Dickinson

March 21, 1932

Class	No. of Graduates	In the Profession	Out of Profession	Unknown	Temporary Out of Work
1927	9	8	1		1
1928	15	11	2	2	1
1929	15	13	1	1	1
1930	18	16	1	1	1
1931	20	20			
1932	19	19			
Total	96	87	5	4	4

Registration limit. 1927—10; 1928-29-30—15; 1931-32—20.

One man left in 1932 because of illness.

Classification

When registering	Present position
Club Managers	1
Greenkeepers	60
Pro-Greenkeepers	4
Professionals	6
Ass't Greenkeepers	13
Stockbridge students	3
Others	(Out) 9
Total	96

Stockbridge Student Record

Greenkeepers	13
Ass't Greenkeepers	2
Out of profession	4
Unknown	3
In school	3
Temporarily out of work (Gk.)	1
	26

Geographical Distribution of Graduates

Registered from	Working in	Registered from	Working in
Canada (Banff)	1	Minnesota	1
Canal Zone (Balboa)	1	New Hampshire	2
Connecticut	6	New York	7
Illinois	5	Ohio	1
Indiana	2	Pennsylvania	3
Iowa	1	Vermont	4
Kentucky	2	Wisconsin	1
Maine	1	Students, Unknown, Out of work	16
Massachusetts	62		
Michigan	1	Total	96
			96

DECIDUOUS TREES & SHRUBS

(A list recommended by Mr. Daniel A. Clarke, nurseryman,
at Rhode Island Field Day, 1931.)

Note:—The botanical names given the preference are according to “Standardized Plant Names” (S. P. D.) after the common name indicates that “Standardized Plant Names” recommends the use of the common name only.

Large Shade Trees

<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree, White Wood
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Yellow Poplar
<i>Tilia vulgaris (europaea)</i>	American Linden
<i>Acer Platanoides</i>	European Linden, Common Linden
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Norway Maple
<i>Acer saccharum</i> Cy., S. P. N. (saccharinum)	Red Maple
<i>Liquidambar Styraciflua</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Sweet Gum
<i>Sassafras variifolium (officinalis)</i>	Common Tupelo, Sour Gum
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Sassafras
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Oriental Plane Tree
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	Hackberry
<i>Hickoria ovata (alba)</i>	American Elm
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Shagbark
<i>Betula lenta</i>	Black Walnut
<i>Betula lutea</i>	Cherry, Sweet, Black Birch
<i>Betula nigra</i>	Yellow, or Silver Birch
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Red, or River Birch
<i>Betula populifolia</i>	Paper or Canoe Birch
<i>Quercus alba</i>	Grey Birch
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	White Oak
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Scarlet Oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Fagus americana</i> (grandifolia, ferruginea)	Red Oak
<i>Salix alba</i>	American Beech
<i>Salix pentandra</i>	White Willow
<i>Salix vitellina</i> var. <i>surea</i> (Cy)	Laurel Leaf Willow
<i>Populus monilifera</i> (deltoides monilifera)	Russian Golden Willow
	Cottonwood

Small Shade and Ornamental Trees

<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber Trees
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Kadsura Tree
<i>Acer ginnala (tatarica</i> var. <i>ginnala)</i>	Amur Maple
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box Elder
<i>Acer pennsylvanicum</i>	Striped Maple
<i>Acer Spicatum</i>	Mountain Maple
<i>Cornus Florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood
<i>Cornus</i> var. <i>rubra</i>	Red Flowering Dogwood
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shad Bush, June Berry
<i>Laburnum vulgare</i>	Golden Chain
<i>Cladrastis lutea (tinctoria)</i>	Yellowwood
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Red Bud, Judas Tree

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<i>Viburnum americanum</i>	American Cranberry Bush
<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	Witherod
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood
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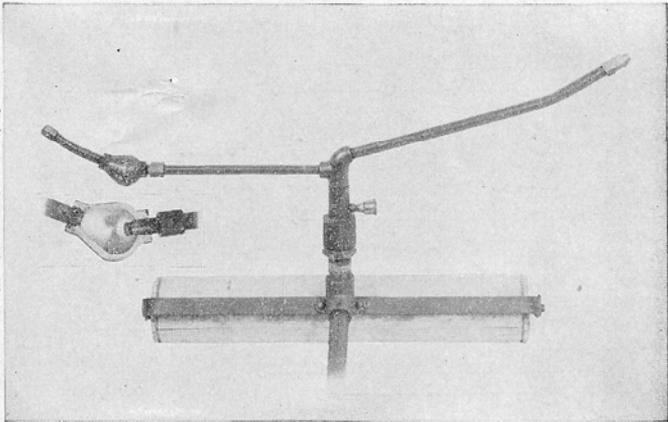
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Optimist—What a graceful and dainty foliage has the hemlock. We would be crazy about them if they were imported from a foreign country.

Pessimist—Yeah, but you better not try to plant them except in a cool, moist partly shady place. They might grow on the north side of something.

Optimist—Why not plant oaks if you want a monument to your memory? Have you seen those on the Jamaica Way, on the way from Back Bay Fens to Franklin Park?

Pessimist—Yes, but you have your troubles cleaning up the leaves.

Optimist—Did you notice that masses of tree foliage seem veined from a distance, and have different textures and colors, especially the young foliage greens of Spring? One of the handsomest foliage textures is the honey locust. Its finely divided leaves are very beautiful in the mass.

Pessimist—Yeah, but the foliage comes late and goes early. It has a little green worm to chew it and nice fat borers to mine its trunk.

Optimist—But can't I sell you some birches? There are many kinds; the paper birch, the bark of which the early American made his canoe; the grey or broom birch; the red or river birch; the black or sweet birch; and the grey shaggy birch.

Pessimist—O. K. but what are you going to do for two or three kinds of diseases and insects that spoil their beauty?

Optimist—Well, anyway, I shall plant some of various kinds and find out which will grow in clay soil, on dry shale, in the wind-swept situation, and other difficult places. The ash is one that don't make much work raking leaves and the gypsy moths don't love it.

Robert A. Mitchell.

WHAT IS THIS GOLF

Golf is a form of work made expensive enough for a man to enjoy it. It is physical and mental exertion made attractive by the fact that you have to dress for it in a \$200,000 clubhouse.

Golf is what letter-carrying, ditch digging, and carpet-beating would be if those three tasks had to be performed on the same hot afternoon in short pants and colored socks by gouty-looking gentlemen who required a different implement for every mood.

Golf is the simplest looking game in the world when you decide to take it up, and the toughest looking after you have been at it ten or twelve years.

It is probably the only known game a man can play as long as a quarter of a century and then discover that it was too deep for him in the first place.

The game is played on carefully selected grass with little white balls and as many clubs as the player can afford. These little balls cost from seventy-five cents to \$25.00, and it is possible to support a family of ten people (all adults) for five months on the money represented by the balls lost by some golfers in a single afternoon.

A golf course has eighteen holes, seventeen of which are unnecessary and put in to make the game harder. A "hole" is a tin cup in the center of a "green." A "green" is a small parcel of grass costing about \$1.98 a blade and usually located between a brook and a couple of apple trees, or a lot of "unfinished excavation."

The idea is to get the golf ball from a given point into each of the eighteen cups in the fewest strokes and the greatest number of words.

The ball must not be thrown, pushed or carried. It must be propelled by about \$200.00 worth of curious looking implements, especially designed to provoke the owner.

Each implement has a specific purpose and ultimately some golfers get to know what that purpose is. They are the exceptions.

After each hole has been completed the golfer counts his strokes. Then he subtracts six and says, "Made that in five. That's one above par. Shall we play for fifty cents on the next hole, too, Ed?"

After the final, or eighteenth hole, the golfer adds up his score and stops when he has reached eighty-seven. He

then has a swim, a pint of gin, sings "Sweet Adeline" with six or eight other liars and calls it the end of a perfect day.

Anonymous.

Speaking of publicity, does your local paper boost your club and its doings? Do you get the real cooperation evidenced in the following copied from one New England paper?

THE GOLF CLUB

"The annual fight for honors at the _____ Golf Club is under way, and it looks as if most of the older players—those who have been playing for years—are in the running. We like once in a while to see a new hand come in and challenge the older men for the honors.

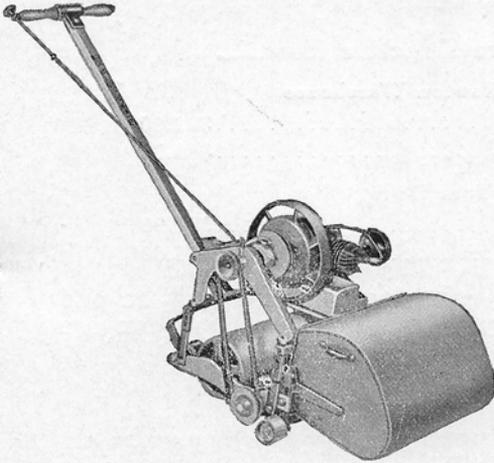
The _____ golf course is in fine condition this year. Much work has been done on the 18 holes, and with the rain of the spring and the summer showers the grass has had a good start. It looks as if the people of _____ would be per-

mitted to use the 18 holes well into the fall.

The greens were never in better condition, and there are those who say that they are the best in _____ and as good as any in New England.

The _____ Golf Club is a real asset to the town. Some way should be found to encourage more _____ people to play golf. There are many men and women who should get away from their every day vocation a bit. They should have a hobby, and there is no better one than playing golf and breathing the fresh air from the links and forgetting home anxieties. _____ is the place to do it."

Carl Treat, who has been Manager as well as Greenkeeper at the Woodland Golf Club these last few months, has started a fine little club paper, "The Woodlander", "issued now and then by the Woodland Golf Club". This homey paper gives items of interest to the members, and news of parties, etc. at the club. We feel that this is an idea that more clubs could use to stimulate interest and foster the real club spirit.



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