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New Ideas for an Old Irrigation System:

Mr. Richard Valentine, Golf Course Superintendent,
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Putting the Trees in the Forest – Correctly:

Mr. William Milne, Golf Course Superintendent,
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Questions and Answers

Association Happenings



"The Gang" — at the annual picnic.



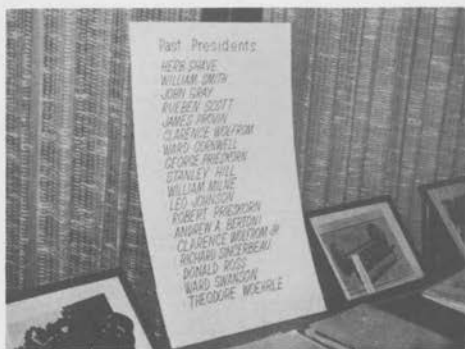
Jerry Comeau and wife, Perry, maneuvering the winds at the annual picnic.



Left: Joe Szilagyi and wife, Mary, enjoying their retirement at the Golden Anniversary. Below: Andy Bertoni and wife, Evelyn, enjoying some of the lighter moments.



Below: A list of past MBCGCSA presidents. Right: Bob and Jackie Hope.



Left: Jim Timmerman looking over pictures and literature from "Old Days".

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Left to Right: Chris Myers, Clarence Wolfrom, Gordie LaFontaine — discussing some of the old literature.



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Charles D. Strang, corporation president, said earnings from golf cars had declined for several years, with losses in 1974 and 1975. "Increased competition from low-priced foreign imports has been a significant factor in this deteriorating profit picture," he said.

Golf cars accounted for two percent of the corporation's total sales in fiscal 1974, Mr. Strang said, and added that the estimated loss from the phasing-out of golf car production will not have a material effect on the corporation's earnings.

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GRASS CLIPPINGS

by FRANK GREEN

"Why does he always have to aerify the greens when I want to play?"

"It seems that every time I get a day off he closes the course to carts and I have to walk."

"Here it is Monday afternoon, the only day I can play, and he has to pick this time to water the fairways!"

Do you know who these people are talking about? That's right — you! To some members it appears that the only reason they have a "greenskeeper" is to interfere with their enjoyment of their golf game.

On the other hand to hear some superintendents talk, you'd think the only possible reason for the existence of 'their' golf course is for them to maintain it. Let's turn my introductory remarks around to the superintendents' viewpoint:

"They won't let me aerify my greens and they're so compacted the water just rolls off."

"They want to use carts today and the ground is so soft they'll ruin the course."

"These members are unbelievable. They want me to stop watering just so they can play golf."

The point I'm attempting to make is that some club members think the superintendent just gets in the way and vice versa. It is true that in most instances the proceeding remarks are exaggerated. There is however, room for improvement in the area of communications for most superintendents

and their club membership.

This can be done at greens committee meetings, at general membership meetings or in various ways throughout the year.

Many superintendents have bulletin boards located in the clubhouse. These are an invaluable aid in informing members when greens are to be aerified, when an overseeding project is planned or when any major maintenance activity is scheduled.

Another way of letting members know what's going on is through pictures or slide presentations. Many times you'll hear the comment "what has he done for the course" or "it was in better shape three years ago". If you have slides or pictures you have all the proof you need. Show the members what you personally have done to the golf course. Show them what you intend to do. Show them too, things you've seen at other courses that you might like to try on yours. It's amazing how much easier people are to talk to when they are confronted with documented facts.

These are several methods of keeping the membership informed. There are many others.

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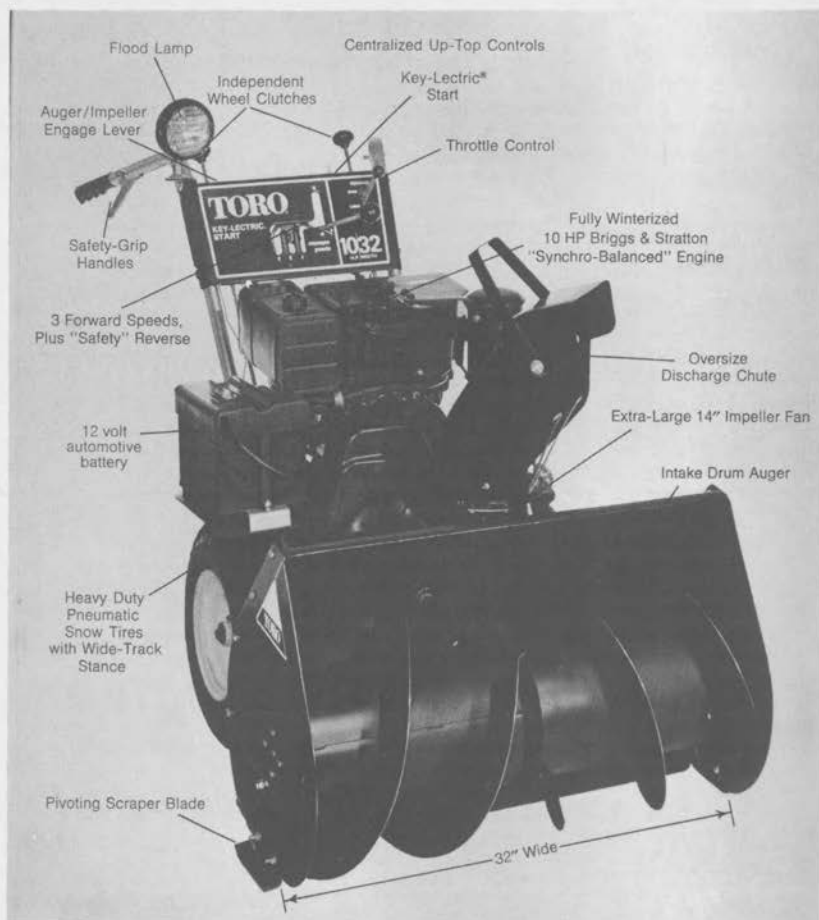
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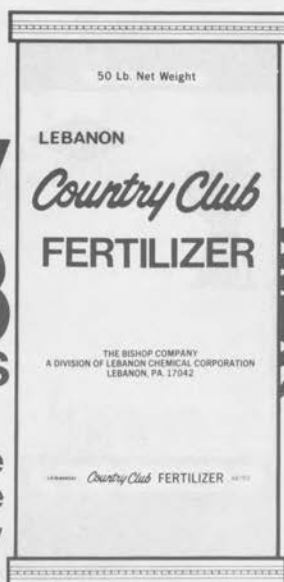
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His pay from 1921 to 1927 was 30 cents per hour. Hugh Ross was the

Sylvester "Ves" Reaume proudly sits on his tractor as Superintendent Jack Lorenz looks on. He is still going strong after 55 years of service.

Greenskeeper at that time.

Archie Reaume was Superintendent from 1927 to 1962 when Jack Lorenz took over as Superintendent.

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Pythium Prevention

At a recent Greater Washington GCSA meeting at the Country Club of Fairfax Dr. Houston Couch, noted pathologist from V.P.I., told the group of a economical program of pythium prevention that I would like to pass on to all our Mid-Atlantic members.

Dr. Couch advocated a late spring application of ZINEB or PARZATE C of 4oz/M followed by two week intervals of 2oz/M application for the remaining summer months. This old stand-by chemical is still of value for its former uses of algae and helminth control.

Dr. Couch stated the use of Zineb or Parzate C will not prevent all attacks of the multitude of varieties

of pythium disease; what it will do though is slow the disease down to where SP or Koban can be applied to stop any outbreak or pythium before any serious damage occurs. In that the killing speed of a pythium attack can be devastating we can't afford to disregard a program. SP and Koban are extremely expensive for general preventative use and Zineb or Parzate C are both reasonably priced fungicides. Dr. Couch did mention we still might consider the use of the more

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A recent USGA GREENS SECTION bulletin from Holman Griffin, dated June 20, 1975 stated the following:

"Although the weather conditions may not be conducive to outbreaks of *pythium* spp on your golf course at present we are receiving numerous reports from both lowland and mountain areas of the Mid-Atlantic attesting to the devastating effect of this disease in a very, very short time (loss of 50% of the turf on some putting greens in less than one hour under ideal conditions for the disease's development, especially with free water present.)"

The following is from Kenneth Quant, editor of Verdure, the Chicago land GCSA newsletter.

"A new fungus disease has made its appearance on the Chicago scene and already it appears to be a shoo-in for rookie-of-the-year honors. It is called *pythium* graminicola and it can be controlled very easily with Tersan SP. (Koban would probably also do the job.)

That sounds easy, but the problem is that *pythium* graminicola symptoms do not look anything like the symptoms of *pythium* ultimum, the normal pythium we can expect in this area. In fact, the symptoms look very much like those associated with Red Leafspot. The turf begins to turn yellowish to brownish as if it were starved and begins to thin out rapidly. There is no grease spotting or distinctive mycelium, only a severe thinning of turf. Spraying with any of the leafspot fungicides will only slow the disease down, it will not stop it. So if you think you have Red Leafspot, and you can't seem to stop it, try some Tersan SP or Koban."

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adds more complications to living with this disease. The above quote from the Chicagoland Newsletter applies equally here in the Mid-Atlantic area.

I had three greens showing the above symptoms and I applied several leaf spot fungicides to those three greens. After a week of no improvements I applied S.P. after noting the other typical pythium brown patches developing within my collars. All disease stopped immediately! Unfortunately I miss-diagnosed pythium for leaf spot and consequently I'm still plugging out the diseased centers of the stricken greens. These three greens were old poa greens with poor air circulation and very poor drainage - ideal conditions for pythium.

Dr. Couch also advocated picking up all grass clippings from the collars and removal of thatch buildup within the greens, as a mechanical preventative for pythium.

from 'BULLSHEET', December, 1974

YOU KNOW WHAT? . . . YOU AND ME DO ALL THE WORK!

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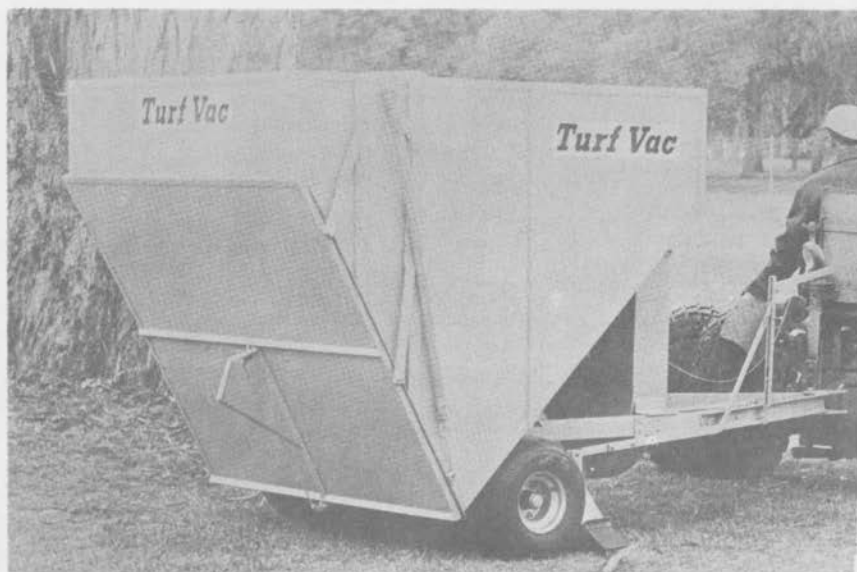
Half of the total is under 21 - leaving 100,000,000 to do the work; There are 70 million over 65 - leaving 30,000,000 to work; Government employees, 24,000,001 - that leaves 5,099,999 people to work. The military has 5,600,000 in service - leaving 399,999 to work! Another 203,000 are in hospitals and sick - leaving 196,999 to work; Jails are housing 101,000 leaving 95,999 to do the work; People lost or missing total 54,000 - leaving 41,999 of which 41,997 are bums, protesters or agitators.

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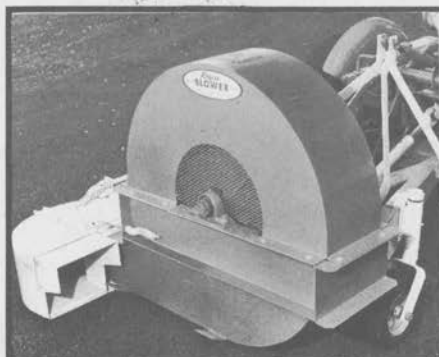
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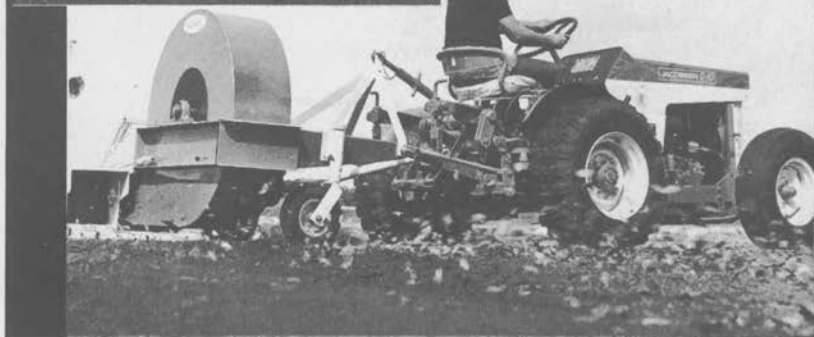
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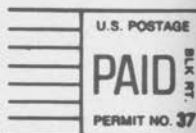
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