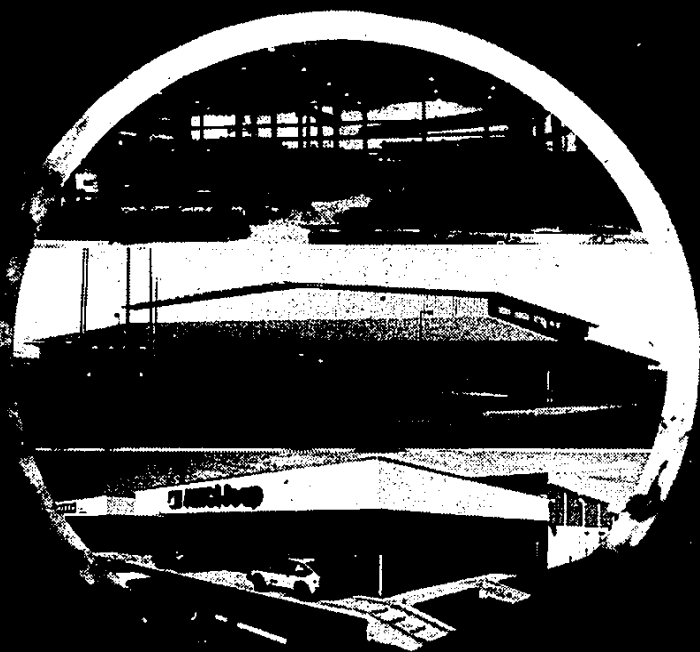


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Oakland Hills' Course Superintendent Ted Woehrl of Troy measures the slick speed of the South Course greens with a stimp meter. Oakland Hills greens measured 9.4 last week. USGA standards are between nine and 10 for this championship event.

Course superintendent busy during tourney

By Tom Baer
staff writer

More than 50 tons of fertilizer annually are spread over the two golf courses at Oakland Hills Country Club. Course Superintendent Ted Woehrl oversees that operation.

He's also the man in charge of such maintenance odds and ends as pin placements (pins are relocated daily except Monday when no golf is played) and grass mowing (every day: tees and greens in the morning, fairways in the evening).

But when the prestigious Bloomfield Township country club hosts a special tournament — like the U.S. Senior Open July 9-12 on the South Course — Woehrl's problems really start multiplying.

That's because at tournament time his

duties grow to include parking (seeing that the North Course doesn't become too ruined by the hundreds of cars which must be parked there), gallery control and deliveries to the concession tent.

"The biggest headache is the delivery traffic to the concession tents," said Woehrl, who is in his 14th summer at Oakland Hills.

"Some of these truck drivers think the shortest distance between two points is a straight line — even if it runs right over a green or a tee."

WOEHLR'S STAFF, usually 20 workers, has been increased to 24 because of the U.S. Senior Open.

"There'll be a little extra grooming of the sand traps and putting up the gallery con-

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