should really be a member of the committee. He should be ready at all times to talk and write his opinions upon any matter under discussion. He should be able to tell the committee why he differs with them, if he does, and not have the committee get sore. He should get his opinions down in writing as much as possible. The committee should ask the greenkeeper’s opinion and respect it, as it is probably better than the committee’s upon any detail of course maintenance.

The big problem for 1937 is to convince club officials that courses need more money, and that they must have more or they may need twice as much the following year. The big problem is to get out of the rut of low budgets. Real cooperation between greenkeepers and their committees goes quite a way towards solving this problem.

Along this line of co-operation, we of the Greenkeepers Club of New England have held two greenkeeper-club official tournaments at our summer meetings, and I believe that they have fostered a fine spirit of fellowship among those present, and have shown many club officials many of the problems of the greenkeeper that they did not appreciate before.

Just Because Machines Still Run Is No Sign They’re Efficient

At TIMES the thoughtful greenkeepers wonder if course maintenance equipment isn’t built too sturdily and honestly. Much of the machinery has run too long and is not displaced because club officials can not realize that even though the equipment is running, it may be costing heavily in obsolescence and inefficiency. This policy certainly does not adequately reward progressive manufacturers who have small enough market and low enough margin of profit in the golf maintenance equipment business. But the heaviest penalty is paid by any club that actually handicaps efforts to further perfect golf course equipment by failure to provide a prompt market for new developments.

KENT BRADLEY,
Greenkeeper, Passaic County GC.

For the first time broadcasting rights to a national golf championship were acquired by an advertiser when the USGA and the Garden City GC accepted the National Biscuit Co. offer to broadcast the National Amateur over an NBC coast-to-coast hook-up.

The broadcast consisted of a daily resume at 5:45 E.D.T. with a stroke-by-stroke account in the concluding hour of the final on Saturday.

In Rhyme Mr. Will Advises You What Greenkeeper Has to Do

It MUST be the influence of nature’s beauty rather than burning passion that moves greenkeepers to composting some poetry, but the fellows do cut loose with verse fairly often. Here’s one job from Rudy Will, Woodmont GC, Bethesda, Md.:

Listen, golfers, while I rant
And give you lads the proper slant
On what we don’t and what we do
To please our merry golfing crew.

We don’t leave tracks in all the traps
And don’t leave divots on their backs.

We cut greens and rough and tees
And trim the limbs from low-hung trees.

We rake traps, and bunkers clip,
And from the hazards, water dip.

We neatly smooth that small landslide
Where you with spade and niblick tried
To dig a model of the Great Divide.

The emerald tees this spring our prides
Now look like mangey leopard hides.

This isn’t all; it is just a start
To prove the greensman does his part.

Club-throwing Contest—Here is a new stunt that creates a lot of interest. Members are given a club (usually an old mid-iron) and throws are measured for distance; sometimes with clubs landing out of certain areas resulting in disqualification for lack of accuracy. Contest is an amusing event for men and women. Variation of this contest is to have player hit a ball and then promptly throw club with either distance of club, or distance of ball and club both, determining the winner.

Fee Course Has Boy’s Club—Smart idea at the Parkland course, Tacoma, Wash., is the organization of a boys’ golf club. Thirteen youngsters from 12 to 16 years old, comprise the charter membership. Three rounds must be played before handicaps are established. Club dues are 25 cents annually and a special daily rate of 25 cents for 18 holes is made the kids; Saturdays and Sundays excluded. A monthly rate of $1, excluding Saturday and Sunday play, is made the boys.