Besides the cramped space of club cleaning and storage quarters there often is the additional handicap of dust. More attention must be paid to making it easy to keep this part of the shop clean. We’re going to find that more necessary as the brightly colored nylon bags are in more extensive use.

Part of the pro department service members have a right to expect at a good club are immediate minor repairs. Not many shops have facilities for making such repairs correctly, conveniently and quickly.

A storage room for inventory not on display must be adequate, convenient and theft-proof. This should be arranged so a pro can make quick inventory, keep his books in good shape and have his buying order signals conspicuous. There also should be a pro office for the paper work that must be done in bookkeeping, club tournaments and handicaps and other activities for which the pro department must be responsible. This office also is useful for receiving salesmen and learning from them all a pro staff should know to be able to select the best merchandise and get information of interest and help to the member buyers.

A toilet is an essential to the pro shop that is in a building detached from the clubhouse.

The display room size, fixtures and floor plan depends on the size and character of the club and on individual judgment of the pro and officials. Opinions will vary on the placement of the stock but almost always experience will endorse the idea of having the ball case deep in the shop so members will see much displayed merchandise when entering and leaving for ball purchasing.

It's A Long Road the Supt. Has Traveled
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WE’VE COME a long way in golf course maintenance. I see some of the route as I look through my files of GOLFDOM which are complete from 1927 on. And a lot of the path of progress I can retrace with laughs from my own experience.

I recall my first years at Inverness in Toledo when each vehicle of course maintenance had as standard equipment a broom and shovel to clean up the solid exhaust from the motive power.

Then, the contents of the baskets, along with what came out of the backdoor of the barn were important sources of supply for the all-important compost pile.

The greens were cut by the sweat of our brows and along toward the end of that job the man mowing the greens would be grunt-