Clean Up During Construction

Clean up as you go along and, in addition, have a thorough clean-up campaign prior to the opening of the course and regularly thereafter. If you remove leaves, small stones, roots, etc., all through your course boundaries, the caddies, small boys and even some players with whom I am familiar will not be tempted to litter the course with them and many a fairway mowing blade will not be ruined. Heavy rains, too, will pile up the refuse unless you yourself carry it all away once.

Trim all the deadwood out of trees bordering the course while construction is going on. You can haul away ten loads of it at this time cheaper than you can one after the course has been opened. Insist, too, on a serviceable road for you to move your maintenance equipment and, last of all, don’t recommend the purchase of any kind of equipment unless it is of the best.

Volunteer Member Labor Cuts Costs at Lakefield

THERE are close to 6,000 golf courses in the United States, among which can be found layouts of all degrees of pretentiousness from the million dollar establishment, with luxuries and services on all sides, to the humble little cross-roads club whose links consist of little more than nine tin cans spotted about a pasture. Yet one fortunate thing about the game of golf is the fact that the elaborateness of the layout has little to do with the members’ enthusiasm for the game. Be it ever so humble, there’s no game like golf.

As an example of how inexpensive yet satisfactory golf can be, consider the Lakefield (Minn.) Golf Club with its 9-hole course laid over 40 acres of rather rolling and hilly terrain. Lakefield charges its members only $10 annual dues, $5.00 for women, and manages to meet all expenses without serious assessments. The answer lies in the fine co-operation the members give whenever there is work to be done about the club. In a letter to GOLFDOM, George A. Payne, secretary of the Lakefield club, tells of this, as follows:

“We hire a man to work afternoons only for $50 per month. He keeps our grounds mowed and finds time also to take care of our sand greens. We rigged up an old Ford and have a 3-section mower.

“When this man finds he is running be-
hind in his work on the greens, etc., he notifies the chairman of the grounds committee, and the chairman of the grounds committee in turn issues a call for members to help. He tells them to be on hand at a certain hour, generally after supper.

"For example, last year we decided to build a new green. So the chairman asked the members to turn out at 6:30 p.m. on a certain evening with shovels, rakes and other tools. About twenty of us responded to the call and the green and an accompanying bunker were finished that evening. It is surprising what a bunch of men can do in a couple of hours—besides having a mighty good time doing it!

"In like manner we cleaned off all the rocks and stones one evening with a bunch of men and a truck. You can figure up for yourself how much this donated labor saves the club in even one season. We haven’t the best course in the country, but we have as much fun as though we were sane."

Many a reader of GOLFDOM, particularly those who are officials in clubs where the more done for the members the less the members seem to appreciate the management’s efforts, will envy Mr. Payne’s last sentence above.

Rhode Island Greenkeepers’ Day, May 25 at Kingston

ENTHUSIASTIC support given last year to the Rhode Island experiment station’s “Greenkeepers Field Day” has prompted T. E. Odland, agronomist of the station, to repeat the demonstration this season. The date set is Monday, May 25, at Kingston, R. I.

The morning will be devoted to an inspection of the experimental turf plots, a number of which have been added since the meeting last year, including several new bent grass strains and varieties. The visitors will also inspect the old lawn plots established almost thirty years ago and the plots on which different methods of fertilization are tried.

Following the inspection tour, greenkeepers will lunch in the dining hall of Rhode Island State College, where they will be addressed by Daniel A. Clarke, local nurseryman and landscape architect, on “Trees and Shrubs for the Golf Course.” This talk, which promises to contain much of practical value, will be followed by a general discussion of golf course problems, in which everyone present is invited to join.

The balance of the day will be given over to exhibits and demonstrations on the college campus by manufacturers of golf course equipment, who as last year have been invited to display their wares.

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A sterling silver cup with an engraving of a soldier, mounted on a marble base, has been donated by Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War. A trophy of similar design but with the engraving of a sailor, is being given by Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of the Navy. The Adams trophy will be awarded to the Legionnaire, who was a sailor or marine during the world war and who makes the lowest score in the tournament among former sailor and marine entrants. The Hurley cup goes to the Legionnaire who served in the army during the war and who makes the best score among the former soldier contestants.

Further information concerning the tournament may be obtained from the Golf Tournament Committee, National American Legion Convention Headquarters, 603 Barlum Tower, Detroit, Mich.

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Of course, we have to admit that some professions are making more dough and making it easier than certain other professions. Attorneys, doctors, stockbrokers, etc., make big jack whereas undertakers, greenkeepers, real estate agents and horse doctors are just as brainy but they have to work dog-goned hard for their money and never seem to get in on the real big dough.

Take the medical profession for instance. When I feel under the weather and pay a visit to our local pill-dispenser what happens? I sit down in a hard uncomfortable chair, he gives me the fishy eye and inquires as to what the hell ails me. If I complain of a pain in my tummy he reaches up on the top shelf, and gives me eight and a half cents worth of pills out of bottle No. 17. For a headache I get nine cents worth of pills out of bottle number 22. That’s all I get except the final curt demand for “two bucks, please!” I can remember the time when a doctor only charged a dollar and gave you a prescription and you got a pint bottle of dope from the druggist for two bits with the privilege of having it refilled. My mother is still using prescriptions that she got way back in 1897. Of course the docs finally got wise that the women were double crossing them on these prescriptions so now they don’t give prescriptions. When the medicine is all gone, you gotta go back to the doc and pay him two bucks for another ten cents worth of pills. Doctoring is a nice, dignified profession with a six hundred per cent margin of profit on the pills.

On the other hand take horse doctors. A successful horse doctor has to have more in his dome than applause. Why? Well, if my horse gets sick and I take him to a horse doctor can the doctor ask the horse where it hurts? No! Consequently a horse doctor has to be able to look at a sick horse in the eye and correctly diagnose the trouble as colic, heaves or spavin.

It’s an art and it takes brains, but in the old days a horse doctor never got rich. He drove ten miles in a buggy to doctor a farmers’ sick horse and then waited until the wheat was threshed to collect a dollar and fifty cents.

A few years ago the horse doctors got sick and tired of having the ungrateful public make jokes about their profession so they changed the name from horse doctor to Veterinarian. Nowadays a veterinarian charges 15 cents a mile for his gasoline buggy and five bucks for diagnosing the horse.

Years ago any man who took the job of town dog-catcher was ruined for life. The name of dog-catcher just naturally lacked dignity and poise and a dog-catcher’s children just naturally lost out in the social swim. What happened? Well, last November when I marked my ballot at the local election I voted for Sam Dinkelputt for Superintendent of Sanitation. Of course Sam’s principle duty consists in rounding up the town’s surplus mongrels just like the dog-catcher did in the old days. Sam gets $3,000 per annum whereas the old time dog-catcher was lucky to get 12 bucks a week, with a bog-bite now and then to keep him on his toes.

Take undertakers. The public used to have a lot of sport making jokes about them. It hurt their dignity and knocked the profits. So the undertakers up and changed the name to Mortician. Try and make a joke about a mortician. You might just as well try to swallow a pineapple.

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One of the healthiest signs of the times is the very evident and dissatisfied attitude toward the term greenkeeper in the rank and file of the profession. The word is the lousiest possible word-definition of a man entrusted with the upkeep of a modern golf course. The term greenkeeper doesn't mean a thing to the world at large. The name of greenkeeper has done more to hold back the profession during the past ten years than all other factors put together. It needs desperately to be modernized with a new name that carries dignity and an accurate indication of the scope, importance and standing on the job. I conservatively estimate that a class title in place of the present misnomer would result in an average increase in earnings of at least $500 per annum within the next 5 years.

The term Golf Course Manager would seem to be the best title of those proposed to date. The words are short and easily pronounced. The general public knows what a golf course is, whereas most of them don't know a green from a piebald alley cat. The public also knows that a "manager" sits in the shade while the laborers tread the hot sands. Whatever the new title may be when ultimately adopted it cannot fail to be an improvement on the archaic, outworn title of greenkeeper.

EDITORS NOTE.—That's what Leach has to say about the tendency of greenkeeper organizations to adopt titles that more accurately define and advertise the scope and importance of their members' work. Now read what John MacGregor, a leader in Midwest greenkeeping circles, has to say on the other side of the case:

"Greenkeeper" O. K., Says Mac.

DURING the past few months several of the sectional greenkeepers associations have changed their titles to Golf Course Superintendents. I should like to know what we are to gain through changing our title. When the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was started it seemed natural that the title greenkeepers be used. It was the accepted title for over 30 years. We have been organized now for nearly five years. The officials and members of golf clubs and the U. S. G. A. officials have, during the past few years, been acquainting themselves with the title and now recognize the greenkeeper as a man with a profession, and responsible for the condition of the golf course. If the title is changed it will take just that much longer to get acquainted with the new title, and to what end?

I cannot see anything wrong with the title "greenkeeper." It is the merits of the man which appeal to the officials of the club, not the title. The title superintendent is not going to gain a man more prestige with his club officials if he cannot deliver the goods. I have been arguing this point for four years and will continue to do so until someone can show me very good reasons for a change. The New England Greenkeepers Association is the oldest organized association in the country, having been organized several years before the organization of the N. A. G. A. It seems that it was also natural that they should choose the title "greenkeeper," and have made no effort to change.

We shall leave the greenkeeper for a minute, and take the green-chairman. This title is and has been recognized as the original and correct title by the green-chairman; it was natural, then, that the word greenkeeper be coined.

Midwest Stands Pat.

At a meeting of the Executive committee and Board of Directors of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association, April 20th, after much discussion and debate, it was decided to recommend at the next regular meeting of the association that no change be made in the title of that body. The vote of eight members present was unanimous. It is now up to the membership to accept or reject the committee's recommendation. This decision was not made impulsively; the situation was studied and argued from every angle.

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