Tommy Cox, greenkeeper at Sim Park, Wichita's municipal golf links is busy constructing new grass tees. They are being built large and roomy with plenty of space for changing tee markers often and are constructed so as to give the golfers a full view of the fairway. And new work has taken much of Chas. Lyon's time at the Hutchinson Country Club of Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. Lyon has kept his course in wonderful condition and has even made some necessary improvements that seemed impossible last spring because of a drastic cut in the budget.

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OKLAHOMA

On November 30th, 1932, the mayor of the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the park commissioners requested that greenkeepers and professionals of the district meet at the town hall for a discussion of the proposed methods of construction and maintenance of the Mohawk Park thirty-six-hole municipal golf course.

At the meeting it was revealed that the park board had been told almost everything under the sun in regard to the building and maintenance of bent grass greens. They had been informed that it was not at all necessary to have greens tiled and that the idea of underground drainage was merely a plan to fleece the city for several thousand dollars.

The park board was undecided and puzzled; they were determined that every penny of the funds given them by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. be used to a good advantage. Although they had conferred with several architects, they had come to no conclusive idea as to just what had to be done.

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If this park board follows in the footsteps of other cities they will probably spend a huge sum of money foolishly before they learn that advice from those who have had no experience with the operation of golf courses is costly. The cost of construction will probably far exceed the original estimate, and upkeep the first few years following will run the course into the red as is usually the rule if a group of men planning the construction of a golf course do not follow proven methods of maintenance.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND CONVENTION

Although the convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America which will be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago in February is primarily for the greenkeepers and golf course superintendents of the United States and Canada it would be a good idea to suggest to members of the Park Board of the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and others interested in the promotion of golf courses that they attend the convention.

At that meeting they will become acquainted with some of the world's foremost golf course superintendents who have made a lifetime study of course maintenance. And on the speakers' program are America's most noted soil and turf experts and their knowledge of grasses is not based on books nor heresy, but on years of actual experience.

These speakers will tell how to develop fine greens and fairways. They will tell of recent technical developments in turf maintenance, and all about soils, their composition and fertility. The most important subject, however, on the program will be budgeting. This talk will be especially interesting to those who realize the necessity to economize on golf courses at the present time.

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Golf course machinery including many new labor-saving devices will be exhibited at the National Convention and it will afford an excellent opportunity for club officials and greensmen to select modern up-to-date equipment for the golf course for the coming year. There are several new pieces of equipment ready for inspection as well as fertilizers and many other supplies that will interest the present-day greenkeeper.

Practically all leading manufacturers of golf course equipment and supplies are exhibiting this year and the Convention show room will be a lively and colorful scene. It will be like a large general store devoted to golf equipment which has been erected over night.