

instances men were cutting grass with the old-fashioned scythe. In some towns the golf courses and the city parks are mowed every ten days or two weeks because it takes that amount of time to completely cover the property with the equipment they were using. In as many places I found the clubhouse employes carrying water for kitchen use from a well located from fifty to one hundred feet from the kitchen. In another case I found the drinking water delivered by tank wagons to the house. In hundreds of cases there was no watering system on the property so they must depend upon rainfall. I remember one place in particular when last summer at the height of the golf season the so-called pro had a stock of goods consisting of eighteen golf balls and two drivers, all of which evidently had been purchased some five or six years ago. I met up with perhaps five hundred or more clubs who did not have a pro and the greenkeeper was doing the best he could to learn the fundamentals of the game from magazine articles that he might some day control that position.

We're Trying Our Darndest.

Is there not some way that your magazine, which as I stated, has the intense interest of these men, can help give them the true and unbiased information they so strongly desire?

Would it not be good business on your part that you offer to these inexperienced, all the information you can gather on their problems and in turn solicit their co-operation by asking that these men limit their purchases to the advertisers in your magazine since the advertisers as I understand are really making it possible for you to give to these men the information required for them to produce the results desired by the golfing public.

"Permanent Improvement Committee" Idea Grows

"PERMANENT Improvement Committee," now working successfully for quite a few clubs, promises to add many more converts to the idea this year. The Minneapolis Golf club is to consider the establishment of such a committee at its next general meeting.

A bulletin announcing the meeting says:

"The meeting will also be asked to consider a provision for a committee to be known as the Permanent Improvement Committee. This would be a hold-over committee which would endeavor to maintain a more or less definite and consistent policy of improvements and give the incoming chairmen the benefit of the experience and mistakes of the previous administration. This idea is partly the result of the recent policy of the members of the board in declining to run for re-election causing a much more rapid turn-over in the personnel of the board than ever before."

Chicago District Probing Course Costs

CHICAGO District Golf Association's Green Section of which Guy M. Peters of Olympia Fields is chairman, is circulating among Chicago District clubs a cost distribution sheet as the start of its study of Chicago District green costs.

The sheet, which has vertical columnar rulings for each month of the year, provides for expenses as show in the accompanying reproduction.

Mr. Peters, in circulating the sheets with the request that as many clubs as find it practicable keep their books on the basis outlined by the sheet, further says:

"The purpose is to secure for comparison purposes a standardized system of cost accounting among the clubs of the Chicago District. Heretofore there has been no uniformity of cost accounting and it has been impossible to obtain data for comparison purposes.

"This sheet is based on a cost accounting system worked out by several clubs in this District who have kept detailed cost of their operation. We believe it is not so detailed but what any greenkeeper with a little thought and practically no additional expense can keep his costs substantially as outlined on this sheet.

"From time to time a questionnaire will be sent out by our association and the data furnished will be correlated and analyzed and the results furnished to all clubs co-operating in the proposed cost accounting system. It is believed that the information thus obtained will be very helpful to the member clubs in organizing their work on the most economical basis."