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## Vigilance and skill in CARE of EQUIPMENT can make or break budget

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VERY important item at a golf course but rarely touched upon by writers is the handling and managing of golf course equipment. This is a subject which ought to be carefully considered by all greenkeepers or anyone else who has the charge of a golf course in his hands.

When May comes around all golf clubs, I would say, will have had their machinery and equipment overhauled and replacements of worn out and broken parts made. They are all set to undergo the wear and tear and constant grind of a long season for any make of a machine. Granted that 19 out of 20 golf clubs start out at the beginning of a season with equipment that is in first class order and efficiency, how

long is it before we hear the old familiar cry, "I am having nothing but bad luck, machines are always breaking down," etc. Some of us may strike a patch of ill luck sometime but really in the majority of cases it is sheer neglect on someone's part. Not so long ago power mowers and other machinery used on a golf courses were more or less a mystery to greenkeeper's and the machines' users. But present-day manufacturers have brought their machines up to such standards of efficiency that any average intelligent man can operate them. Equipment at all times ought to be always in good condition. If neglected it is soon going to make itself manifest on a golf course.



*P. and A. photo.*

There will have to be something done about planes smoothing out wheel prints in traps if we have many more cases like this one at Westbury C. C. where Capt. Boris Sergievsky overshot Roosevelt Field.