

met with scowls of disapproval. For this reason tournaments are regarded by them as wholly useless. The publicity is regarded merely as a means of making their favorite courses too crowded to play on with accustomed leisure, and as for the benefits of constructive criticism coming from the visitors, the criticism is rarely heard and is almost never constructive.

It is easy to understand, then, how members of the old guard will come into violent conflict at times with enterprising officials who are desirous of scheduling tournaments.

Players' Ideas Help

Returning to the original idea, inasmuch as greenkeepers probably never will be able to visit other courses throughout the nation periodically, the best thing for them to do is to welcome the visits of traveled tournament players and obtain from them what particles of information are available. Such a suggestion will be the signal for a howl of derision to arise from the ranks of the greenkeepers, but there it is. One can almost hear the golf course superintendents saying, "What does Mac-Smith Horton know about conditions in California? He probably doesn't even know what kind of grass he has on his own course." Admitting the possibility that the ubiquitous pro knows not whereof he speaks in regard to grasses and their names, he does know something which no greenkeeper should be so foolish as to ignore; that is, the professional recognizes a good course when he plays upon it, and after all this is the final test of a greenkeeper's ability, to make a course enjoyable to play upon. A golf course superintendent may have an excellent irrigation system; he may handle his men well; he may save his club money; but if he cannot provide a course that is a joy to play upon, then he has failed in his duty.

The foregoing may seem elementary, but the fact remains that a number of greenkeepers in California as elsewhere can meet every argument as to why their courses are in bad shape with a splendid rebuttal, but the results which count are not forthcoming.

However, southern California greenkeepers as a group are exceedingly anxious to further their knowledge in regard to turf culture when and wherever possible. For some time they have had a tentative arrangement with the botany department of the University of Southern California

whereby a certain amount of research is being carried on in the field of grass diseases and ailments. Also a graduate student in the chemistry department of the same institution is attempting to find some chemical which will kill Bermuda grass and permit other grasses to grow. He is approaching the matter from the angle of Bermuda's inability to thrive in acid soil. However, the college scientist should take cognizance of the fact that a too strongly acid soil condition makes for susceptibility to turf and grass diseases. That is one of the reasons by lime had such a sudden return to popularity as a fertilizer. It was used to counteract the acid condition of the soil and prevent disease. All of which constitutes a vicious circle: Bermuda grass under normal soil conditions to fine grass with an acid soil and disease susceptibility, back to normal soil and Bermuda with the introduction of lime. However, scientists are not in the habit of being discouraged, and hundreds of greensmen are praying for their success.

Keyless Locks Now Available on New Lockers

DUDLEY LOCK CO., Chicago, announces recently completed arrangements whereby their self-closing, vault type, keyless locks, silent, quickly operated and pick-proof, can be specified by clubs when purchasing lockers from any locker manufacturer. There is no appreciable increase in cost over key-operated equipment.

Outstanding among the advantages of this combination lock for country club use, according to the Dudley people, are: complete elimination of the lost key nuisance and expense, prevention of locker pilferage, an easily changed combination, and a self-locking feature—when the locker door is closed, it is locked. Another feature is that members while on the course need not carry bulky key-rings in their knicker pockets.

For changing over existing key-locks, the Dudley people make a vault type lock similar to the above and a padlock type model, both easily attachable to locker doors by any club employe.

