

sions. The P. G. A. will not be content until it has this part of the business to the extreme of human perfection. With the new factor of better discounts that has been placed in our hands the P. G. A. has a 1930 platform of still more rigid enforcement of a 100% credit rating as a prime qualification for membership. As this arrangement was effected for pros by the P. G. A. the P. G. A. very willingly undertakes the policing power that is at least our moral obligation, due the manufacturer.

### Group Buying Is Out

Pro collective buying under the auspices of the P. G. A. has been eliminated from matters under consideration, due to the expensive and complicated distribution machinery involved. Abandonment of this matter after extensive investigation by our committee and after the new arrangements were made with the manufacturers leaves us free to focus important committee activities on merchandising education, employment and club relations. We have only to look into the bags in our racks to see what a huge unworked market we have right before us. For the good of our members, ourselves and the manufacturers 1930 should see us greatly developing sales of merchandise and instruction.

So, each pro who is worthy of his profession looks forward to the New Year starting as affording him his best chance to date of making himself recognized as a major factor in advancing the game.

### AN EX-PRESIDENT'S LETTER

IF I WERE accepting the presidency for the first time and was not familiar at all with the workings of a golf club organization, I would highly appreciate a written report and a letter of recommendation by the chairman of each standing committee and especially from the secretary of the club. I would follow the same policy in organizing the new administration as outlined above for the reason that it is in accordance with the by-laws of our club and also is so simplified as to be very effective and has worked out in general practice for the good of the organization. I feel that an organization should not be too complex, neither should it be too elaborate and the closer the Board of Governors or the officers work together, the better results will be reflected at the end of the year.

BETTER weed out crab grass while it is small. The longer you put it off the more difficult will be the job and the greater will be the damage done the turf.

## No Joy in Championships for the Greenkeeper

HERB SHAVE, greenkeeper at the Oakland Hills C. C., Birmingham, Mich., is one of those in the business who can say that when a major championship is granted the greenkeeper's troubles begin.

Now that it's all over and those who attended the Women's National event, in any capacity, came away from Oakland Hills impressed with its excellent greens, the story of what Herb was up against can be told. The weather man kidded him along at the start of the season, and then started dealing to Shave from the bottom of the deck. Let the presiding genius of the Birmingham establishment tell the tale in his own words:

"We started the spring work under very wet conditions, and continued till June 15th with good growing weather; in fact, too good to last. We sure had our troubles from then on. From that date we had two showers of from one to two hours' duration, with one day's rain in July. After that, rain was something we did not know till September 28th, which was Saturday. It started Saturday night and stopped Sunday morning around 10 o'clock.

"Our fairways, up to that time, had been nothing but dried up grass, our water supply at that time being inadequate for fairway sprinkling. In fact, I was lucky to be able to keep my tees and greens.

"We had the Women's National from September 30 to October 5th, and, like all brother greenskeepers, I wanted to have my course in as good shape as possible to get it.

"Fairways had to go as they were, and I devoted my time and patience to greens and tees. Two weeks before the tournament I top-dressed with two yards clean sharp sand per green, and gave them a shot of sulphate to cheer them up. I was very much pleased the way they came along.

"My club members had been telling me all summer that the greens were in the finest condition they had ever seen them, and when the U. S. G. A. officials and the women players passed out so many compliments about the condition of the whole course I just called it the best work I did for the season of 1929."