



Jersey's Greens Short Course Class at Rutgers U., Feb. 22-26.

tees and approaches, in less than two months. Similar statements are made by other users of power equipment. Questions of accounting methods and of possibilities of time lost in traveling from job to job are raised by the advocates of manual mowing who also bring up the matter of possible expensive investment in emergency equipment for safety's sake.

But these are the days when figures talk and as the figures put up by the power users are eloquent, the subject of greens mowing is getting serious consideration. The manual people question the appearance of the power cutting jobs or the effect of power mowing on the turf, but the power folks come back with some logical dope in rebuttal. After all, when the loud pedal is being put on costs, the power green mowing proposition is doing golf a service in sharply focussing attention on what effect purchase of new equipment may have in producing ultimate economy.

### Analyzing the Figures

Previous reference has been made to the folly of jumping at conclusions from bare presentation of course maintenance cost but some of the labor cost figures the power people put up makes one stop, look and listen.

O. T. Jacobsen, green-chairman, Kilbourn (Wis.) C. C., writes GOLFDOM giving figures on Kilbourn's labor cost for 1931. It is apparent from the fairway mowing cost that there was quite a little time during the season when the fairways were not mowed, and it will be noted that the greens were not mowed more than five times a week, which is less than the usual practice at private clubs.

Mr. Jacobsen, whose interest in power green mowing naturally is acute, because

of his connection with the mower manufacturing company bearing his name, says:

"In August GOLFDOM you ran an article by J. M. Heald, pertaining to the maintenance cost of golf courses, inviting other clubs to submit their figures for the benefit of comparison. We are accordingly pleased to submit the following statement of the labor cost to maintain the Kilbourn C. C. for the past season. Greenkeeper's salary is not included.

Mowing greens—(27) .....	\$ 420.24
Sprinkling, top dressing and miscellaneous .....	625.19
Cut, water and renovate tees.	97.89
Mowing of fairways.....	341.20
Special work on fairways....	304.79
Work on bunkers.....	178.07
Preparation of compost.....	66.28
Miscellaneous labor and new construction .....	557.65
Repair work .....	177.92

\$2,769.23

"The Kilbourn C. C. is a 27-hole course, with 27 fine, built-up, undulating, Washington Bent greens, averaging 6,000 sq. ft. each or better. This is the third season that the course has been in full play. In 1931 it was open for play from the 15th of April to the first of November, with a 25% increase in play over the year before.

"The grass was kept in the very best of condition throughout the season and suffered practically no brown-patch which was so common with many courses in this area. With the heavy play and high standard of maintenance, we feel that our operating expense has been very nominal. It is our impression that many other courses are spending much larger amounts for maintenance with no better results. For