

both his feet and his ball will be on the same horizontal plane. This unequal settling can be prevented in construction by making sure that the soil is the same throughout, allowing for proper drainage, and by giving the bed ample time to settle before the seed is planted.

### Levelling Tees

But greenkeepers on those courses which have tees with surfaces like that of the ocean can avail themselves of a method to cure this evil which does not necessitate complete reconstruction. This in brief consists of relaying the turf on a level foundation. The turf is taken up in sections and piled in order very carefully. The denuded ground is then levelled off by taking soil from the high spots and placing it in the low. If very little leveling has to be done the ground can be rolled and the turf can be replaced immediately. If much soil has to be replaced it is best to water it down and allow it to settle before rolling it. Otherwise the completed tee might settle. With the establishment of a level foundation the turf can be replaced exactly as taken up, after which it is tamped and rolled. Finally a heavy top-dressing consisting mostly of sand to fill in remaining crevices must be administered. A perfect new tee should be ready for play inside of 2 weeks.

Four men equipped with a sod cutter, a tractor, a roller, and the usual assortment of tools can take up 1,000 square feet of turf an hour and can replace it even faster. The work could be speeded if the sod could be rolled instead of taken up in sections, but in California the turf does not have a sufficiently coarse root system to prevent it from crumbling.

The toughest grass that will grow is usually the best grass for tees. In the Pacific southwest Bermuda grass would be ideal were it not for the fact that it has no growth during the coldest months of the year when play is heaviest. The sowing of equal parts of Bermuda, blue grass, and Pacey's rye serves very well because the last two named grasses will be green when the other is dormant. Farther north the substitution of red top in this mixture for Bermuda makes an excellent teeing surface.

In bringing to a close this dissertation on tees and the attention thereof, the editor perhaps will pardon the writer if he quotes a true story with a Great Moral attached to it. A Central California golf

course suffered from a one-shot hole which was manifestly unfair and as such was a constant source of complaint. Luck decided the result of every tee shot. Despairing officials bewailed the fact that they would have to build a new green in a more favorable position but had resigned themselves to this expensive fate and were waiting for a favorable opportunity to have the work done. A total stranger visited the course one day in an unofficial capacity, heard the story, and looked into the situation. He solved the problem permanently by picking up the tee markers and placing them on a level spot about 50 yards away, thereby revealing a clear path to the much maligned green.

### Tom Armour Being Booked on Golf Lecture Tour

**TOMMY ARMOUR** is being booked for a lecture tour by W. A. Fritschy, 600 Altman Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. Tom is going to teach four classes daily. One full term of the lessons will consist of 6 one-hour class lessons and will run 3 days of each of the 2 weeks for which Tom is being spotted in various cities. He works Kansas City starting April 11. Other cities now are being scheduled, with the tentative date for the beginning of the tour set for early in March. The class lessons will cost \$15 per person for the series of 6 lessons but Tom also will teach privately during open time of his stops, at the rate of \$25 per half hour with no one being accepted for less than 4 private lessons.

Fritschy says a number of pros have enrolled for the lessons. It looks like a great stunt.

We understand some of the boys have put up mild squawks at the prospect of Tom coming into their burgs and picking up lesson dough, but what golf instruction needs for pro good is some stunt like this to bring instruction into the spotlight. Armour dragging \$25 per lesson will be good for the cause too. It will build up the price for lessons.

On paper, the Armour "master class" proposition looks like a natural. If it proves out, it ought to mean a big thing for golf and the pro business. The way smart hard workers put over women's and children's classes at their clubs during 1931 shows that this class lesson idea is well worth a strong play for the development of the game.