

little trouble. Playing members in various commercial firms were immediately attracted to the idea and they in turn interested fellow-workers and the managements in the proposal. Greensboro sports writers fell in line at the outset and have had a competing team each season. Their space allowances have been as generous as might be expected from their participation. At the opening of each league season, each team submits a list of 12, from which a team of four is chosen for any one match. Play is in individual team matches and proceeds according to a regular schedule, posted in advance of the league opening. Results are posted at the club and are announced on the sports pages. Trophies are awarded at the end of each season.

Play is confined to the summer weeks which have days long enough to permit 18-hole matches after 4 p. m. This hour has been found, by experience, to be the earliest one at which it is possible to get office workers on the course.

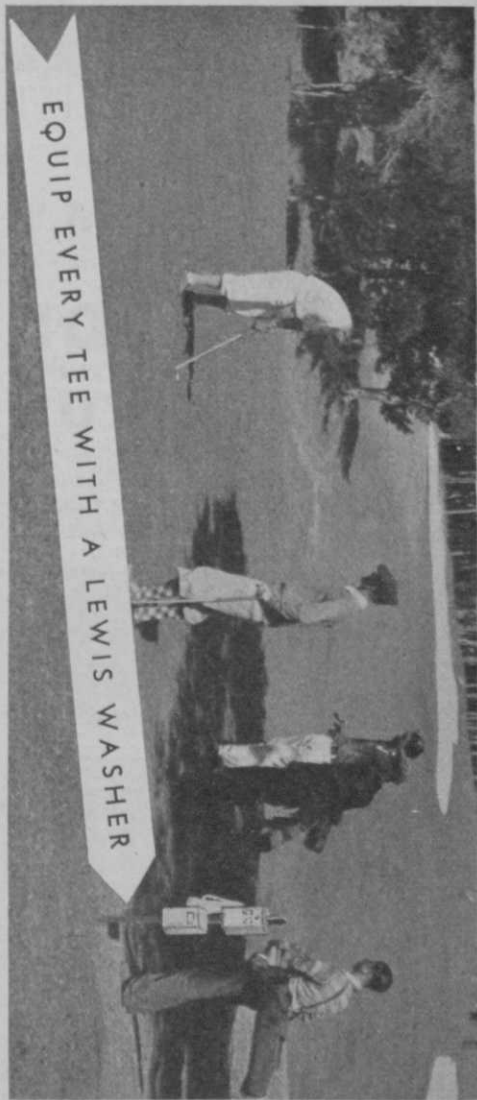
Corcoran says the leagues have brought in business in a time when business has been hard to find.

## READY FOR ACTION

### Emergency Budget Item Allows Prompt Handling of Needed Work

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FOR THE LAST three years, the period during which I have been greenkeeper at North Shore, the budgets submitted to our committee have carried an item covering the fertilizing of fairways, but in each case was voted down. Late last summer, however, the fairways showed the effect of malnutrition to such an extent that even the members began to take notice and ask why. The exact cause was promptly supplied and a forecast given of developments to be expected if the remedy was longer withheld. We got the fertilizer. The soil analysis I made before ordering the fertilizer indicated the need of a fairly high rating, and to avoid excessive burning, the fall application was cut below the actual requirements. The balance will be applied in the spring and because of the excellent results which showed before



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winter set in, I am confident of having fairways next year comparing favorably with any in the district.

A few extensions of our fairway watering system, to cover small areas not properly cared for by the original installation, will assure uniformity throughout the fairways. Some slight changes will be made in the method of watering, as the long dry summer of last year brought out certain inadequacies in the established routine.

### Emergency Budget Item.

In discussing the budget for 1934, our greens chairman, Harry W. Wolf, requested that estimates of upkeep expense be kept to a minimum, but indicated that he proposed to ask that an item be added to the completed budget without any strings tied to it. This would be either an emergency or a luxury fund; the idea being that if, in the course of the season, the need of some alteration, improvement or addition should develop not covered by the regular budget, we could go right ahead and draw on the unclassified item. A good idea, similar perhaps to adding a few touches of trim to a house after painting; not costing much but making a surprising difference.

Because of errors in construction it was found necessary to tear up our Number Seventeen green in 1932 and recondition the soil in time for the National Open last year. In the fall of last year we used the same treatment on our Number Ten, and we expect no further trouble from these greens. A number of other greens, rebuilt five or six years ago, have shown indications in a few spots of similar defects of construction and soil textures, but to a much less degree. These small areas can only be detected from time to time during the season, and, as opportunity affords, I propose to correct that condition without interfering with play in any way.

Small sections of turf will be lifted, some of the ironbound clay subsoil removed and hardwood charcoal, sand or lime introduced to open up the dense structure and encourage capillary action. Peat will be used in the upper strata to insure retention of an adequate moisture content. As only a small section of the green will be reconditioned at a time, and the work done when play is at a minimum, we expect to attain our objective without anyone knowing it is being done.

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