

expect a putting surface of even regularity—be they fast or slow—and it will be advisable for the greenkeeper who is short-handed, to bend every energy toward finishing his mowing operations as early in the day as possible, and only under extreme circumstances, should they be carried over into the afternoon.

Watering is an upkeep operation, which is an important factor in determining the playing quality of the turf. Sometimes watering is neglected, more often it is overdone. Neglected greens are usually the far ones on the course, soggy ones are found nearby. Here again the player seeks a sameness of playing conditions, and also demands that your sprinkling operations be carried out with the least possible interference to his game, by reason of unnecessary puddles, or obstructing hose.

Topdressing is another important job which tends to annoy players. The laudable desire of the greenkeeper to finish as many greens as he possibly can sometimes leads him to move from one green to another before rubbing in his material. Putting under such conditions is largely a matter of luck and spoils the touch of the player on the remaining untreated greens.

To sum up, each season demands of the greenkeeper more vigilance, more planning, and more hard work. His plans, however, must be of an elastic nature, in that they must in no way interfere with the pleasure and recreation of the player, nor in the least way disturb his concentration, especially in competition.

In this respect I will make a special plea for the ladies. Their mid-week and very often early forenoon activities on the links are the cause of delaying the workmen in their maintenance work. Here a more intimate touch with the tournament schedule of the club, will save the greenkeeper much unnecessary worry.

The players on their part, while they will expect much and demand more must consider the times through which (I trust) we are passing and like the good sportmen—which all golfers believe they are—be content to play the course as they find it and the ball as it lies.

On the greenkeeper—in no small measure—rests the responsibility of helping clubs pull through. His intelligence, skill, economy, and hard work are vital to the full recovery of golf clubs.

## Green Fee-Travel Ticket Builds Fee Course Play

**G**OLFERS IN LARGE metropolitan areas, who do not have or desire to use automobiles in journeying from their homes to a course, seldom have privileges which are offered to the clientele of the Main Line Open golf course of Wayne, Pa., located in the picturesque suburban section of Philadelphia. These privileges make it possible for the Philadelphia golfer of average means to be transported to the very tee of the golf links without any cost other than that of the green-fee, as that amount includes round trip transportation to the course.

The management of the Main Line Open golf club, believing that its business would be increased if it could provide economical transportation for many of the residents of Philadelphia, affected an arrangement with the Philadelphia & Western Railway Co., whereby the golfer buys a combination ticket at the 69th Street, Philadelphia, ticket office of the railway company, which ticket provides round trip transportation to the Radnor Station of the Philadelphia & Western and a green-fee ticket for the Main Line Open Golf Course. The golfer pays no greater amount for this combination ticket than he would otherwise pay for his green-fee ticket at the golf course.

The transportation company is able to provide a special rate for this character of transportation, inasmuch as otherwise these golfing patrons would not be secured; while the management of the golf course gains, since these individuals would not be inclined to pay frequently the regular transportation fare necessary to travel from their homes to the golf course, for when this amount is added to the green-fee, it would create quite an expense.

It is a unique merchandising feature and has been beneficial to both the transportation and the golf course management.

## Buddy Poppy Sale During Week of Memorial Day

**B**UDDY POPPIES, made by disabled and needy ex-service men, again will be on sale during the week in which Memorial Day falls. Entire proceeds of the sale are devoted to relief and welfare work among veterans and their families.