

good man would become almost an essential to the ambitious young man who wanted and deserved a pro job of his own.

Ogg testifies that the plan has practically doubled his shop sales thus far this year over last year, because it brings everyone into his shop. He gets well acquainted with all the members and is in position to see what they need. The plan has greatly increased interest in play and has effected a substantial increase in clubhouse business. It keeps the pro department in frequent contact with the members because when a member has booked a lesson and can not appear, his alternate on the lesson book, is notified by the pro-shop in plenty of time to fill in. Thus the pro's non-productive time is kept at a minimum.

"It does your heart good," says Ogg, "to see how many of the players who never have had lessons before are beginning to get very good games as the result of instruction.

"Members ask me how I can afford to go in on such a plan and I tell them I had to do it to relieve the traffic on the right hand side of our course. We had too many slicers who needed the cure of golf lessons."

The Worcester pro admits that in its present stage the plan is not one that can be successfully applied at all clubs, but he avers that it is showing many benefits at Worcester. If there is a pro disadvantage to it, Ogg remarks, it is that of work and a lot of it, but the pro who isn't eager to work providing he can get an income commensurate with his effort, his ability and the results, had better pick another field of employment.

He does see in this plan a logical chance for building up many of the smaller club jobs to the point where they will be attractive to good pros and afford fair rewards for the labors by the simple process of bringing to all of the club's members the profitable pleasure of better scores.

Greenkeeper's Mind Most Important Maintenance Equipment

WHILE referring to overhauling and repairs of course equipment, it is well not to forget the most important piece of equipment used in maintaining a modern golf course—the greenkeeper's mind.

Perhaps there are a few worn-out or antiquated parts there in the form of theories or so-called practical ideas. Perhaps some of these ideas had better be

scrapped and replaced; others may need simply a little polishing and sharpening by rubbing against similar ideas from other minds or through the printed page.

The club assumes the bill for the parts and replacements in the mowing equipment for the course, so why not include at least part of the expense involved in improvements in the mental equipment to be used on the course?

It is argued that the particular piece of equipment mentioned above does not belong to the club and may leave at any time. Regardless of the merits of this contention, there seems to be no reasonable argument against the club assuming the bill for a good collection of books, bulletins and pamphlets to become a permanent part of the greenkeeping equipment.

Throughout the season a modern greenkeeper who knows how to use books will find plenty of occasions for a handy library.—USGA Green Section Comments.

Re-Seeds Fairways—Dixwell Davenport, USGA Green Section member and greenchaimen of San Francisco GC, who has been experimenting for some time with methods of re-seeding fairways without interfering with play, reports considerable success with a recently tried method.

Davenport says, "We take a strip of the fairway 150 yds. from the tee and lay out a strip at right angles across the fairway 50 yds. wide. This we cut close by going over it twice with power mowers. Then we spray with sulphite of ammonia, using about 200 lbs. to the acre, and allow to stand about two hours until the weeds are burned. Then it is watered and seeded with bluegrass, redtop and New Zealand bent, the mixture being 50 lbs. New Zealand bent to 100 lbs. redtop and 100 lbs. bluegrass, seeding 150 lbs to the acre. Then we heavily topdress with good loam and water it in.

"In two weeks we have a lush growth of bluegrass and redtop and in about three weeks the bent begins to come up through this grass. This fall it will look like Casey's parlor. We get rid of all carrot-grass, Japanese clover and plantain and retard the growth of all other weeds by smothering them.

"In the re-seeded portion we play winter rules and before the growing season leaves us, which will be about the first of October, we will have all of the fairways re-seeded. Many of our players now are using drivers off the re-seeded fairways."