

total of \$1.00 into the pool he continues to play without paying. In other words, \$1.00 is the maximum amount anyone can pay into the pool.

The total pool money is divided at the end of the month for prizes of golf merchandise. It is divided, 40, 30, 20 and 10%. The man who plays most often has the greatest chance of winning, of course. The player with the lowest net score, allowing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the medal play handicap, is the winner. (Lowest net score during month.)

This can also be conducted over a week-end and the medal score of a player in the regular week-end tournament can be used. Of course, the sum paid in the pool can be increased or the limit can be raised, but I believe the dollar limit will prove the most popular with the average club member. Then too, the prize money can be divided into eight prizes instead of four.

This is similar to a ringer tournament, but it is played monthly and scores are for eighteen holes. However, the holes cannot be selected. The score must be for a complete round.

A SUCCESSFUL greenkeeper says: "Getting radio weather reports in the morning before I shave has helped me form the habit of having the day's work all planned for my men by the time I reach the barn. Threatened weather changes have so much to do with greenkeeping, I think now I'd be lost without the radio reports."

Senior League Popular—Up in Minnesota, the Twin City Senior golf league of ten 6-man teams from clubs around Minneapolis-St. Paul are fighting it out for the fifth season. To be eligible, a player must be over 50 years of age and belong to one of the clubs in the league.

Ten meetings are held during the season, once at each club, and each team meeting every other team once. Play is on match basis, with 2 points for each man a player defeats and 1 point for ties. Expenses are covered by a 75c fee per

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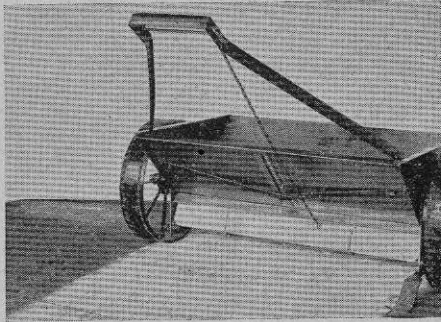
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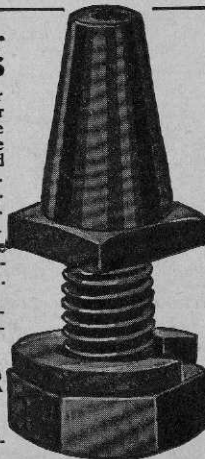
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man per meeting, which amasses sufficient funds to buy generous prizes and leave enough money to finance the annual dinner each fall.

The League attracts wide interest, not only from the competitors, but also from other members of the clubs and golfers in general.

OUT in Kansas City, Roland Ford, Jr., has applied ideas and methods of expert greenkeepers in establishing the Lawn Improvement Co., which undertakes by contract the maintenance of lawns. In the Kansas City sector a major problem is that of water grass during the summer.

Proper fertilization, of course, is a basic feature of the work. Ford, who has been interested in golf course construction and maintenance for some time, points out that his company's work makes very ready acknowledgment of the leadership of greenkeepers in turf development; and by extending expert methods of greenkeepers to homes, Ford is clicking in his pioneering work.

Ford also conducts a Sunday column "Care of the Lawn" in the Kansas City Journal-Post.

The entire operation is confirmation of our confidence that the wide possibilities of interest and value in the greenkeepers' work provides the basis for a much livelier recognition of the money worth of greenkeeper services if a steady publicity campaign were conducted by the greenkeepers.

MICHIGAN state agricultural experts have made some farm tractor operating cost analyses that will interest greenkeepers, notwithstanding the wide variation in farm and golf course work.

Records on 66 tractors showed average annual use of 236.1 hours for two-plow size tractors and 235.9 hours for three-plow size tractors. Annual operating and fixed costs were \$148.86 for the two-plow size and \$190.53 for the three-plow size.

Data on two-plow size tractor:

Fuel	\$49.78	Auto use for	
Lubricants ..	12.57	tractor	\$.76
Repairs	19.53	Depreciation	36.20
Labor on		Interest	17.70
tractor	6.65	Shelter	5.67

It would be interesting to compare these costs with those of golf course tractors which of course are operated far more hours per year than are farm tractors.