

not been that of keeping their grass but of keeping their good men so they'll come back each season. With general industrial and agricultural employment conditions improving, the problem of getting competent men as course workers is going to become a most serious matter.

Chairmen who acquaint themselves with the personal elements in greenkeeping soon discover their greenkeeper is spending his own money and time in study and investigation which is of far greater value to the club, which does not pay extra for this added service, than it is to the greenkeeper.

Fifty Grand to Keep Posted

It has been expertly estimated that greenkeepers right through the depression spent \$50,000 a year of their own money for the education provided by greenkeeping short courses at agricultural schools and for attendance at sectional and national meetings. Such devotion to the club and its advancement deserves the chairman's fullest endorsement. Technicalities discussed at many of these meetings are miles over the head of most green-chairmen but of tremendous importance to proper course maintenance.

The educational development during the past ten years has enabled greenkeepers to maintain a reasonable mastery over the scientific problems of grass growing, but the matter of mutually helpful understanding between greenkeepers and green-chairmen has progressed little, if any, during the last decade. Sometimes I have thought that one of the reasons golf courses managed to do so well during the depression is because the interference of well-meaning but ignorant new chairmen was reduced. Business cares during the depression kept many men from assuming green-chairmanship. The old chairmen were kept on the job and these experienced men had learned that men make and maintain golf courses. They took care of their men and their men took care of the grass, which is as it should be, according to what I've seen.

Hampton, Patterson Head New Illinois PGA "Green Section"

A NEW committee in Illinois PGA affairs has been appointed by Alex Cunningham, recently elected president of the organization. The group is called the Green Section committee and will assist younger pros in getting fundamentals of course

maintenance work, as at smaller clubs the jobs are often combination responsibilities and the youngsters need help and guidance.

The new committee also will work with the Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. in promoting mutually helpful relations between pros and greenkeepers and in raising the standards of course maintenance in the state. Harry Hampton of Beverly is chairman of the new group and Jack Patterson of Midlothian, co-chairman.

Aussies Start Lively and Helpful Greenkeeping Quarterly

GREENKEEPERS of the US and GOLF-DOM'S staff happily extend to The Australian Greenkeeper congratulations on its first issue. The publication will be issued quarterly. Address is GPO Box 1218HH, Sydney, NSW. The magazine is about the page size of GOLFDOM and its first issue has 48 pages and cover.

Editorial highspots include pieces on disc harrow in fairway maintenance, brown-patch, potash on golf courses, Queensland turf grasses, weed control, greenkeepers' diary and miscellaneous data. Volume of advertising in the first issue looks healthy, too.

The magazine is off to a good start in working up to the fast pace maintained by "Golf in Australia" and "The Referee," two of the world's best sports journals.

A greenkeeping authority offers this explanation for the small attendance of green-committeemen at the many interesting, practical greenkeeping meetings held by sectional associations. Says the authority:

"Ten years ago many committeemen attended, but the greenkeepers' growing grasp of the technicalities resulted in the programs at the meetings getting too deep for the committeemen."

HOW'S your parking space? Often that's put off and not considered until the members' cars pack the parking area and it's too late to do the required work.

Bolt-Proof Shelters — Several deaths from lightning on golf courses during the latter part of August again brought up the subject of suitable, properly insulated golf course shelters, a matter that has been almost entirely neglected during the depression.