

shown on the blueprints. They are invaluable in planning construction work, locating broken pipe, tile, etc.

Many greenkeepers are probably keeping some form of cost records at the insistence of their club officials, or possibly because cost records have had a relatively large amount of publicity. They also probably have inventories and blue prints, although I doubt, if a real survey were made, that a very large percentage of them would be up to date.

However, I wonder how many greenkeepers have turf records, and if they do not, why not? Are they not of invaluable aid to a greenkeeper? They certainly should be of vast help to him in diagnosing turf troubles, in treating disease, in keeping his soil in the proper condition, and ultimately in giving his club the best possible golf course for its members to play on. Remember that in the final analysis, within reasonable limits, a greenkeeper is judged not so much by his costs as by the condition of his course, and in the case, as it is with most of us, of a limited budget, we certainly cannot afford to make many mistakes in maintenance methods and must take every possible advantage.

Probably by this time you are thinking, "what a mess of work and detail!" Well, maybe it is. That is something that you will have to decide. There may be some records that I have mentioned that would be of no value to you. There may be others that are of value that I haven't mentioned. That is a decision every greenkeeper will have to make for himself. In conclusion, I will only say, keep what records you feel will be of value to you, keep them in detail, keep them accurately, and above all after you have kept them, use them.

### Three Day "Carnival of Golf" Makes Albany Golf-Minded

**F**OR size and scope, plans well laid and earnestly carried out, and for the effect the plan will have on the community, consider the Northeastern New York "Carnival of Golf," held May 15, 16, 17, in Albany. This golf carnival had everything—and plenty of it—including an overdose of J. Pluvius on the opening day.

Albany newspapers, the Chamber of Commerce, the USGA, PGA, golf equipment companies, Northeastern N. Y. Greenkeepers, PGA, and Women's Assn.,

all co-operated in putting over the carnival, and the manner in which they did so is evidenced by the fact that most of the "big names" of golf were on hand for the event.

On the first day of the carnival, more than 100 golfers, representing 23 club teams in the district, entered the inter-club team match for the handsome Walter Hagen trophy. While this tournament was in progress, a greenkeeper exhibit and golf equipment show was being held, with leading national distributors conducting displays. Both events were held on the Loudonville course. Rain horned in to such an extent, however, that the winner of the trophy was not determined.

The first day's activities were climaxed with the carnival of golf banquet that evening at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel. Five hundred golfing enthusiasts heard speakers John G. Jackson, USGA president; George Jacobus, president PGA; Bobby Jones, Tony Manero, Denny Shute and Johnny Fischer and saw a guest line that included John Quail, president NAGA; A. W. Tillinghast, Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, Dr. John Monteith, Horton Smith, Harry Cooper, Lawson Little, Jimmy Thomson, Jerome D. Travers, Francis Ouimet, Jesse Sweetser, Johnny Farrell, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Ray Mangrum, Paul Runyan, Helen Hicks and Charlotte Glutting. Mayor John Boyd Thacher of Albany was toastmaster.

The Spalding missionary troupe of Smith, Cooper, Little and Thomson put on the show the following day and a gallery of 4,000 turned out to watch the stars perform. Smith and Little literally took the par 72 Albany muni course apart, scoring 65 and 66, respectively. The three-day event was concluded on Monday with the pro-women's and the Northeastern N. Y. PGA tournament at the Troy Country club. Eddie Schultz carried off the honors in the latter event.

Probably most important from the standpoint of putting golf on a higher scale in the district was the formation of the Northeastern New York Golf Assn. Dwight B. LaDu of Schuyler Meadows, and general chairman for the three-day carnival, was elected temporary president. LaDu reported golfing interest was given such an impetus by the carnival that definite action is being taken to underwrite a major golf open tournament for the Albany district, beginning probably next season.