

keepers and green-chairmen and, in the case of electricity rates, has been responsible for savings to clubs far in excess of the cost of membership in the association.

High, low and average figures on course maintenance items are given. High annual maintenance cost for the year of reporting clubs was \$19,304, low was \$9,000 and average \$13,250. The Green-committee is careful to warn that costs are not given with the idea of being hard-and-fast standards but merely to allow the greenkeeper and chairman to check up and make such investigations as their judgment may dictate.

The Club Relations committee report on amount of play, membership costs and other operating details gives a helpful picture. Data on public golf also is given. Tournament data, of course, is included. The Detroit association's report is an outline of association activities that deserves study by other association officials. A copy of this report, while the supply of extras lasts, may be obtained from the Detroit District assn. sec. Edward L. Warner, National Bank Bldg., Detroit.

Caddies Status Studied by N. Y. Golf Body

In the N.Y. Metropolitan assn. annual report the status of caddies under the N.Y. state unemployment insurance law was subject of a special report by the association's general counsel. This detail of the association's work, alone, must represent in value an amount well in excess of annual dues paid to the association.

The Chicago District assn. report referred to the effort the organization is making to establish a credit bureau to protect clubs against members transferring to clubs within the association without having paid their obligations to clubs to which they formerly belonged. As did others, Chicago had its troubles with caddie strikes and keenly appreciated the need of concerted attention to caddie affairs.

Handicap card sales form a major item of several district associations' revenues. The lively competitive calendars of the district associations logically are important factors in promoting the sale of the handicap cards; however there does not seem to be the number of featured handicap events that might be expected in view of the importance of the handicap card income. League competitions within districts are increasing.

The Golf Association of Philadelphia is

especially active and apparently effective in acting as a clearing house for dates of invitational tournaments, thus avoiding conflicting dates at clubs.

Organizations of public course golfers are growing in number and in service. Competitive programs are interesting and well balanced. In several instances the public course players' organizations have financed their teams to the national public links championship.

R. W. Treacy, PGA ex-Official, Dies Following Operation

R. W. (DOC) TREACY, gen. mgr. of the Kent CC., Grand Rapids, Mich., died at the Blodgett Memorial hospital, Grand Rapids, Feb. 28, of complications following an appendicitis operation performed on Feb. 22.

Treacy was 42 years old. He was born at Aurora, Ill., and entered golf as a caddie at the Chicago GC, Wheaton, Ill. He served successively as pro at Indiana, Texas, Illinois and Wisconsin clubs prior to joining the Kent organization two years ago. He is survived by his widow, a son, his mother and a brother; the latter two residents of Texas.

Doc was one of the best known non-tournament pros. He was president of the Wisconsin PGA for several terms and served some years as secretary, vice pres. and member of the executive committee of the national pro association. During the last two years he had not played much competitive golf, although he retained an excellent game. He was a fine instructor, and as his Kent job of being pro, greenkeeper and house manager indicates, was a thorough and able golf businessman.

Pro golf has been benefitted greatly by Treacy's services. He was a fellow of keen, sound judgment, high courage and a philosophical sense of humor. His character commanded the respect of the thousands of amateurs and pros with whom he had come in contact.

To his family goes the deep sympathy of the many who considered Doc Treacy one of the finest of friends.

The WPA Score—Since the summer of 1935 when WPA projects began there have been 103 WPA golf course new construction projects; involving 1,143 holes on 7,265 acres; and 167 golf course repair and remodeling WPA projects. On the reconstruction jobs 2,232 holes on 16,899 acres were involved.