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There Is Limit to Greens Duties

THEODORE Moreau of the golf architectural and construction firm of Langford and Moreau, has something to say that GOLFDOM believes should be passed on. Says Moreau:

"There is grave doubt of the wisdom of the greenkeeper reminding officials, or selling himself, on the idea that he is a man of rare and wide versatility. We all have seen the greenkeeper referred to as one who must be an expert in agriculture, drainage, plumbing, automotive work, horticulture, hydraulics, electrical engineering, highway work, concrete engineering, carpentry, painting, plastering, sewage disposal, accounting, diplomacy, mechanics, bird life, blacksmithing, economics and architecture.

"The usual result of such identification is labelling as a jack-of-all-trades and master of none. That does the green-keeper's professional status no good. However, there is a very definite dollars-and-cents aspect to the error of this effort at too great versatility. It results in money

wasted on course work along the same lines that money would be wasted if spent for golf instruction by the average lowhandicap amateur.

"After greenkeepers and club officials have done considerable experimenting they have found that it is economy to get a skilled specialist for work that really is a specialist's job. I have seen hundreds of dollars wasted around a golf club because of a reluctance to hire a plumber to do a plumber's work. A makeshift job is done by one who isn't acquainted with the work, and it has to be done over. Accurate cost accounting would reveal at many clubs that the handyman jobs are expensive as well as unsatisfactory. They often need repairing and readjustment yearly but are not taken out and replaced properly by the work of experts because frequent changes in golf club administrations fail to reveal the steady drain of makeshift jobs.

"This experience, common to most country clubs, emphasizes the logic of having

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long-term officials. Those clubs that have officials in office for many years are the most efficiently operated in the country because the officials have learned the value of long-term planning and expert work. They do not require that their greenkeeping staff do jobs that properly are within the province of specialists. Competitive bids are asked and carefully weighed on each job that's out of the logical limits of greenkeeping. Consequently, the greenkeeper is not afraid to request that outside experts be brought in on specialized jobs. The greenkeeper thus escapes a responsibility that he should not be asked to assume, and is enabled to concentrate his attention to turf culture.

"This long term planning results in a drastic reduction of the expensive experimentation that so many committees do in the belief that such experimentation justifies the committees' existence."

Soil Tests Are Easy and Informative

By C. F. Greeves-Carpenter

NOT so long ago few except experienced agronomists knew much about soil testing and then, almost overnight, great interest was evidenced, for progressive horticulturists and greenkeepers came up with truly remarkable results in growing plants in soil which was especially prepared and suited to the chemical needs of the plants.

There are, unfortunately, still many to whom the subject is almost a closed book for soil testing often seems too delicate and puzzling. Commercial organizations saw the possibilities in reducing the com-



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