

for a man who has been a club member or official for years to know what pro is or isn't doing a good job for the club.

But, he continued, the greenkeeper is responsible for the spending of from \$8000 to \$18000 of a fairly good club's money for course maintenance a year, and if the course isn't in good shape its bad condition is quickly reflected in a drop in all departments of club revenue.

And, to make the greenkeeper situation still more important, there are very few chairmen who can tell before it's too late whether or not a course maintenance department is operating as it should.

"What golf needs now and will need even more after the war ends" is more education of the green chairmen in what the fundamentals of the greenkeeper's job are, and how the green chairman can best fit in," said my chairman.

That checks with what a former greenkeeper now in a war factory told me last winter. He said, "If the superintendent of our department didn't know any more about his job than my chairman last year knew about his, the government would take a beating in our plant. If I ever get back into golf I am going to try harder to get my chairman interested in knowing something about greenkeeping, even if he is doing his job for nothing."

I am afraid that this article won't do much good in improving the chairman-greenkeeper situation, for the chairmen who are very valuable to their clubs are doing what they can to learn what course maintenance is all about, and the chairmen who know it all, can't be told anything. Their clubs will simply have to wait until these chairmen get tired of their jobs and won't stand for re-appointment.

Chicago Event Aims at 50Gs for Veterans

★ Chicago DGA has set financial par for its Victory National championship at Edgewater GC, June 28 through July 2 at \$50,000, with wounded veterans of World War II being beneficiaries. Pres. Lowell Rutherford of the CDGA and his aides have been hammering at the \$50,000 target so strong that if it isn't reached it won't be missed far.

Distribution of the proceeds is to be made through the American Women's Voluntary Service and Bundles for America. Rutherford says:

"Inasmuch as we plan to use the net proceeds for facilities not provided by the government budgets for recreational facilities for wounded veterans of the armed forces both the AWVS and the Bundles for America who are familiar

with the needs of these men will be of great assistance to the committee. Their work takes them into the hospitals in this area and they know the recreational needs of the returned soldiers."

In 1942 the Chicago District Golf Association, together with the PGA and the USGA, raised \$22,500 which was equally divided between the Navy Relief Society and the United Service Organization. Money raised at last year's Chicago Victory National championships at Beverly is being expended for putting greens for the veterans of Hines and Downey hospitals. This work is now underway through the cooperation of the Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. whose members are devoting their time without charge to the supervision and construction of these putting greens.

Watch Trees' Effect on Drainage System

★ Alex Campbell, Sunnyside CC, Waterloo, Iowa, in telling about the value he's received from short courses in solving the difficulties of wartime course maintenance reminds greenkeepers to look to trees in many instances where they're having drainage trouble.

Campbell says "From the height and spread of a tree you can pretty well determine how its root system is, and in numerous cases you'll find that drainage trouble is caused by roots plugging your tiles." Alex adds his authoritative testimony in support of the opinion of many that short course ideas have benefitted clubs so greatly that expense of short course attendance should be an item of every maintenance budget.

Fruit, Poultry, Eggs, and Pigs Are Club Sidelines

AN OLD ORCHARD acquired when Alderwood CC, Portland, Ore., acquired its property, was put into shape and now yields a yearly crop of pears and apples bringing in from \$250 to \$800 annually. Members get first preference on purchase of the fruit. Fifty more fruit trees were planted this year so members in the future may eat fruit as they play.

Last year the club bought a brooder and 700 day-old Rhode Island Reds. They kept the club supplied with poultry. Mgr. A. H. Craig says the club gets from the pullets it kept as many as 140 eggs daily. This being more than the club can use the remainder is sold to members.

The club also raised a few hogs last year. It now has about 20 adult rabbits among its live stock.