

Cost Records Help at Kenwood

★ Taylor Boyd, supt. grounds at Kenwood CC., Cincinnati district, gives credit to maintenance cost records as an important factor in guiding their club through the maze of wartime operating problems. Boyd says:

"The war hasn't treated our club too badly because we had, for several years, kept records of costs and had learned that our bunkers were an expensive item and could be eliminated to a certain point without destroying the quality of the course. We closed 78 traps of the 240 on the thirty-six holes thereby cutting the labor problem by one-third.

"Our tees were so constructed that they may be mowed by a fairway unit, also the banks and approaches of our greens are so built that most of them can be cut with tractor and mowers. All of these items certainly looked more and more practical as the labor supply dwindled to mostly high school boys.

"We are planning on more changes or improvements to make the courses more pleasant and more beautiful and at the same time save more labor, therefore money. Our courses, as most are in this area, are hilly with many deep ravines crossing several fairways. These ravines are so deep and steep that they require hand scythe work to do the mowing. The cost of cutting down the banks with a bulldozer and making the grade of such a nature that fairways units may be used will be saved in three years time over the old method of cutting.

"The only change in actual course maintenance procedure this year over previous years was our greens fertilizer, both as to type fertilizer and its application. This procedure materially affected our fungicide treatment or the necessity of it I might say. However, until we are more sure that no ill effects will result all we can say is that our greens caused less trouble than any year up to date.

"Lest we forget—there were 100 days, with 55 of them with temperature above 90 degrees, starting May 19th, that were drier than dust, which affected all clubs."



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