

sible to the members and told them never to wait around for caddies but to get hold of their clubs and start right off carrying their own, just the same as many Englishmen have done for years.

"If they wait around for caddies it can ruin their golf for the day. For example, I saw a man and his wife wait around for caddies from one o'clock till four one day. If that isn't spoiling a day's golf I don't know what is! One of the best points in carrying your own clubs is, you never have to wait for your caddie, he is always right with you.

"I think the pro himself is the one who suffers most because you can't get boys to

chase balls for you when giving a lesson. The few caddies that are around in the mornings don't want to chase balls, even when they do they are no good on account of the night before. The result is many lessons have to be cancelled.

"Of course, if the club is lucky enough to have its own driving range then the pro is all right. Here at Merion we have nothing like that. I often say that Merion was one of the first clubs in the country to build a modern golf course but they never figured on a driving range. Of course, in those days, 33 years ago, there were not so many enthusiasts in the game as there are now.

WE SELECT AND TREAT OUR CADDIES AS THOUGH THEY'RE MEMBERS

By CHARLES H. LORMS

For some years the Columbus (O.) CC has regarded its caddie situation as one of the most important of the club's operations. The club has a distinguished membership and all of the members consider the lads who carry bags virtually junior members of the club.

This unselfish, sincerely interested attitude has paid off for the boys

and for the clubs. Caddying at the Columbus CC is thought of by kids around Columbus as the best entree to the business world he'll eventually get in, that an aspiring boy can have.

Charles Lorms, the club's veteran pro, tells how the club is maintaining its famous caddie program in wartime.

IN endeavoring to solve the caddie problem at our club we have tried to make our club a desirable place for an ambitious boy to put in his time.

We offer the boy a place to get some fine training that will serve him well after he passes the caddie age, as well as an opportunity to make some very worthwhile contacts and pay while doing it.

Carlton Smith who is back in charge of athletics at the Bexley high school has aided us in setting up a very interesting program of recreation for the boys' entertainment and development while they are not actually engaged on the golf course. This includes basketball, football, and golf.

We find the success of this program depends almost entirely on the individual in charge of it. (Mainly the caddie master and his assistants.) These positions are probably the most important positions around the average club, largely because of the influence they have on such a large number of boys. If these men are the proper kind of characters their worth can only be measured in the number of good wholesome boys with high talents that will graduate from the caddie ranks. The men who hold these positions must realize

their responsibilities and opportunities.

To secure the kind of boys we want we contact the heads of the schools that we expect to draw our boys from. We also work with the heads of boys' organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Big Brothers, etc. These organizations, knowing of our efforts and intentions, are ready to cooperate with us in helping to interest desirable boys in our program.

During the summer season we hold a number of picnics, at which we serve the boys soft drinks and various kinds of sandwiches. At these events we award the prizes the boys have won for meritorious work on the course and good conduct in general. When we can manage it, we have some ex-caddie who has been successful in his later life to talk to the boys at these meetings.

These meetings are generally well attended, and serve as quite a stimulant for the regular boys, and they encourage the newer boys to take an active interest in the work and the club generally.

At the end of the year we put on our annual banquet in the main dining room of the club. Our members act as waiters for the boys on this occasion. The season

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GREENKEEPERS' PLANS

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only by a real lover of turf; having time enough to pick the stray weed, catching hard spots in the greens before serious trouble develops, forking a hard 'walk-off' area, catching the disease before it has time to 'catch' you, hand-cutting on tender spots, changing 'traffic' on the greens and tees, spot-watering, that most necessary of practices, studying and developing strains of our own grass, 'babying' the turf and those hundreds of more practices that need the *HUMAN* factor to best carry through.

"Perhaps, I'm old-fashioned—but the 'machine age' in the care of turf does not appeal to me. (It may be that I have had too many of these machines to operate through this duration!) Let's get back to the point where we really can 'baby' the turf, or, 'hand-nurse' it, so to speak, by extra human care. Turf is a *living* thing we are taking care of, you know, but, often that is forgotten.

"Some day the 'race' of cutting fairways and greens may stop. Not that power-machinery will ever be replaced or is *not very essential*, but a time should come when the grass—as well as I—might have a chance to take a 'deep long breath'! In taking the deep breath I then may have the chance to 'pick the weed', 'lift the ball-hole', 'spot-water the drying area', 'nurse back a sick area', and give the turf in general that *extra* attention that only *human care* can give.

"Yes, I want to do more, and I want my men to do more 'PUTTERING' at Montclair."

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or main prizes are distributed at this event.

The boys also elect a caddie council of seven members from their ranks. The boys elected are always the nucleus of a good caddie force, and have a great deal to do with the program laid out for the whole caddie force.

We are trying to educate our members into thinking that a caddie is something more than a boy to carry his golf clubs. We have several cases where members have offered some of our boys opportunities that have resulted in the boys attaining positions that they most probably would not have attained without the counsel and aid of someone who was keenly interested in them.

If these notes on our experience are of help to other clubs I am glad, and I hope more club officials realize what a great opportunity they have to do something real worthwhile for the men of tomorrow.

TURF FOUNDATION

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Dept., Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., and Joe M. Graffis, Treasurer, GOLFDOM, 407 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

Every golf club, whether private, daily fee or municipal, both 9-hole and 18-hole, within the regional district previously outlined, will be given the opportunity of subscribing to the Foundation fund. Considering the investment in turf in this regional group, the annual upkeep problems and expenditures, the basic importance of good playing turf to each club's popularity and operating success, it is hoped that club executives will support their green-chairmen and greenkeepers by subscribing to the Foundation fund. Complete particulars of the project will be mailed to all clubs in the near future.

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