

keepers' problems are. Now the members are conscious of what they can do to help minimize the problems of maintenance. They see that every footprint is raked out of the traps. Replacing divots is automatic with most of them, and they do it with far more care than any but the very best caddies these days use in replacing divots. Some of the members carry knives to fix ball holes on the greens.

"It's been astonishing to see how members have become so keenly interested in having Interlachen in beautiful shape," declares Boutell.

Erich Pahl, a widely known expert greenkeeper, was brought back to Interlachen in the spring of 1945.

### **Greenkeeper's View of Job**

Now to get the high spots of the restoration work as Pahl sees them:

"We started our rehabilitation work last year by rebuilding our No. 8 tee which had settled so badly one could not get a decent tee shot. The front end had to be raised over a foot to bring in the right elevation. Another job that has received considerable endorsement was rebuilding of trap on left of No. 15 green which could not be seen until one approached the green. We changed the outline, built up the rear and with the sand on that slope it is now visible for some distance and gives a very good appearance.

"We then cleaned up a couple of spots

in the rough and planted trees so now we can keep it cut with the rest of the rough and soon will have the appearance of a park.

"This year we fertilized our fairways in the spring and with the rains coming as often as they have we have had one big job keeping it cut. We have cut 3 times a week and our fairways are like carpets. We also put in a bent nursery last fall and got a sod nursery started so expect to do over 2 of our greens this fall. They have become infested with poa annua but are still of the old Virginia bent.

The main idea is to do them over with another bent that has been used on several of the greens previously.

"Our biggest problem has been keeping our old equipment running and when we couldn't get parts we made up something to replace them and have been able to keep things going. We have a crew of 9 men regularly and have kept them pretty busy keeping the grass cut but do find a little time for other work without getting extra help. Our big job last year was getting the course back in shape and appearance after the war years which with a shortage of help caused a lot of the work to be neglected. We have succeeded very well and have had much favorable comment.

"It is my aim to clean up and smooth several other parts of present rough areas so we will be able to keep them cut also."

## **Extra Tees Add to Course Interest**

By WILLIAM B. LANGFORD

The 18 holes that make up a standard golf course should vary in character as much as possible. Each hole should present a different problem in golf strategy and stroke making.

Of course no architectural arrangement in golf is constant. A hole will vary in difficulty, sometimes widely, with changes in wind or ground speed, and thus call for different methods and implements.

Variations contribute so materially to golf's fascination, that no opportunity to add life to a course by creating new combinations should be neglected.

If they are thoughtfully planned, extra tees can, at little cost, greatly alter the character of a hole. They should not be grouped together, but should be spread out as much as possible to alter length, angle with the pole axis, and elevation. They should be placed to vary the effect of natural and artificial features, not only on the tee shot but also in subsequent play. The bunker, which can be carried from one tee, may have to be avoided from another, and a score of 4

from one setup be no better than a 5 from an alternate arrangement.

No one of these multiple tees should be designated as a championship or as a ladies' tee—they should be of equal value, and should all be in play frequently. Make use of all the variations the possession of several tees permits. The short tees may be more interesting than the long ones.

Wind and ground speed conditions should influence the daily placing of tee markers, but don't blindly follow the routine of playing from a short tee against the wind, or on days when the course is slow, unless such conditions make performance from a back tee impossible.

Where 2 or 3 different colored sets of tee markers are used simultaneously, they should always be as far apart as possible, so that a choice of tee spots really means something in playing the hole, and so wear on the tee surfaces will be uniformly spread.

Where different tees present materially different yardages, it is good practice to place signs on posts at each tee, showing the yardage from those spots, and the score card should indicate the different hole lengths.