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In my travels over a period of years, I have heard a superintendent enthused with the person in charge of equipment make this statement: "My mechanic is one of the best, and he has forgotten more than most servicemen know". This statement may be correct; but if this mechanic could go back and refresh his memory with the minor points he has forgotten, it would pay worthwhile dividends.

Course Force Has Planning Lunches at Ridgewood

Ridgewood (N.J.) CC is in its third year of spring and fall lunches for the course maintenance staff which, says George Jacobus, the club's veteran pro, have proved to be one of the best operating and employee relations ideas ever used at the club. Jacobus, who has overall responsibility for outside operations; Wm. Sweisberger, course supt., and his asst. Robt. Kapherr, get the entire force together for lunch. The lunch isn't held unless all the men on the force are present.

The entire afternoon after the lunch is spent in reviewing the good and bad phases of work that showed up in performance, discussing plans and methods and frank talks of nature of the maintenance job, methods, costs, wages and labor relations at other courses.

Sometimes rumors heard about operations at other courses are discussed and by telephone to supts. of other courses the facts are learned and made known.

The lunch and afternoon program, according to Jacobus, has helped Sweisberger and him tremendously in getting the course men to realize their individual responsibilities and importance and to sell them on the idea that they mean more to the club than just being anonymous fellows working out on the course. Simply



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the idea of having them in the clubhouse for a lunch and business meeting has a strong and favorable psychological effect, Jacobus says. He adds, "It's strange that clubs after seeing the beneficial effects of the caddy dinners haven't made more use of clubhouse affairs in developing better business and more personalized relations with men on their maintenance staffs."

Scotty's Pals Keeping His Generosity Living

Friends of the late Maynard G. (Scotty) Fessenden, in pro and amateur golf, are raising a fund from which students at Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola university, Chicago, can borrow. Cost of medical education usually has medical students deep in hock, and in looking around to establish tributes to Fessenden's memory, the Stritch school students' need was found to be urgent.

Fessenden, as pres. Western Golf Assn., Chicago District Golf Assn., and Bob O'Link GC, and chmn., Advisory committee, PGA, and in his private capacity as a golf enthusiast, was a merry fellow of quick and vast generosity. Response to the announcement of the fund has quickly indicated that those in golf who knew Scotty and rejoiced in his gay, hospitable and generous living welcome the opportunity to continue the work of his spirit.

Čontributions to "Scotty's Fund" may be sent to Earl U. Dean, Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill.

W. H. Graffis Dies at Logansport, Ind.

William Herbert Graffis, father of Herb and Joe Graffis, publishers of GOLFDOM and GOLFING, died March 11 in Memorial hospital, Logansport, Ind. He was buried at Mt. Hope cemetery, Logansport, March 13, which would have been his 82d birthday.

His last illness was mercifully brief, and was discovered at St. Petersburg, Fla., where he spent winters.

Mr. Graffis was born on a farm in Pulaski county, Ind., where his grandparents settled in 1827. He was educated for the ministry at Butler university but on graduation entered the newspaper business at Logansport. He was a reporter in Logansport and Indianapolis, then became publisher of newspapers in Terre Haute, Ind., and Sedalia, Mo. He later published business journals at Chicago, for the telephone, gas and oil industries.

In 1927 he retired from business to devote himself to farming and his scholarly interests and returned to the homestead he'd left for a vigorous, high-principled and courageous career in journalism.