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EDUCATION IN GREENS CARE

At the Firestone course at Akron, O., caddies and members are shown by these pictures how to correct ball marks in greens. The approach shot "shell holes" are costly to repair by the maintenance force and with limited course labor the depressions don't often get levelled but remain to ruin putting. Course supts. say members and caddies must have ball dent repair on greens added to the divot replacement and trap footprint removal education campaigns if courses are to be kept in good condition without increasing maintenance expense appreciably. Issuing sturdy forks to caddies and having them return them before they're paid will be standard practice at first class clubs, the supts. say. That means the supts. and caddie-masters will share another job in caddie education. Eventually supts. forecast, somebody will be making a short-handled sturdy fork players will carry in the ball pockets of their bags or hand to their caddies for ball dent repairing.

part of the course maintenance machinery.

Conditions have changed since those days, turf authorities now take their messages directly to the man responsible for the growing of the grass. They realize that the experience of the practical man on the job is useful and valuable to them in their research work, as he furnishes the final proving grounds. Together a strong co-operating team has been formed, and from it has come many worthwhile accomplishments in better turf development.

The crew foreman of yesterday now bears the title of greenkeeping superintendent. He goes to school, attends annual college short courses, and turf conferences, so as to better fit himself for his vocation. He has a knowledge of chemistry, botany, soils, drainage, and other kindred subjects as they pertain to the growing of good golf turf. As a rule he is a very enthusiastic person, very much in love with his work, and always

eager to find out what is new. Often it is an old story that he has heard many times before; yet when told in different words, its meaning is better understood, and is seen in a newer and clearer light.

Golfers of today will provide the money for operation, but they shun the thought of the thankless task of supervision. They choose to leave that responsibility to their employees as much as possible, yet, it is very important that the club officers in charge have the knowledge of what modern golf course upkeep involves, if this does not exist, the property suffers in more ways than one, inexperienced management can destroy overnight years of constructive work and achievement.

The Green-chairman's Job

The unseasoned and newly appointed Green-committee cannot resultfully discuss modern course maintenance and costs as they exist today. The subject is a complex and technical one that is ever-changing, and requires much study, plan-

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