

too much and to place them far enough away from playing areas so that excessive shade and spreading roots and branches will not interfere with the maintenance of the turf or the playing of the game.

Flowers on Courses

There are numerous possibilities for the use of flowers, both annual and perennial, in various sites to be found on most golf courses, to enhance the beauty of the course. The job of selection, location and arrangement should be entrusted to the course management, as in the case of shade trees, as familiarity with the ground to be treated is of the utmost importance in planning and executing the job.

Now that our plans are formulated and the plants selected for the different phases of the job, we should take into consideration the preparation of the soil for the reception of the plants. A suitable soil texture should be provided to insure proper root development, and this should be supplemented with the necessary plant food elements to provide a gradual but constant food supply to keep the plant healthy and growing until it becomes thoroughly established in its new environment, after which time, it may be fed from the surface when and as food requirements are indicated.

The extent of the preparation for planting can be determined by the natural character and quality of the soil and the requirements of the individual plants consequently a thorough study should be made of these factors, before planting is begun. If these precautionary measures have been properly observed the plant will require a minimum of time to attain a state of normal growth.

From here on, the problem of care and maintenance is of utmost importance and should be systematically planned and carried out. Pruning, spraying and fertilizing are some of the maintenance musts if we are to expect satisfactory results from our previous efforts.

A final suggestion . . . do not rush into this job with the intention of completing it in one quick operation because it is, in reality, a protractive job that requires time and gradual process. In order to achieve maximum results with a minimum and distributed financial burden upon the club, it may be spread out over a period of years . . . provided the ultimate objective is kept constantly in mind throughout the process of development.

Armour's "How to Play Your Best Golf" Helps Pros

Tommy Armour's first book comes up to what was expected of the Silver Scot in writing a sound, straight-forward job of instruction as well as extension of Tommy's vigorous and distinctive personality. The book "How to Play Your Best Golf All the Time," is published by Simon and Shuster, New York City. Its price is \$2.95.

Armour has turned down numerous offers to put his teaching into book form. Getting the highest rate ever paid on the lesson tee Tommy was understandably coy about trying to transfer the influence of personal instruction into print. His job is better than he may have thought possible in this respect. He worked hard on it, taking considerable pains to get the right words to put across the ideas in confusion-proof form.

The illustrations are line drawings rather than photographs as Armour decided the simplified drawings made it easier for the readers to get the points and learn how to study sound golf form. There is considerable reflection of Armour's own extensive experience as a student of other masters.

Tommy's development of the learning attitude of his pupils and his material on how he gives lessons and the reasons for his methods will be of great benefit to pros as it frankly and constructively tells the pupil what is required of him—or her.

Armour's conviction is that a primary task of the teacher is that of determining the possibilities and limitations of the pupil and applying instruction accordingly. That's the reason for the first part of the book's title. "All the time" was added by Dick Simon of the publishing firm, taking his cue from Armour's comment that it isn't entirely the capacity to play great shots that makes the great golfer but also the ability to keep from playing bad shots, and that the same principle can be applied to the games of other golfers.

The book has had by far the largest advance sale to book stores of any golf book published.

Professionals who have read advance copies say that Armour's job will be the standard textbook of golf instruction.

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