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EXPERIENCE TEACHES PROS TO Believe in Signs THAT ARE VITAL TO SHOP SELLING By HERB GRAFFIS

HAT detail of advertising commonly known as "dealer helps" has a more important place in pro shop merchandising than it holds in almost any other phase of retail merchandising. The pro can't put the same emphasis on persuasive and persistent personal salesmanship that you witness in a men's furnishing store. Many of us can recall going into a haberdasher's for a pair or garters and coming out laden with a few shirts, some ties, some underwear, hosiery and as much other merchandise as our bank-roll will stand, simply because some able salesman deftly strong-armed us into satisfying our desires, if not our actual requirements. Such sales practice would be resented at a private club pro shop, even it were possible to have a man in the shop with time enough to thoroughly work the shop's visitors. At public and daily fee courses there wouldn't be the resentment, but there still would be the lack of a big enough selling force to employ the policy.

Some excellent dealer helps are supplied to the pro shops by the manufacturers and, in general, the effective use of this material is increasing among the pros. If there is any practical value to this observer's idea he will advance the judgment that a lot of the sales helps supplied to the shop are too much on the general publicity order and could stand a much more specific theme. As it looks to us, the main item in the pro's successful merchandising operations is striking, specific and inviting display. Look at the shop facilities that are supplied most professionals and you'll see that getting such a display is a tough job. The clubs get the spotlight, and properly so. The balls, maybe too many of the fellows figure, sell themselves, and they are thrown together in a case where it is convenient for a member to pick what he wants. The rest of the shop's stock, with the possible exception of bags, is generally left to shift for itself in a cramped array on the shelves.

The Vital "Dealer Help"

The best "dealer help" of all is the dealer, helping himself. If a fellow looks over his sales possibilities and puts some deft. pressure on the needed spots he can stir things up nicely. I saw this working out splendidly at Farker Noll's shop at Edgewood Valley recently. I'll cite a few cases. This has been a hell of a spring for weather in the Chicago district. The hum ble sweat-shirt has come into its own as a golfing garment. It is roomy, warm, in-v expensive and after a manner, stylish, because news pictures of Bob Jones, Hagen and others of the "big shots" show them, attired in sweat-shirts. Parker got in a bunch of sweat-shirts with zipper necks. The manufacturer didn't furnish him any display material but Parker had a sign lettered telling briefly the sales story of this garment and giving its price. He sold a raft of them. He got a bunch of the Spalding approach irons and had a little, sign about the No. 11 iron lettered and that put the self-starter on those sales. The specific facts are the sure-shot stuff" in these pro shop sales pushers.

When Walter Hagen won the British Open, Noll had a sign lettered telling that he carried the clubs that the spectacular "Barnum and Bailey" of golf used in mauling his way to victory. That sign paid for itself and then a whole lot on the first of the several sales he made. Now, that's the sort of material any pro can letter, or have lettered, as the real close-up in selling display material and thus overcome his handicap of not being able to vocally push his shop stock to his members.

Remind the Women

When these pros start to segregate the women's stuff and individualize that department of their shop with all display, and selling facilities at their command, then you'll see a new and welcome onrush of legal tender into the pro shop. One of our liveliest manifestations of "noseiness",



Patented Green Transparent Brim PROTECTS THE EYES

Adjustable buckles assure perfect fit. Only one head size to stock. One style for men and women. Sporty—Comfortable—easily cleaned with damp cloth. Advertised nationally to retail at \$1.25 (Natural Color) and \$2.00 (White DeLuxe Model). Price to Pros. and dealers—Natural. \$8.25 per dozen; DeLuxe, \$15.00 per dozen. Big profit. Big demand. Order now.

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IN the days before the advent of Harmonized Sets you usually sold clubs one at a time. Of course, there were occasions when you sold whole sets of clubs—to a beginner, for instance, but such occasions were all too rare.

The commonly accepted practice was for the golfer to pick up a club here and there, merely accumulating more clubs as he felt the need for them. Consequently, in ninetynine cases out of a hundred there wasn't the slightest resemblance of proper relationship between the clubs.

Now, with the MACGREGOR Harmonized Sets in which there is the proper mathematical relationship between each and every club in the set from driver to putter, you can sell eleven clubs that swing as one.

Translated into your language this is eleven clubs that *sell* as one and you can sell these eleven clubs with no more effort than you used to spend in selling one. There is a "sweet" profit in these sets for you.

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THE ANGLE-TEE CO.,

() Send samples of ANGLE-TEE.

is in looking over the bags turned in for cleaning at the various pro shops we visit, and when we see the sales possibilities of these bags, especially in the women's bags, we steadfastly refuse to get concerned about the pros' merchandising future. The absolute evidence of a vast potential market existing right under the pros' nose and the way the boys are coming along as business men, assures us that the pro business can't help but grow in the next few years at a rate beyond the fondest hopes of both pro and manufacturer. When the boys get going on the women's business in clubs, you'll see a veritable Niagara of business, for women love to spend money. The right kind of specific and alluring display advertising on the women's clubs is going to help bring about the big rush of business sooner.

There's one thing you have to say about women. They appreciate bargains when they get them. The specialty shops sting them prettily. The pro can operate profitably on a much smaller margin of profit and beat the specialty shops onto the ropes. For instance: we were out with a bunch of folks the other night and one woman was showing her "sockettes," those little socks they slip over their usual hosiery to make up for the deficiencies of women's golf shoes. This woman bragged that she got hers for something around a dollar at one of Chicago's good down-town shops. My "warden" bought hers, which were better, of her pro at 75 cents and the boy made money by selling them. Now, if he'd had a sign in his shop telling about this "bargain" why wouldn't he do more women's business? The boys have to educate the women that they get bargains at the pro shop. The pro can't tell every woman who comes into his shop that he has the particular item she might want, without expressing her desires. And he can't show it prominently, for most pro shops are so small that you couldn't drive a knitting needle into them with a piledriver without disarranging some of the stock.

But it all gets back to the matter of the best dealer helps being those that the dealer fixes to help himself. Let them know what's in your shop, even if you have to supply makeshift hand-lettered signs. Keep them advised of what's new in stock. You'll tip the members off to what they need and what they ought to buy. I've seen this work often enough to highly recommend it to every pro who is a business man.

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Park Golf Popular and **Profitable for Cities**

VIDENCE of the continued increase of E the use of public park golf courses by city golfers is disclosed interestingly by reports recently received from the Department of Parks and Boulevards of the City of Detroit, and from the Brooklyn Department of Parks,

The Detroit report, for the year ending December 31, 1928, was furnished GOLFDOM by George T. Lynch, secretary of the Detroit Dept. of Parks and Boulevards and reads:

Following are the golf figures on the municipal courses, four in number, at present operated in Detroit. The total number of rounds played on the four courses in operation last year was the largest in their history, and I believe the figures will prove of interest to your readers, and encourage the construction of golf courses by the various municipalities. All these courses were constructed by the department's engineers, under supervision of Mr. Henry W. Busch, Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards. We have found that the average cost per hole is around \$2,000.

Belle Isle Course: This course opened on April 13 and closed December 2. The number of days operated were 234, and the number of players was 73,906, with the average players per day amounting to 315.8.

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Palmer Golf Course: The first 9 holes opened January 1 and closed December 31. Number of players on the first 9 holes were 93,645, or an average per day of 256.6. The second 9 holes opened on August 3 and closed October 31. Number of days operated were 90, and players numbered 21,892, or an average per day of 242.2. The total number of players on these courses was 115,537, and the average players per day for the combined courses was 316.5.

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Rackham Golf Course: This course opened on April 18 and closed December 2. Number of days operated was 229, and number of players 56,767, with the average per day of 248.

Rouge Golf Course (9 holes): This course opened on May 24 and closed December 2, with 193 operating days. Players numbered 41,740, or an average per day of 216.3.

The department is constructing an additional 9 holes at the River Rouge Park, and 9 holes have been finished at Chandler Park. This course will be ready for play about July 15. An additional 9 holes at Chandler is under construction and will be ready for play a year hence. the year ending December 31, 1928, were \$25,550. Profits from the refectories operated in conjunction with these courses were \$5,146, making a total net of \$30,696. These were distributed as follows: *Belle Isle*—

| Profits fr | om fees. | | | 439.00 |
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| Refectory | | ******* | 2,3 | 119.00 |
| Palmer- | | | | |
| Profits fro | om fees. | ******* | 3,(| 021.00 |
| Refectory | | | | 081.00 |
| Rackham- | | | | |
| Profits fre | om fees. | ******* | 8,1 | \$82.00 |
| Refectory | ******* | ******* | 1, | 698.00 |
| River Rouge | | | | |
| Profits fre | | | | |
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these four courses during the season were 287,950.

The season at the Belle Isle course showed a marked increase in attendance. The Palmer course had a higher maintenance cost on account of getting the second 9 holes ready and developing it. Opening this addition increased operating costs. Receipts increased \$4,600 and expenses \$7,-200, cutting the profit \$2,600 as compared with the 1927 record. Rackham had about

Profits from these four golf courses for



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2,000 less players in 1928. A factor contributing to lower receipts was the reduction in the all day rate from \$1.50 to \$1.00. Receipts for 1928 were lower by \$7,000 as compared with 1927. Extensive building repairs contributed to the reduction of profit.

The Brooklyn report deals with only one course, the Dyker Beach municipal layout, but it is striking proof of the valuable niche in city recreational facilities a public course can fill. The report, furnished GOLFDOM by John J. Downing, supervisor of recreation, is as follows:

"During the first year of operation of the Dyker Beach course by the Park Department, 64,744 rounds of golf were played. The receipts for the period for season permits, daily permits, concession fees, and caddy permits were \$47,253. The cost of operation was approximately \$20,-000, leaving a net profit to the city of over \$27,000. During the 1928 season 1260 season permits were issued at \$10.00 each. The popularity of the course is shown somewhat by the fact that 1450 permits for the season of 1929 had been issued by June 15.

"It is interesting to note that the 1260 players with season permits played 32,549 rounds of golf, averaging about eighteen rounds to each permit. Players who preferred to pay one dollar at the course each time they played were responsible for 32,-195 rounds. Another interesting feature of the study shows that while most individuals were toasting their toes during the months of December, January and February, over three thousand rounds of golf were played on the course. The following is a list of the play month by month:

1928-June 8,826 July 9,257 August 6,807 September 7,731 October 7,359 November 4,186 December 1,996 1929-January 461 675 February March 2,604 April 4,974 May 9,868

"In addition to the 18-hole course in Dyker Beach Park the Park Department operates a miniature course consisting of nine putting greens and two nets. INCREASE YOUR SALE OF BALLS

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General Electric photo. Night practice course at Cleveland makes lighting pay long hour profit.

Cleveland's Night Golf. In Vogue

GOLF enthusiasts of Cleveland have introduced an entirely new vogue with the recent opening of an electricallylighted practice course, operated each night for the benefit of the host of players who wish to learn or "limber up" in readiness for a stiff game. The practice course, providing the player with a liberal opportunity for practice under the most favorable conditions, both night and day, with the least interference from other players, was laid out, and will serve as an illustration to other communities as to how + best to overcome the obstacles of nature, whose sunlight provides very limited periods to a host of golf devotees.



Night golf exhibitions have been popularized by Jack Redmond, trick shot artist under Bob White's management.

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The long row of some forty booths, open only on the side toward the practice course, is well illuminated, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The player pays a fee for a specific period of practice, and steps into one of the booths where he is completely protected from disagreeable weather.

The supply of balls is unlimited and he may hit out golf balls to his heart's content. Every fifty minutes a signal bell announces an interval of ten minutes durwhich an army of caddies goes forth out upon the course and retrieves the balls the players have driven out.

This practice field is laid out for shots of different distances, running all the way from 50 up to 275 yards. In addition there are novelty targets which serve to add zest to the playing, and put pep into what otherwise might become a game "dull as dishwater." Finally, there are two eighteenhole putting greens and a miniature ninehole course complete, where entire games may be played. The longest drive on this course is sixty yards. A refrestiment stand and parking space complete the equipment of this unusual golfing institution.

.Six 1000-watt incandescent lamps are mounted in projectors which illuminate the golf balls during shots to far distances. Sixteen others, equipped with projectors furnishing a broad beam of light, illuminate the balls during shots at nearer distances. The total illumination is equivalent to about 500,000 candles.

E VERY site calls for different treatment, and for all greens to be done well the sites must be supplied with good qualities, and quantities of soil manures, seed, or turf free from weeds; also labor and tools should not be stinted. In constructing greens every advantage must be taken of the ground, working with and not against Nature, adapting to the natural features of the surroundings near the site as much as possible; but should the ground be flat and uninteresting light undulations could be made, and their character should be governed by the approach shot from center of fairway (or tee), and also they would make it necessary for a player to use this "head" to get a correct line for each putt for the hole. Avoiding any sharp ridges, and unnatural "'umps and 'ollows," but making the surface of the ground so that a hole can be cut at any place in about three-quarters of its area, so that it would be possible to be frequently changed .--From Journal of Golf Grnkps Assn., England.

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