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May at Oak Hills, San Antonio, was busiest month the club ever had . . . The reason: more members doing more things at the club . . . Ataseocita CC, Houston, planning construction of second 18 . . . Only two years old, the club has 3,000 members . . . Ross Hardwicke, until recently assistant to his brother, J. C., at Lakeside CC, Houston, has taken head pro's post at Neva, Tenn. . . . Rice Institute, Houston, to start construction this summer on Par 3 adjacent to the school's gym.

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hart, Ind. . . . Both served under Gordon Brinkworth at Olympia . . . North Plains CC, Dumas, Tex., completes building of new clubhouse and pool and improvements in course . . . 200 members bought the site from Moore County GC, Inc., which was built and operated by Lafayette Franks, now pro at Glen Lakes CC in Dallas . . . Jack Earle is No. Plains pro. From Aug. 7-10, along with an amateur

invitation, North Plains will hold a match play tournament for pros in the area . . . Prize money will be \$750 . . . According to Don C. Morton, golf chmn., North Plains hopes to enlarge the pro-match event in coming years . . . Southern Golf Assn. to hold Senior Championship and Bob Jones Four-Ball Event, Aug 11-16

at Birmingham (Ala.) CC.

Mohawk GC, Schenectady, N. Y., has just added a Par 3 to regulation course in order to eliminate crowded conditions on busy days . . . Expect to start soon on construction of 18-hole course at Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Tex. . . . Belleville, Tex. citizens starting drive to have their 9-hole course converted from sand to grass greens . . . Niagara County developing 225 acres just east of Lockport, N. Y. for a county (Continued on page 58)



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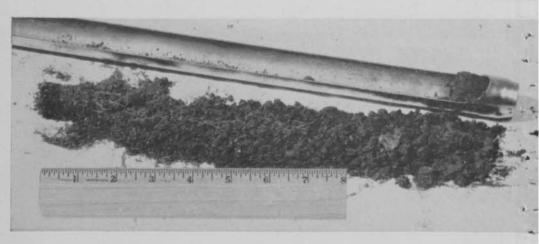
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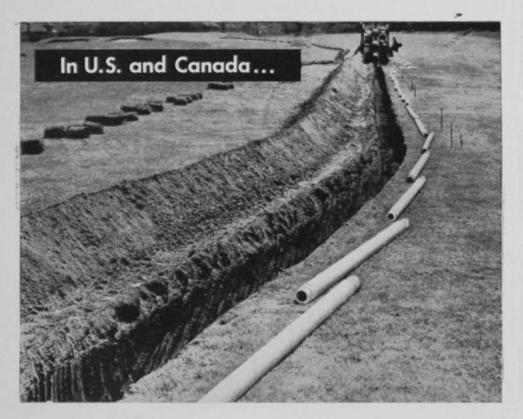
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Two Views Presented

# Discuss Superintendent's Value to Club and Salary Level

THE supt's value to the club that employs him obviously is open to a great deal of debate since there is an extremely wide range in salaries paid to greenmasters at different clubs and in different

parts of the country.

Nobody yet has come forward with any master formula for determining the supt's worth and, consequently, there are no well defined salary brackets established for him. Little effort has been made to establish his annual wage in light of the club's investment, or for that matter, income or operating budget. Apparently not much account has been taken of salaries paid to persons in other businesses and industries who have duties and responsibilities similar to those of the supt. There are those who will say that a strong sectional factor is evident in what is paid the supt., yet this argument can be debunked by pointing to the fact that there is a wide range in supt's salaries within the regions where they work.

In general, it is agreed that salaries of golf course supts, are too low. Green chmn, and committees, who are closer to the situation than any other club officials, recognize this and, in many cases, have taken steps to correct it. Others realizing that more should be done in the supt's behalf, have tried to do what they can to increase his salary level only to meet opposition from their clubs. A third group, however, has set back and done little or noth-

ing.

Shortage of Young Men

Golf, whether or not everyone concerned realizes it, is faced with a shortage of competent supts. The situation may not be alarming at the moment, probably because there still is on hand a large group of older, experienced men to supervise the maintenance of courses. But even within this

group there is a certain amount of restlessness as is evidenced by the number of older men who are either getting out of the business after many years or making rather frequent job changes. What will hurt golf most in the long run, though, is that younger men who are trained and qualified to be course supervisors are passing up these jobs for better opportunities in other industries.

To find out what can or should be done about raising the general supt, salary level, GOLFDOM recently inquired of several green chmn, and supts, what their thoughts on the matter are. For obvious reasons the names of the persons who expressed the typical remarks that appear below are withheld:

As the Green Chairmen Sees It

A green chmn. at an exclusive Southern California club says — I suppose the worth of a supt. depends somewhat on the economic condition of the club. A club with rich members can afford to throw money around and pay high wages — although this doesn't always happen. One, where the members may not be quite so well to do, may pay its supt. more. At any rate, supts' salaries in California vary greatly and so I assume that ability or inclination of members to pay stands out as the biggest single factor in determining the worth of the man who keeps the course in shape.

This is not 100 per cent as it should be. Great importance should be attached to the volume of daily play, weather conditions, degree of ease or difficulty in maintaining the course, and, finally, the scope of the supt's job. Also, I certainly don't think the training and competence of the supt. should be overlooked in determining

the salary paid him.

As for efficient operation of the course,

I think it would best be served if there was closer relationship between the club's board and the supt. through the green committee, I have served as green chmn. at our club for several years and never yet have seen a real sympathetic attitude on the part of the board toward the supt. The board will approve spending for plush appointments for the clubhouse but hold back in making course improvements. This thinking, as I see it, probably affects the supt. salarywise.

From what I have seen, the supt. and green committeemen usually hit it off quite well. The latter recognize his worth, but the trouble is the committeemen don't go far enough in impressing on the board just how valuable the supt. is. When the green committees start going to bat for men who maintain our courses, then I think you are going to see a general in-

crease in salaries paid to supts.

A green chmn. at a well known Midwest club gives this opinion — Today, most clubs give their supt. practically full rein in turf maintenance programs. Many add the duties of general overseer of all club properties. As long as he does a good job and the club is satisfied with the condition and appearance of the course, etc., the supt. is allowed to remain somewhat in the shadows.

But let these things deteriorate and he soon becomes known to just about everyone as he is called in on the carpet or pos-

sibly read out of employment.

Clubs usually are quite precise in defining the supt's duties. They know what they want in the way of a course and how much they are willing to pay for it. Everything in this respect is nicely estimated, checked and totalled.

But there is one thing that is too often overlooked. The budget approvers force the quality of maintenance to fit a predetermined amount of expenditure and you can bet they want the greatest kind of quality for their money. If expenditures for all the materials used in maintaining a course increase in price, it probably will be necessary for the supt. to cut back on his labor costs if he is working under a rigid budget. This may mean that maintenance of greens, tees and fairways isn't kept up to predetermined standards. The members kick, the committee growls, all with the result that the supt. is severely criticized. Under these circumstances, you can be sure that the supt. isn't going to have a very happy financial future so far as he personally is concerned.

#### **Company Tournament Woes**

The Newsletter Bulletin, published by the Edison Club, Rexford, N. Y., recently pointed out some of the difficulties in running a company golf tournament. On Memorial Day week end, 200 players took part in the annual tourney. Of these, 187 disqualified themselves for various reasons such as: Scores not turned in; Scores posted on board but cards not turned in; Scorecards not filled in properly; Illegible names on cards; Wrong nines played. At least one person played twice. What should have been a fine tournament turned out to be a contest between 13 persons, seven of whom won prizes.

Where rigid, predetermined budgets that don't allow for increases in material or labor costs after the budgets are drawn up are in force, the supt. operates at a disadvantage. It's humanly impossible for him to meet standards established by a board, membership or committee that is blind to the limitations placed upon him. When the time comes for talking salary for the new year, he is at a disadvantage because he can't point to the course and use it as a bargaining weapon. In these circumstances it is conceivable that he may go on year after year without ever having his salary upgraded. This condition must be corrected

This is what a Kentucky chmn. has to say — Supts' salaries vary a great deal according to the sections in which they live. Whether they like it or not, I think that is an economic factor that has to be considered. Also, the type of club for which they work is another consideration. In Kentucky, for example, there is a spread of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 between the lowest supt. salary bracket and the highest.

Whether or not this is right, I am not qualified to say. If the experience and expertness of the supts. in the lower salary brackets are sufficient, and if these men are doing good jobs for their clubs, then certainly their wage levels should be raised. I don't know how to advise these men to get more money other than to go to their clubs and present their individual cases, using all the comparative salary figures they can get hold of. In our section of the country a good supt., in my estima-

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