

Give the Greenkeeper a Chance

—An Editorial

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GRASS is a living thing. Golf club officials must not think of golf course maintenance in the same way they consider other departments of the club because these departments deal with fixed inanimate things that may be arranged for in advance.

One may never know on the golf course what will happen from day to day. Climatic conditions change almost hourly and the greenkeeper with his millions of growing "children" must nurse and feed them as the need arises if they are to thrive and grow and furnish pleasure and comfort to the golfers who play over his course.

Grass, like other growing things, sometimes gets sick. It is subject to the vagaries of nature because it is exposed to whatever weather may come to visit it. The greenkeeper who is the shepherd of his grass plants, cannot prevent their exposure to the elements—he can only provide the strength and resistance they need to keep their heads up and smile in the faces of the golfers who cross their doorsteps every day.

The wise greenkeeper is an Edison—he is never satisfied with what was done the day before. He must study conditions and experiment to improve them. His is a daily problem ever changing, ever entrancing, ever calling for initiative, intelligence, and courage to try new methods that may bring his golf course nearer perfection with a saving in labor and material.

Give the greenkeeper a chance. If he has the vision to make his job a success he will be the golf club's greatest asset. If he fails that is his fault. But if the club officials give him no chance it's the club's fault.