



A 5-unit mower equipped with wide-faced wheels and roller casters to support the assembly frame and relieve the cutting units of its weight

### A Costly Experience

A number of instances have come to the attention of the Green Section where clubs have turned the whole matter of the layout and construction of their golf courses over to dealers in golf supplies. It is not a logical arrangement. This does not reflect on the honesty of commercial concerns that employ golf architects as agents, but it is not the way other big construction jobs are let. We have never heard of a case where the dealer who supplied the materials was given carte blanche for the plans and specifications of the club-house.

It has been the purpose of the Green Section ever since its organization to help golf clubs get full value for the money they spend. But in many cases the Green Section does not have an opportunity to advise in the matter of the big expenditure—that of constructing the course. It is much more satisfactory to the Coast Guard to keep a ship off the rocks than to salvage a wreck; and so we print the following statement of a typical case that it may serve as a warning-light to some other club contemplating constructing or remodeling a course.

Not long ago we received the following letter from a golf club:

"After carefully studying the Bulletin of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association I am bold to ask your opinion on the following, and I trust you will be frank in making your replies, because I deem it of vital interest to our club and to myself since my views are bitterly assailed and if I am wrong I would like to know it.