## Commentary

1. Objective

An efficient system.

2. Water Supply

Good balance in these two factors is necessary: Water supply at 300 G.P.M. to 500 G.P.M. is adaptable to system operation; total elapsed time precipitating one inch per acre is the variable factor.

3. Transmission

Pipeline design, pipe size, non-corrosive, smooth inside wall and minimum number of fittings are important fac-

tors in avoiding build up of friction head.

Correct size piping for efficiency and economy.

4. Propulsion

Pumps-Motors.

Estimated System Head and Live Discharge, plus other pertinent information regarding proposed system operation and heavy load periods are the facts upon which pump manufacturers decide the type and capacity equipment necessary for the work to be done and to guarantee performance.

## Water Distribution Systems

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Our club is located in a poor water area and our watering system is designed to take advantage of all possible natural and waste water available on our property to supplement our 50 gallon-per-minute well. We like to think of our system as a "holding system" for the summer months of July and August primarily, and it is therefore designed for conservative use; it is used to irrigate the ten fairways at our course which normally are dry in summer because of their natural elevation and hilly terrain.

We designed our system so that we capture all the run-off from rainfall from our parking area, from the clubhouse leaders, and from the deck of our newly constructed swimming pool. In addition, we trap all water from the following areas of our swimming pool:

- a. From the pool deck, which is washed down daily for sanitary reasons—estimated 1,000 gallons per day.
- b. From rinse shower, which runs continuously—estimated 2,500 gallons per day.
- From the wading pool, emptied daily—estimated 6,000 gallons per day.
- d. From pool gutter overflow, which is created by circulating system for water sterilization—estimated 13,000 gallons per day.

All this trapped waste water feeds by

gravity flow through Orangeburg pipe to our reinforced concrete storage tank of 72,000 gallons capacity (60 feet x 20 feet x 8 feet) situated beneath one of our fairways. In turn, the water from the tank flows by gravity to our distribution pump through six-inch transite pipe. Our distribution pump capacity is 300 gallons per minute at 100 pounds pressure.

Our mains consist of 3 inch and 4 inch (PVC) plastic pipe and our laterals are 2 inch and 3 inch sizes in the same pipe, which we installed by ourselves. We utilize quick coupling, rotary type sprinkler heads which operate at 70 to 90 pounds pressure distributing 40 gallons per minute.

This is our system, designed for the conservative use of water in a poor water area, and it fully meets our irrigation requirements for ten fairways during periods of water stress.

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