

room, and locker space for all employees. Other needed buildings are: (1) a large shed enclosed on three sides for the storage of dry topsoil; (2) a similar structure for the accommodation of power equipment, tractors and trucks, when not in use. One of these two buildings should also contain a room for the storage of hose, shovels, picks, etc.

The Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, Virginia has followed the above men-

tioned program the last few years to good advantage. The plan has paid dividends. The club's officials have cooperated with Rear Admiral John S. Phillips, Retired, (Chairman of the Army Navy Golf Committee), in bringing the various planned projects to fulfillment.

All new construction has been done with the thought of eliminating manual labor as far as possible and replacing it with power operated machines.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE COSTS

According to Clubs in Town & Country, 1956-57, published by Harris, Kerr, Forster & Co., golf course maintenance costs for 50 clubs having a total of 1,017 holes, exceeded the 1955-56 costs by 3.9%, golf fees and admissions improved by 6.1%, and net golf expenses increased by 3.0%. On a per-hole basis, the current year's maintenance costs averaged \$2,474 and net golf expenses, \$1,904. Since 1951-52 golf course maintenance costs per hole have risen without interruption and the 1956-57 average exceeded 1951-52 by 33%.

| | <i>Geographical Divisions</i> | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <i>Over-All Average</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> | <i>Mid-West</i> | <i>Far West</i> |
| <i>Average Cost Per Hole—1956-57:</i> | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$1,649 | \$1,700 | \$1,475 | \$1,508 | \$2,105 |
| Course Supplies and Contracts..... | 374 | 376 | 381 | 393 | 305 |
| Repairs to Equipment, Course Buildings, Etc. | 211 | 231 | 211 | 207 | 140 |
| All Other Expenses | 240 | 180 | 246 | 238 | 477 |
| Total Golf Course Maintenance.. | \$2,474 | \$2,487 | \$2,313 | \$2,346 | \$3,027 |
| Add Golf Shop, Caddy and Com- mittee Expenses | 158 | 220 | 45 | 158 | 99 |
| Total Golf Expenses | \$2,632 | \$2,707 | \$2,358 | \$2,504 | \$3,126 |
| Less Golf Fees and Admissions..... | 728 | 848 | 504 | 472 | 1,290 |
| Net Golf Expense | \$1,904 | \$1,859 | \$1,854 | \$2,032 | \$1,836 |
| <i>Percentage Variations—1956-57 Based on 1955-56:</i> | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | + 3.5% | + 2.6% | + 6.7% | + 2.6% | + 3.8% |
| Course Supplies and Contracts | + 4.2 | + 4.7 | + 1.6 | + 5.1 | + 3.7 |
| Repairs to Equipment, Course Buildings, Etc. | + 6.0 | + 3.6 | + 11.6 | + 7.3 | + 6.1 |
| All Other Expenses | + 5.3 | + 1.7 | 0 | + 14.4 | + 4.8 |
| Total Golf Course Maintenance.. | + 3.9% | + 2.9% | + 5.5% | + 4.5% | + 4.1% |
| Golf Shop, Caddy and Committee Expenses | + 2.6 | + 2.3 | 0 | + 4.6 | + 4.2 |
| Total Golf Expenses | + 3.9% | + 2.9% | + 5.4% | + 4.5% | + 4.1% |
| Golf Fees and Admissions | + 6.1 | + 5.7 | + 2.4 | + 10.3 | + 5.1 |
| Net Golf Expense | + 3.0% | + 1.6% | + 6.2% | + 3.3% | + 3.3% |