NOW IS THE TIME. Even though the ground is frozen, work can still go on on the golf course.

Some superintendents add sand to the traps at this time when wheel marks aren't so apt to show. Some repair their pond piers or bridges at a time when they can walk on the ice. We know of one superintendent who cut holes in the ice, put the pilings thru and built a pier to support the intake pipe for his pump. Other superintendents keep close to the maintenance shop repairing machines, mixing and straining topdressing, painting equipment and building new tee benches.

Watch for good days and have ball washers and clean towels out for the early birds. Move cups as soon as the ground thaws out. Watch closely or another freeze will delay the job.

As the weather warms tree pruning can start. February and March are good times to prune fruit trees and shrubs and vines. Trees such as maples, magnolias and dogwoods that bleed so much when cut at this time of year should not be pruned until later when growth has started.

MEETING PLACES FOR 1961. Following is the tentative schedule of meeting places for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter during 1961. Please consult your "NEWSLETTER" each month for definite places and dates.

March 7, Manor Club, Norbeck, Stanley Zontec, host
April 4, Andrews AFB, Andrews Field, Ray Etchison
May 2, OPEN
June 6, Winchester Country Club, Winchester, Virginia, Lewis Lamp
July 11, OPEN
August 1, USDA Field Day, Beltsville, Maryland, Dr. Felix Juska
September 5, OPEN
October 3, Woodmont Country Club, Rockville, Maryland, Bob Shields
November 7, Cornell Co., Bethesda, Maryland, George Cornell
November 14, OPEN
December 5, OPEN.

Some of the open dates are available. Contact Buck Whetsell or George Gumm. A complete educational program is being drawn up and will be published at a later date.

Buck Whetsell, Program Chairman

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is set for March 7 at Manor Club, Norbeck, Maryland with Stanley Zontec as host superintendent. Golf - 12 noon, if weather is good. Social hour - 5-6 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Business meeting following dinner.

NEW EDITOR. David Ganavan has been appointed Editor of the "NEWSLETTER" by Chapter President George Gumm. Dave, superintendent at Bolling Officers Club, Warrenton, Va. will assume his new duties with the next issue. Bob Shields is retiring from the office after 10 years of "licking, stuffing and sticking" envelopes.

PAGE FILLER. The new membership directory is ready. Get yours from Secretary Camnotta. Pay your 1961 dues - both National and Local. Return the enclosed Dinner Reservation Card now. Write an article for the "NEWSLETTER".