**It's People That Make Our Business What It Is**

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Sometimes, when we trudge through a difficult and trying year such as this one, we might find cause to question why we're in this crazy business. I've always contended that part of the reason is the great people in the industry who are always ready to help.

We currently have a member who is out of work due to an illness. When his situation became known early this Spring, some area superintendents began working with that club's green committee chairman on a day-to-day basis to help the club through the crisis. Then, when it became apparent that the illness might be prolonged, these same superintendents helped the club to find someone qualified and able to devote the necessary time to the course through the summer.

Can you imagine Ford or General Motors cooperating in this sort of spirit? Try to picture something similar happening in almost any other industry. Let's face it, we're unique — something special. And, all of us can be tremendously proud of the intangibles that we bring to the golf course business.

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**Budget Cuts Could Hit Extension Program**

The Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing bill passed by Congress has reduced the Virginia Extension Program for 1986 by 4.3%, and the second year of the bill could create even more serious problems for the program, since 84% of the Federal budget is protected from cuts. The bottom line for Virginia Extension is that if the President's budget is enacted with that protection covering 84% of its amount, significant staff reductions will take place, including the release of 33 faculty members, 73 Extension Agents, and 122 secretaries or technicians, respective reductions of 16%, 18%, and 30%.