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see these, look them over and favor us with yoru criticism. In the meanwhile GOLFDOM would appreciate hearing from presidents, house chairmen, building chairmen, managers, or any others, their ideas of what should be done in building the model \$30,000 clubhouse.

## One Reason Why I Wouldn't Be a Manager

Of the problems that confront the manager of a golf club all but one seem to be susceptible to a rather completely satisfactory solution. That one remaining problem is a valid excuse if offered for a manager being driven to drink or to an asylum for the mentally unbalanced.

This is the problem of handling members with something to sell to the club. A member in the wholesale grocery, meat, soft drink or other business having golf clubs as a market thinks his own club should buy his product to the practical exclusion of all competing lines. And it must be said that he usually has some basis for his position.

Some competing products may have slightly better prices, they may be in fairly solid possession of the members' favor,

or they may be more desirable in many other respects. But see what happens when the management tries to convince the member with something to sell, should the manager be bold enough to try conviction instead of bowing to what he believes to be the inevitable. Or, if the manager does stock the member's product and it doesn't sell as swiftly as the member thinks it should, there's still a thinly veiled mistrust of the manager on the interested member's part. This reciprocity buying has every purchasing agent in the country worried, but in no other place does it figure where it makes as much misery as it does for the golf club manager.

## How Minikahda Prepares for National Amateur

M INIKAHDA is going after all of the details of handling the National Amateur August 22-27, on a basis that supplies some valuable guidance for other clubs that may be hosts to important tournaments. Minikahda started its work with committee organization right after the National Amateur award was made.



#### AUGUST, 1927

A general tournament committee composed of F. H. Stinchfield, president of the club, Senator W. F. Brooks, green chairman, and J. M. Harrison, was appointed to have general supervision of all of the activities. Committees appointed to handle the affairs of the tournament are: publicity, automobile and police, gallery, souvenir program, entertainment and transportation, finance, admissions, grounds, public welfare, house and caddies and scoring.

Senator Brooks and the club's wellknown greenkeeper, Charles Erickson, have been busy for months planning grooming of the course so it will be "in the pink" for the National Amateur.

Several new tees have been built, giving additional length to several holes. These tees have all been newly sodded and are in excellent condition. The old tees have been resodded, where necessary, so that every assurance can be given of a fair shot on the drive of every hole. The weather has been propitious in that there has been a plentiful rainfall and in addition to that, the fairways are being sprinkled day and night so that there are no burned out spots. The grass is heavy and thick. The fairways are kept constantly mowed and

# Altitude

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nt. The progress of each player will be ulated at these points and relayed to a large scoring boards erected near the rting tee.

More than one hundred fifty caddies will required for the first two days of play, iich include the qualifying rounds. The ijority of these boys will be obtained on the carefully trained corps of Minihda caddies, but the best caddies from l of the other Twin City golf and couny clubs will be asked to enter their names rough the golf committees of their spective clubs.

Owing to the limited capacity of the club use, it has been decided to accommodate ly the officials, club members, and plays during the tournament week, but reeshment facilities for the hundreds who II comprise the galleries will be estabthed on the grounds.

The automobile and police committee is ving much consideration to its probms. It is possible that soldiers from ort Snelling may be secured to patrol the urses during the tournament week.

## Checking Details of Course Architecture

anadian Golfer has made a list of points hat must be decided upon both in the rchitecture of the course and in the eagin and construction of the various oles. Having read it through, perhaps ne. realizes that the efficient professional rchitect is a valuable ally in the establishnent and rearrangement of the golf course.

A. General Scheme:

 Sporting possibilities: (a) Profes-Ional player; (b) Amateur champion;
Average player. Good design will proide for all three classes of players.

2. Beauty of design: (a) Natural; (b) artificial.

3. Practical application: (a) Simple pkeep; (b) Elaborate upkeep.

3. Detailed Scheme:

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1. Number per hole: (a) Single; (b) Multiple.

2. Shape: (a) Parallelogram; (b) Unonventional.

3. Elevation: (a) Built-up; (b) Level with terrain.

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