

Between Ourselves

their lowest point with an outlet that is hopelessly inadequate. One bright golf course builder got the hunch that a five foot square drain filled with crushed rock and having an outlet below the frost line wouldn't cost much more and would amply take care of the storm rains that make the traps miniature lakes for days. On the entire course the cost of increasing the drainage facilities during construction, in this manner, was practically unnoticeable. The result was that play on this course proceeds within a very brief time after torrential downpours, with the traps devoid of water.

It's the little places that are unheeded too often and keep aggravating every committee and every department head connected with the club.

Planned Buying Calls for Early Action

Waiting until the last minute to buy has been responsible for many extravagances in club operation. Delay results in snap judgment and places a heavy burden on the manufacturer who often is asked to do the impossible in making deliveries. Although committee members fully realize the cost and risk in postponing their deliberations and decisions in their own business enterprises, they unwittingly allow the condition to prevail in their golf clubs.

The good housewifely practice of shopping around and then buying in line with well defined requirements is an operation that will start many golf clubs right on a year's program of thrifty management.

The Helping Hand for the Small Club

One of the leaders in American golf has aptly pointed out that a serious menace to the game is "the delusion of grandeur." In the larger cities, with a vast and wealthy population to draw upon for members, the high hat may be fitting and proper. Among the smaller clubs, which constitute half of the country's organizations, golf is primarily and solely a sport and there's the social asset idea connected with golf club membership only to the extent that the best fellows in the community naturally are attracted to the pastime.

It's these smaller clubs that are fighting out their battles in solo flights. One of GOLFDOM'S prime functions is to serve as a medium of exchange of experiences between the clubs in the smaller towns. In addition to the editorial material we dig up ourselves, we always will extend a warm welcome to contributions from smaller club executives and operating personnel, concerning their problems, and their discoveries of improved methods. Matters concerning the location, organization, financing, membership solicitation, construction and maintenance of course and clubhouse and other such practical details, have been worked out with varying success by clubs that will benefit mutually and help the newcomers by publishing their observations.