

## Wendehack Author of Fine Clubhouse Book

**G**OLF and Country Clubs—A Survey of the Requirement of Planning, Construction and Equipment of the Modern Club House—so reads the label on an imposing new book by Clifford Charles Wendehack. The book is published by William Helburn, Inc., of New York and sells at \$10.

Wendehack, who has a number of excellent club houses to his own credit as an architect, has done a great trail-blazing job in presenting the vital points of correct architecture of club houses. The book carries illustrations and floor plans of the club houses designed by many of the country's notable architects, and as a valuable guide is to be highly recommended. Unfortunately almost all of the work shown is that of expensive and pretentious jobs, so the value of the book to the architects and building committees of the smaller clubs is exposed to the peril of unwise adaptations. However, Wendehack's copy for the book so thoroughly and sanely lays down the practical principles of club house planning for efficient utilization that one can't go far wrong by reading and heeding the "directions that come with every package."

At an early stage the author explains some of the sad false alarms in club house architecture by telling of the architects being picked solely because of their qualifications as club members instead of for their "training, experience and ability." The lamentable truth that there are but a very few club house architectural specialists in the country (of whom Wendehack is generally acknowledged a star), puts the builders of the smaller club house and of the daily fee club house rather up against the problem of trusting to heaven and an architect who is working on uncharted territory. It is to be hoped that the author and publisher of this book are so encouraged by its reception and sale that Wendehack will exercise his high talent on the club house that must grow with the club's financial development and which has a prominent place in the entire community's social scheme as well as on the club house that is part of a "strictly business" play proposition.

One of the important points that Wendehack stresses is the matter of co-operation between the club house architect and the



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course architect on the matter of locating the club house.

The author recommends that the building operations be started with the locker-room unit, including its bath and toilet facilities, and earns the everlasting gratitude of the pros by emphasizing the importance of the pro shop as one of the earliest stages of the building enterprise to which attention should be given. His material on meal preparation and service facilities, construction costs and locker-rooms undoubtedly will be consulted often in the future in saving golf enterprises considerable money and the necessity of revision. Although a veteran manager of our acquaintance once told us that he didn't believe a kitchen and dining room plan would be made by any architect or manager in this world that the next manager on the job would not wish could be changed completely, Wendehack's book lays down the basic principles on these major features so plainly and fool-proof that he has protected clubs yet unborn against the danger of architects who are boy wonders with pretty looking places but stymied cold when it comes to handling hot transportation problems, party night rush loads, food

storage and checking, dish-washing and the desire of the club to break even.

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Size, layout, equipment and a general outline of operating methods comprise the range of the book's material, and a number of photographs and plans of club installations serve to make the details plain to club executives. One interesting indication of the wide variations in handling the kitchen problem of country clubs is noted in the analysis of restaurant and kitchen space in typical country clubs. The per-



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