



"Homeward the weary plowman plods his way and leaves the world to darkness and to me." That's still what some of the uninitiated might think of the greenkeeper at sundown, unmindful of the fact that the boy behind the scenes isn't a farmer, but an agriculturist, engineer, soil technologist, director of personnel, hydraulic and drainage expert, master mechanic, landscape artist and heaven knows what all else.

When the Westchester County greenkeepers homeward plod they dive into the p. m. uniforms, sweat, growl and wait another hour until Madame gets set, and then step out to a party like this, their third annual dinner dance.

i. e., in designing and building a golf course there need be no ignorant experimenting, for this profession today is equivalent to any type of architecture and engineering pertaining thereto.

You desire your property improved with a \$30,000 building or perhaps the site lends itself to a \$150,000 improvement; your architect designs in relation to clients' requirements, and the contractor builds according to specifications. By the same token, the golf engineer and architect can function precisely on the same basis.

In the face of the so-called expert's statement that it is impossible to design and construct a golf plant for less than \$5,000 per hole, we can show him twenty or more layouts of eighteen holes that were designed and constructed (inclusive of water lines, pump and motor, bent greens, constructed tees, greens, traps, et al.) for \$30,000, a nine-hole plant for \$10,000, and a national tournament course at \$60,000.

Therefore, the above serves to illustrate the contention there need be no supercilious guessing; a proficient golf architect-engineer can function according to the financial status of his client, and accurately.

A serious condition, however, has devel-

oped through the process of erroneous use of the title golf architect. Anyone of questionable experience can adopt this title and approach a prospective client on the flagrant basis of plagiarism with the attendant dissatisfaction generated through the process of experimentation and lack of fundamental knowledge. This not only distorts installation costs, but involves inferior quality of design and construction.

A national organization of golf architects and engineers might serve to eliminate this parasitical tendency.

To illustrate: A motorist passing a course during the process of construction observed tractors busily engaged completing a green adjacent to the road. Interested, he inquired of the foreman who was responsible for the work. Said foreman, after a moment's hesitation, replied that he was, adding that he always worked with his men for better efficiency.

The motorist, presenting his card, suggested a call at his office. The foreman called and, through misrepresentation, contracted on a percentage basis to design and build a course for the party in question.

This particular nine-hole course proved not only to be entirely out of proportion as to expense in relation to design and con-