

Consider Added Charge for Tardy Diners

PROHIBITION has brought a serious problem of late diners at golf club parties. It is not uncommon for food service at a club dinner dance to be delayed an hour from the appointed time.

The advisability of an added charge for tardiness is being considered at the Cherokee C. C., Knoxville, Tenn., states Manager Alex Fox, in the following excerpt from the Club Managers' Association bulletin, Mr. Fox states:

"We have a 'club dance' every Saturday night and our reservations for dinner on these nights are always very satisfactory, but I have been having a great deal of trouble lately trying to get the members out in anything like a reasonable time. Last night I had a party of 25 who ordered dinner for 8:30 and they did not get here until after 10:30. The reason for this is, I feel sure, that owing to the fact that we are very strict as to drinking, they stop by some one's house and take on a few. I have been thinking of having a rule passed as to a zero hour for serving or an extra charge of some kind. But I do not want to be too drastic as I realize that it is very hard to get a crowd started when there is a drink in sight. Have you any data as to what other clubs are doing along this line?"

In view of the help problems at the golf club due to their usually distant location from sources of good emergency employe supply, the delay in food service is a real expense.

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