



Westmoreland finds many uses for flowers besides this formal garden. Flowers for decorative use inside the clubhouse are grown in separate beds never seen by members.

## HOW FLOWERS FIT CLUBS

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**W**ESTMORELAND CC, in suburban Wilmette of the Chicago district, has a casual air of native beauty which to the alert visitor is evidence of year-around foresight and patience always behind the scenes when natural effects are created. Manager Thomas, M. Ream and Grounds Supt. Alfred Lesperance are experts in their mode of keeping the club grounds at a continuous peak of attractiveness throughout the entire season, never risking that trap of being even a few days without a balance of blooms.

It is this alertness that keeps Westmoreland lounge and dining rooms always brilliant in life and beauty. Remove all flowers from your dining room, or even fill the bowls with a poor selection of blooms from a seeding bed, and the room is stark; there are only chairs and white tables. Bring in a silver bowl of roses, two or three buds, half-open blooms, leaves and one full flower. You have fragrance, color, and, most interesting, life.

Producing flowers which are constantly to be on parade, as on the grounds of Westmoreland, means that show beds can not be expected to furnish the prolific blooms for inside dining room and parlor use. Entirely separate beds are cultured at this club so that no tulip display is ragged with headless stems and no lilac bush is stripped of blooms to fill a cavernous lounge basket.

Note the inside flower problem throughout the season, as Westmoreland has it planned. Early in the spring tulips, cottage or breeder flowers are developed in deep, pure colors and strong texture which will give strength to the first pre-season bridge luncheon. Tulips in a firm pottery bowl, small for the table so that the cross-table view is not interrupted, are delightful. Especially do we want a

bright glow to leave the spring sunlight on our table; yellow and bronzy tulips in a low bowl of pewter seem to be made for this purpose. It is wise not to feature tulips of too great color contrast, such as purple and white; the effect is stark and without quality. Orange and yellows blend nicely, and white and pale yellow in a white bowl makes a beautiful centerpiece.

Do not overlook, even in a large clubhouse, the effectiveness of perhaps a single daffodil on a low window table in



Catherine Quimby, author of this article, gathers some blossoms for use in the Westmoreland clubhouse.

the ladies' lounge. In single flower arrangement there is the irresistible chance to use an angular, modern glass vase and select the flower for beauty of stem as well as bloom. On a polished table the shadow of this arrangement will create a lovely pattern of modern lines. It is a smart choice when yellow flowers can be brought inside. They brighten the room and give a feeling of courage which blue, no matter how beautiful it is out in the sunlight, will never contribute indoors.

#### Lilacs Are Always Effective

With the middle of May purple and white lilacs from the thick hedge along the drive can be cut, the under-water bark peeled from the branch for longer life, and the blooms and fragrance will be ideal in any clubhouse setting. Here a thin glass vase would quiver for help, for any tree-like flower must seem to have the solid base it has in nature. A dull earthen jar, a lustreless brass or pewter bowl, or dark green pottery will be perfect hosts to a few branches of lilac, of apple blossom, or of any flowering tree. Yes, you well remember, a "few" branches, because it is the branch that gives character and individuality to these

blossoms. Recognize the full body of each flower and feature the value of the stem as well as the bloom.

Tulips, daffodils, narcissus, lilac, iris, and flowering shrubs will be adequate and most attractive during the opening events of the new club season. By the first of June the lavish beds of peonies bring a new and more luxurious note of decoration. Peonies are lovely in large groupings or in small, alone or in combination with a full if fragile complement of baby's breath and similar background. It is most effective in large floral groupings to feature some one superb flower breed, as the peony or rose, and let the balance of the arrangement be chosen from less commanding personalities.

While all flowers are attractive and almost any assemblage of them will be fragrant and colorful, it is so much more gratifying to plant and cut with a keen eye as to the best taste and the best featuring of individual flower personalities. There is so much to line, to texture, to color, and to the container that unending satisfaction can be enjoyed through being witty in their application.

#### Flower Uses in Dining Room

Westmoreland waitresses place a small leaf spray and a single pansy head between the glass finger bowl and its saucer, or float a twig of snap-dragon like a small ship right in the bowl. A lilac bloom is sometimes pinned in the loose outer napkin folds on the hot roll tray. Flowers find endless similar small places in dining room use but the arrangers are careful that food and flowers are safely separated. Lone flowers or ferns placed directly on table linen are not in good taste.

Daisies for white, delphiniums for blue, coreopsis and marigolds for yellow, and cosmos in mixed colors provide decorating possibilities for special color schemes. Asters, sweet William, zinnias, and angel's breath are also excellent choice for June decorating requirements. This variety of blooms and roses will last throughout the summer if planted with an eye to staggering the periods of peak beauty. The early flowers should, of course, be started in fall beds.

Careful hands will make the most of flower possibilities and will give each flower its best chance for a long, attractive life. Blossoms cut with long stems have greater decorating possibilities for they can be shortened at will. Cold water will revive cut flowers, cold water reaching almost up to the bloom. It is gen-



Now under construction as part of the \$300,000 building program of the Ponte Vedra (Fla.) CC, hotel-resort of the Florida East coast, is this guest cottage section. It will consist of 33 guest rooms each 20 x 15 feet around a large central court. The section faces seaward to the Atlantic and landward to the main club building and golf links, and brings the accommodations at Ponte Vedra to 78 rooms.

erally wisest to bring in flowers before the blossom opens, when it is half open, or even in the bud. Cut gladioli when only two or three of the flowers are opened; the spike will last over a week, new flowers will be continuously opening, and withering blooms can be snipped off.

Tulips are most attractive if the stem is not allowed to curl. It is found that merely wrapping them in water-soaked newspaper will prevent this and will keep the flowers fresh for a long over-night wait.

For country club use the sturdier flowers are most desirable because of the rustic porch furniture, the open, breezy lounges, and the natural outdoor atmosphere. Stems and bloom which will hold their own in drafty settings and on sunny porches are most appropriate and successful.

There is nothing intricate in this club flower problem, but common sense in planning the sequence of blooms, in preserving display beds from cutting and in arranging cut flowers to make flower personalities apparent is a good scheme in keeping this phase of club management on a high and pleasing level.

### Annual Rhode Island Field Day Held May 24

**A**PPROXIMATELY 60 greenkeepers and other visitors attended the eighth annual Greenkeepers' Field Day held at Rhode Island State college, Monday, May 24. More than 1,000 different experimental grass plats at the college, all in excellent condition, representing various

kinds of grasses, fertilizer tests, weeds, diseases, insect control, etc., were viewed. These plats are said to be the most extensive of any in the country.

Several dealers in golf course equipment, fertilizer, and seed displayed their products in interesting exhibits.

A short speaking program, presided over by Director of Research Dr. B. E. Gilbert, was held following luncheon in the college cafeteria. V-Pres. John Barlow welcomed visitors and Dean G. E. Adams spoke on early turf experiments at the college. Other speakers were Dr. J. A. DeFrance and Dr. T. E. Odland, who was in charge of the day's program.

Varied subjects were discussed at the round table session following the speaking program. Frank Wilson, Charles River CC greenkeeper, led the discussion on fairway watering. Everett Pyle, Hartford CC; Guy West, Fall River CC; Jonathan Comstock, Comstock Park CC; and R. Wallace Peckham of Sachuest GC contributed to these discussions.

At the annual meeting of the R. I. Greenkeepers' club, following the round table talks, the following officers were elected; Jonathan Comstock, pres.; Oscar Chapman, Winnapoag GC, Westerly, V-pres.; Martin Greene, Wannamoisett CC, East Providence, treas.; and Thomas Galvin, R. I. CC, Nyatt, secretary.

**Palm Beach Still Favorite**—The victorious American Ryder Cup team again was uniformed by Palm Beach. Elmer Ward and Dave Frankel adorned the boys with white herringbone weave Palm Beach coats, red belts and blue solar-weave Palm Beach slacks. Team members also were supplied with solar-weave Havana brown overlaid knickers.