

spaced trees; between the trees in each instance was a shrub.

Now, to the eye of one who is trained in the art of using plants and arranging grounds, the fact that these shrubs were there gave too much in the way of rhythm or beat, and it struck me as I went in that if they would take the shrubs from between the trees and plant them in a mass near the service buildings they would not only improve the appearance of the driveway but they would also screen out a very objectionable feature.

It takes few plants to screen off unsightly objects. There are all sorts of screens we can use. If we have playing grounds, like roque or tennis courts, we may want them very thoroughly screened out and enclosed. For that sort of thing we can use the formal hedge, but again I am looking at maintenance costs. The simpler you can make your plantings the lower the maintenance cost and while the very formal hedge is a fine thing it has to be trimmed three or four times a year and I wonder if it is worth-while.

It is not necessary to shut out unsightly objects entirely. If there is something in the line of sight between the eye and the unsightly object, then that screen, whatever you use, serves the purpose because the unsightly object is partly hidden from view and does not make itself so obnoxious.

With reference to the use of flowers around clubhouse grounds, I find planting in round beds a very common fault. Flowers are desirable, but if we can keep our plants grouped toward the margins of the lawns we will have larger expanses of lawn that can be trimmed much more readily and there will be a feeling of spaciousness created.

Some Flower Beds Are Bad

You go to some courses and you find large groups of very showy, conspicuous flowers like cannas or geraniums. They seem to shout out. They are noisy plants. Is that the sort of spirit we would have around country clubs? I know the spirit differs in various clubs, but before flower beds are put out it should be carefully considered whether or not they really carry out the desire we have for the development of the property.

Generally speaking, we do not like to see flower beds in circles, crescents or squares. Today we have a different type of arrangement. Instead of round beds, we use more rectangular ones. We put

our flowers at the base of shrub borders. If we must have them along the drives we put them in borders rather than in beds of varying shapes. In this way they conform to the lines of design and do not break it up.

I do not think the rock garden is altogether in keeping with the country club atmosphere. We should not plan one unless it actually fits the landscape and appears native to it. The rock garden is not a place to exhibit odd forms of rocks. It is designed to make growing conditions favorable for plants which naturally live in that sort of environment. Consequently, most rock work you see in gardens is not really suitable at all. As I said before, we may need to use rocks on banks in order to hold up the soil, but if we do, it is an advisable thing to cover them rather than to make them more conspicuous.

I have tried to tell you some things that will be useful to you. But after all, if you have a definite plan for the development of your clubhouse grounds which can be carried out over a series of years, if you adhere to it, if you use common sense and good taste and good judgment, your grounds cannot help appear very much better.

It's "Superintendent," Not "Greenkeeper" in New Jersey Now

IN NEW JERSEY now it's the Golf Course Superintendent's association. Greenkeeper has been abandoned as the identification of those responsible for course maintenance because it was inadequate, and a long way from giving the right idea of the heavy and complex responsibilities of the man who has charge of an outdoor plant that represents an investment of from \$50,000 to more than ten times that amount.

The Golf Course Superintendent's association of New Jersey has circularized the state's green-chairmen suggesting that a minimum of \$25 a year for 9-hole courses be budgeted as the superintendent's expense allowance for attendance at short courses, district golf meetings and national conventions.

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