

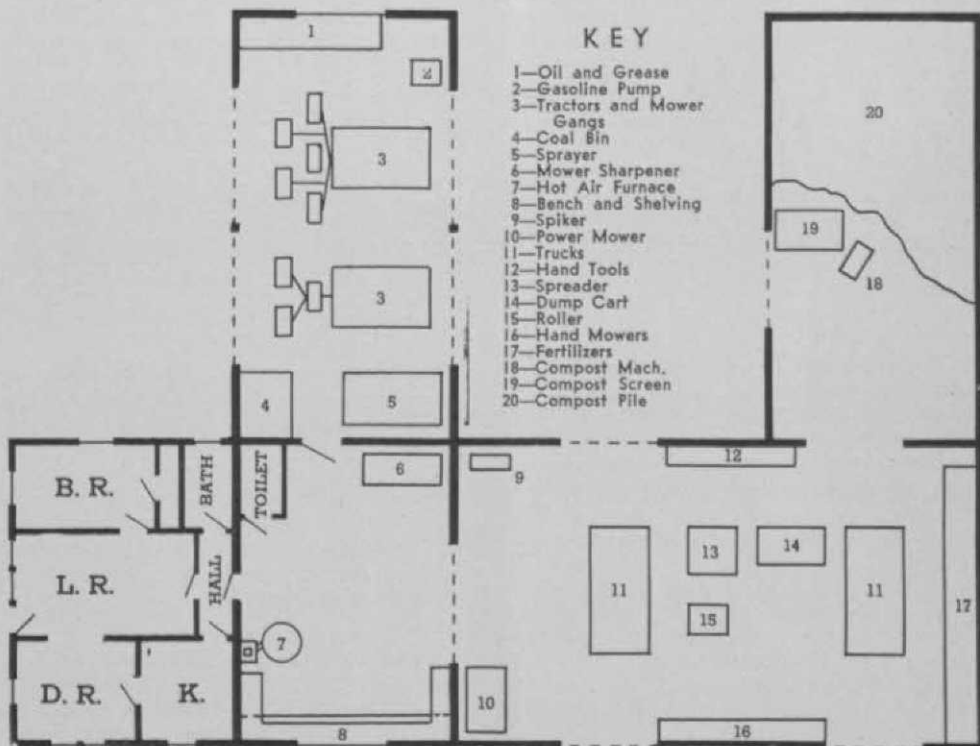
PEORIA BARN IS TOPS FOR SERVICE

By JACK FULTON, Jr.

COMPLETED last fall and now in service at the Country Club of Peoria (Ill.) is a new equipment building which, according to pro-supt. Elmer Biggs, is any greenkeeper's "dream structure" for efficient handling and control of golf maintenance supplies and machines. The building is designed for use, as Biggs points out, there is nothing fancy about the job, but there is a place for everything and no excuse for everything not being in its place.

The building, of concrete blocks with composition shingle roof, is U-shaped and

The right arm of the U has a concrete floor, and in this room, 22' by 44', compost is mixed, screened and stored. About 75 loads of compost can be stored in this space. There are no windows in the walls, just a doorway into the adjacent storage room and a single courtyard door. The



approximately 74' deep and 76' wide, including the central courtyard. Off one arm of the U is a four-room apartment, 22' by 30', for occupancy by the grounds crew foreman. Sliding doors, the top half of which are glassed, give easy and quick entry to all sections of the building except this apartment, which is well isolated.

door is 10' wide, ample to permit dump carts to back in for direct loading.

Continuing clockwise through the building, one comes next to a large storage room 54' by 30'. Fertilizers are stored along the right wall and hand mowers are stored against the outer wall. Two 10' doors are provided here. Locations have been set for

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the hand-tool rack, the spiker and the power greens-mower. The club's trucks, dump carts, spreader, roller and similar equipment occupy the center of the room.

The balance of this portion of the building is the machine shop, 22' by 30', enterable from the room just described through a 12' door. A work bench extends the full width of the room under a bank of three windows; over the bench, running out both side walls and extending to the ceiling are shelves. The mower sharpener is on the other side of the room; one corner is partitioned off for a toilet, with a stool, wash-basin and trough urinal. A hot air furnace assures comfortable working temperatures in the shop, regardless of how wintry the weather.

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Tractors and mower units are kept in the final wing of the structure, with two pairs of 14' doors in each wall to make straight-in parking of these bulky units possible. Oil and grease storage space are conveniently at hand with a gasoline pump at the corner of the room near the door to the courtyard; the storage tank is outside. A coal bin fills the corner of the room nearest the furnace; the club's sprayer is backed into the other corner.

Ceilings throughout the storage barn are 10' at the eaves. This is the only feature Biggs says he would change if he had the building to construct a second time. Eight-foot ceilings are ample, and this lowering of the walls would have saved considerable in the construction costs. In all other respects, Biggs boasts the building is perfectly arranged for the job it was designed to do.

Hewitt, Emerson and Gregg, of Peoria, were the architects on the job, and A. C. Folden was the contractor. Total cost was slightly under \$9,700.

New Jersey Bidding for 1939 Greens Convention in October

NEW JERSEY Association of Golf Course Superintendents is conducting an energetic campaign to get the 1939 Nat'l Assn. of Greenkeepers Convention for New York. Holding of a World's Fair in New York is one of the reasons set forth in the Jerseymen's bid. They also cite figures of greenkeeper association membership and USGA club membership in territory handy to New York as bases for their solicitation of the convention.

While the friendly competition between New York and Kansas City is being conducted for the 1939 meeting and exhibition, there is a growing interest in the possibility of future annual national meetings of greenkeepers and the displays of course maintenance equipment being held in October and under arrangements that would permit outside demonstrations of equipment.

Proponents of the combination indoor meetings and outdoor demonstrations set forth the statement that October would provide a good time for men to come to the meeting with their summer season problems fresh in mind and with the shopping factor in a close tie-up with impending budget making. The October date, so its advocates claim, also would be a practical one for greenkeepers in the southern belt.

An arrangement of indoor meetings and practical outdoor demonstrations, so those in favor of the plan declare, could be made in a way that would keep greenkeepers' expenses of convention attendance low, provide exhibitors with valuable opportunities for effective demonstrations, and possibly increase the association convention income which is a vital element of convention operation.

Dickinson Honored—Tribute is paid to Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson of Massachusetts State College, with the announcement that this year's Index, undergraduate year book, will be dedicated to him.

Professor Dickinson, who is in the agronomy department at the state college, is widely known as an authority on maintenance and design of greens. He is the founder of the first course for greenkeepers in this country, started at the college here 11 years ago.