

Twelve-foot porches overlooking the Lord Howe valley give the Ticonderoga (N.Y.) CC lounging and dining spaces with beautiful vistas.

## MODERNITY IS KEY TO NEW CLUBHOUSES

**T**HERE is in progress a minor boom in clubhouse building, especially at private clubs and WPA projects. These new structures range from simple shelters to very elaborate layouts, yet all of them have been designed to incorporate modern features for better and more efficient operation. Among the trends in the larger buildings:

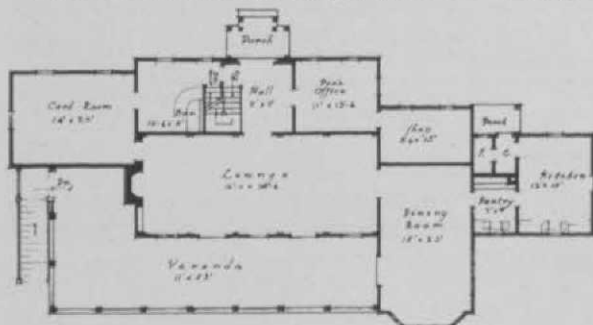
Increasing difficulty of getting clubhouse help is reflected in plans which locate kitchens for quick service to dining rooms, grills and terraces. Terrace service seems to be in for growth, mainly as a result of swimming pool patronage.

Surprising about some of the plans is the failure to make more use of course scenes from windows of dining rooms and grills. In this respect the British clubhouses have it all over American design. Best views of the course usually are obtained from lounge windows in American clubhouses and lounges seldom are occupied in daytime except for bridge parties.

There is a decided tendency toward re-

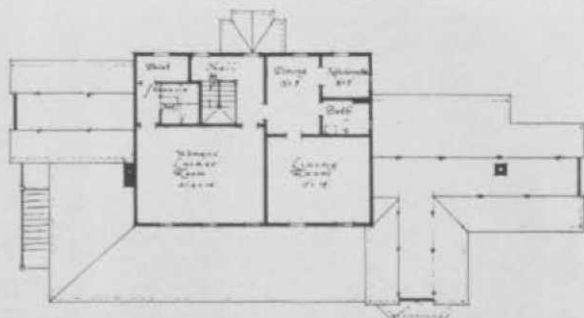
ducing lounge area and toward locating the lounge so it can be used conveniently for over-flow dinners without having the appearance of make-shift arrangements. Far more attention is being paid to fire protection. Stiff insurance rates have forced this.

New clubhouse exteriors show more effort to blend in with local landscape, instead of making the clubhouse look like the old baronial castle, if the club had plenty of money, or like an overgrown farmhouse if the club was building on a close financial basis. New clubhouses in the United States are not making use of the restrained modernistic idea extensively used in the newer British clubhouses, in which large window space and elevated dining and refreshment outdoor facilities



First floor of the new Ticonderoga clubhouse. Note kitchen light and ventilation; ease of service to lounge in case of overflow dinners; and pro-manager's dept. Lounge is finished in knotty pine and has a hand-hewn beamed ceiling.

Top floor at Ticonderoga. By putting women's dept. on different floor than men's, more room is available. Pro-manager's living quarters are compact but comfortable.



are features. Colder and longer American winters probably account for this, as present tendency is to make clubhouse so it can be economically operated the year around.

More of a point is being made of air circulation in the locker and bath departments. The clammy, steamy shower rooms are so obvious a rap against architects' reputations and a continuous discomfort to members that architects have quit muffing this problem.

Provisions for air cooling have been made in several of the newer clubhouses, although actual installation of air conditioning in some cases will wait until expense is reduced. There has been a sharp reduction in air-cooling cost during the last two years and several representative cases show air-conditioning has increased house revenues enough to warrant the cost.

Very cute tricks are being done in the design and decoration of women's locker and cocktail rooms. Adequate but compact facilities and dainty handling of furnishing and colors, together with half-size lockers seem to be giving the answer to the women's long and loud yells for more attention in clubhouse facilities.

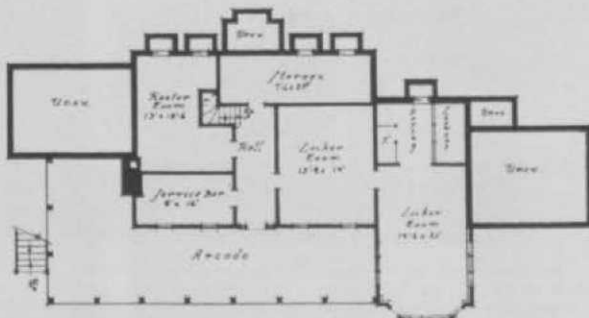
Gradually the architects and building committees are getting around to the realization that the men's locker-rooms, one

of the few remaining places where women can't horn in, can be made to look less like jails. Most of the country club male member's inside time is spent in the locker-room. Architects privately comment that they know what can and should be done to make locker-rooms distinctive and attractive but seldom has an architect the disposition to fight with the building committee to get the money and authority to do the job right.

Basement showers and lockers for swimming pool service are details of several new clubhouse plans.

There is a definite trend toward providing the manager with attractive quarters in the clubhouse, inasmuch as the long and uncertain hours of the manager and his inability to enjoy any more than a brief association with his family have made it imperative that pleasant quarters be made available for the manager when he can get to them.

There does not seem to be much development in supplying storage space for emergency furniture, or workshop facilities. Clubs pay for this oversight. Living and eating quarters for the employees continue to be uniformly awful and to explain the almost hopeless problem confronting managers who want to give to their members competent, interested, pleasant and sanitary service.



Hillside site of Ticonderoga clubhouse puts the locker-room partially in the basement, but prevailing wind helps solve the ventilation problem.