DOWN - TOWN RESTAURANT AS "Duration" CLUBHOUSE

By GIBBONS CLARK

★ They purchased a fully-equipped restaurant as their downtown clubhouse! That's what the Yakima (Wash.) Country club members did and the move is working out

most satisfactorily.

The big duration idea began when the beautiful country clubhouse, located about three miles from the city, burned to the ground on last Thanksgiving day. Faced with the perplexing problem of replacing building and dining equipment, and with wartime chances for that slim, club members conferred and came up with the novel solution of bringing their country clubhouse to the city for the duration. A streamlined restaurant, completely equipped, was purchased and remodeled to serve as a clubhouse while regular play would continue on the club course.

Although the result of the move means that members must provide for the up-keep of two properties instead of one, the credit side of the deal reveals that members are ahead time, tires, and gas, and have avoided the possibility of failure to

replace dining equipment.

With the convenient downtown location members have only to drive a short dis-

tance to attend club doings.

Members can pool their cars to reach the Yakima course and then, come party time at the clubhouse, an extra trip can be saved to the course by having the clubhouse in town.

Efforts are under way to install shower

facilities in the restaurant basement. As the permanent greens are not open to play until late in the season in this northwest area, the showers may be ready in time for regular season's play on the course.

Upkeep of the new quarters, it is reported, amounts to practically the same as for the regular clubhouse. The big advantage, of course, is the saving provided by securing a location complete with facilities and equipment for the preparation and serving of meals. Daily lunch business is good in the new location.

A very pleasing clubhouse has been provided members. By doing away with the restaurant counter, and moving back the fountain equipment, a made-to-order main room is provided. To acquire dancing facilities, a next-door building was secured with the result that now an invitingly polished dance floor opens off the main street entrance. The women's powder room is adjacent to the dance floor.

Twice has the Yakima clubhouse burned to the ground. Now, hugging the wall on one side of the temporary clubhouse, is the architect's drawing of the proposed post-war clubhouse. The members met the challenge to do something about a seemingly impossible situation, and when the present club facilities have served their wartime purpose, members will once again enjoy a beautiful country clubhouse at their course.

How's Installation of Your Dishwasher?

★ With dishwashing machines almost impossible to get and the kitchen labor problem a headache to every manager, the advice of Fred Johnson, serviceman of Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc., on dishwasher installations includes valuable reminders.

Johnson says:

"The first essential of efficient dishwashing is a good layout. Is your machine now located where it will not interfere with traffic? Delicate adjustments and proper alignment of parts may be upset by frequent jarring of the machine. Or is there a protruding handle that gets bumped? If better clearance for such a part cannot be provided, it may be possible to obtain a differently shaped handle to help the situation.

"Is your machine leveled properly? This should be checked with a good instrument, for levels have a way of changing gradually and unnoticed. An improperly lined-

up machine will operate, but considerable damage to pump bearings, shafts and couplings can be caused this way. Lift the guards over the shaft couplings between the motor and pump, to see if the couplings are free and the connecting shafts are in correct alignment. The pump platform should be firm and level; some machines have adjustable feet to provide for this.

"The voltage and current suitable to your electric motor are noted on the name plate attached. Once the motor is properly installed, it requires little attention; but, if yours may have been abused, take the precaution of having it checked again. And check also whether it is still pro-

tected from steam and water.

"Is a grease trap or interceptor working effectively in the line connected with the threaded drain outlet? Does the downward pitch of the line and the drain connections ensure complete emptying of the tanks, pumps, and spray tubes as soon as the drain valve is opened? Are the steam and water connections made to the proper valves? Printed tags or instruction sheets

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come with most machines, to show which valves should be connected with the various lines. If your copies have been misplaced, request duplicates from the manufacturer, so you can check on this part of the installation.

"Is there a water pressure of at least twenty pounds at all times? To assure this, it is recommended that the hot water line be run direct from the storage tank to the washer with no other outlets.

Jack Hobens Dies

★ Jack Hobens, who came from Scotland in 1899 to become one of the pro builders of U. S. golf, died March 26, age 64, at his home in Englewood, N. J. He was pro at Englewood (N. J.) CC at the time of his death.

During World War I Jack toured with Bobby Jones playing Red Cross exhibition tournaments. He was a fine competitive golfer in his younger days and among other victories won the 1908 Metropolitan Open at Baltusrol when that event was regarded as second in importance to the National Open. He was an excellent instructor and developed many first class men and women amateurs.

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Jack had served at the Yountakah,
Huntington Valley and Knickerbocker
clubs prior to signing with Englewood.

E. V. Creagh Promoted

Edward V. Creagh who joined the company in 1916, has been appointed advertising and Sales Promotion Manager of American Chain & Cable Company, Inc., and Associate Companies, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

His service has been continuous, except during World War I, when he was in the Army. He has been in charge of Sales Promotion activities since 1936. His new duties will cover newspaper, magazine, business publications, and other forms of advertising, in addition to sales promotion. The advertising of American Chain & Cable includes Weed Tire Chains, Tru-Lay Preformed Wire Rope, Reading-Pratt & Cady Valves, Page Welding Wire and Chain Link Fence, Wright Hoists, Manley Garage Equipment, Owen Springs, Campbell Abrasive Cutting Machines, Push-Pull Controls, Hazard Wire Rope, American Industrial and Hardware Chain.

Mr. Creagh is vice pres. of the National Industrial Advertisers Association.

Axel Rain Jacket Popular

Leon A. Axel, Ltd., New York City, are doing a big volume buiness with the golf pros on their new rain jacket. This new wet weather garment, according to its makers, is revolutionary in that it is the only garment of its kind that has no seams to bind. "Alive with action" the new Axel rain jackets have been endorsed by many leading golf tournament stars. They are made in both men's and women's styles, in three different fabrics, and sell in a price range that fits into pro shop merchandising.

Metropolitan Amateur Renewed

The Metropolitan Amateur championship, suspended since 1941 because of war uncertainties, will be renewed this year with Sleepy Hollow CC, Scarborough-on-Hudson, host to the match-play championship, after qualifying rounds at Montclair GC, Garden City GC and Winged Foot GC. The first and second rounds of the championship, at 18 holes, will be played June 17; third and fourth rounds at 18 holes, June 18 and the finals at 36 holes, Sunday, June 25.

LIGHTER BAGS SOLVE CADDIE PROBLEM

* Among other expected serious handicaps to golf which didn't materialize was the caddie shortage. Not that there have been as many caddies as could be employed, but the caddie shortage has been offset by the popularity of lighter bags that golfers have carried without undue inconvenience or effort.

Some golfers see in the enforced lighter bag use the same forecast that looms for housing and automobiles. Those with the big houses can't get fuel or servants for operating and those with big automobiles can't get coupons for the mileage they need. Hence the prophecies of fewer big houses and heavy automobiles in the postwar period.

Now having extensively used balanced and streamlined golf bags and playing

without caddie expense golfers are more inclined to simplify and economize in their enjoyment of the game, according to many observers. It's doubted that this wartime experience of self-caddying either by light bag or cart will be extensively continued at private clubs when boys again become available in ample numbers, but it is regarded as certain that the reduction in the caddie roster has had a lasting effect in promoting golf among the moderate income class. The caddie fee often puts golf in the status of an extravagance to many potential golfers. With the wartime demonstration of satisfactory service by the self-carried light and balanced bag numerous pros and others in the golf business believe that the caddie situation is a diminishing source of headaches.