

demand for power mowing has about doomed them.

About 20 years ago there were many courses built with huge greens generally placed just over the brow of a hill and built up to make them visible. The unlucky player who overshoots the green on these courses frequently takes several shots to get to the putting surface, and is then facing an 80 foot putt. Many of these greens are now maintained with a border of fairway length turf on the green, all around the putting surface, wide enough to be mowed with a gang mower. It is not likely that such monstrosities will be built in the future.

Today's favored design does make the poor player's game easier and more enjoyable, it provides for faster play through the fairgreen, and it takes full advantage of modern power maintenance machinery. We must however, be careful to so design our courses that the better players have to strive for accuracy and use of judgment in their choice of direction, or we shall end up by breeding a race of golfers who can drive a mile and pitch over a barn and nothing else.

### Tomorrow's Architectural Features

Looking forward, I think we can discern certain definite trends in future golf course design. I think we shall demand more acreage than we have sometimes been forced to content ourselves with, so as to obviate the necessity of too great artificiality which comes from cramping holes into too small an area, with consequent high up-keep cost. I think we shall reach a sensible compromise between the old fashioned hay field called "rough," and today's rough which more closely resembles fairway. I think we shall use larger tees designed for gang mowing. The banks of tees, greens and traps will be so contoured that they can be mowed with a gang mower, and the sand-perimeter in sand traps will more closely follow the arc of machine mowing.

More emphasis will be placed on rewarding the accurate player and penalizing the good players' poor shots, and above all, more importance will be given to designing enjoyable courses that can be maintained with a minimum of labor.

### Golf Featured for Army Occupation Troops

There is plenty of opportunity for golf under auspices of the U. S. Army's Theater Special Services.

Many fine courses, such as St. Cloud in Paris, where the European Theater Championship tournaments were held in 1945-46, are available to soldier-golfers. St. Cloud is one of the most exclusive in France and is open to American military personnel on weekdays.

Germany, where most American soldiers are located in Europe, has many excellent courses available to military personnel. They are spotted all over the occupied zone and there is plenty of golfing equipment furnished by Special Services for the benefit of American soldiers who wish to participate. Courses in Frankfurt, Garmisch, Bremen, Bad Nauheim, Starnberg, Berlin, Wiesbaden, Bad Kissingen, Bad Wildungen, Berchtesgaden, Kitzingen, Karlsruhe, and Regensburg contribute materially to the morale of the soldier-golfer. Many of these German courses are situated in luxurious surroundings and all have qualified teaching personnel who instruct beginners as well as cure the faults of chronic "duffers."

Competition is keen and there is plenty of it. Matches have been arranged with golfers from other nations and our inter-theater competitions have presented high caliber golfers.

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