



Overlooking 9th green of the new 18-hole municipal golf course at Allentown, Pa. In the distance is huge barn which has been converted into a modern field house at a cost of \$45,000. Modernization program provided lounge, snack bar, locker-room and pro shop.

## Allentown Opens New Muny Course - Gets Good Play

Allentown, Pa. has a new 18-hole municipal golf course. Opened on Memorial Day, revenue from green fees in spite of a week of rain followed by a month of excessive heat was approximately \$10,000 for the first two month's operation. Pro-Mgr. John Shorey, formerly with the Brookside CC, has had a heavy lesson schedule since the opening day which has kept him hustling to keep up with his new managerial duties.

J. J. Gackenbach, Supt. of Parks, reports turf is in very good condition and compares favorably with established turf on other courses in the area. In building the course, half of the greens were seeded and the balance stolonized. Gackenbach says at the present time there doesn't appear to be much difference in the progress made between the two methods. A complete watering system was installed when the course was built with automatic watering provided for all the tees.

A barn standing on the property has been converted into a modern field house at a cost of \$45,000. It contains a lounge, a snack bar, pro shop and locker-room. An old house on the site has also been renovated for the residence of the course superintendent, George Smith, who took



This view from the lounge looks out upon patio and across the new course. Patio in addition to providing outdoor comfort serves as vantage point from which play may be followed over most of course.

up his new duties with a background of 24 years of excellent park experience.

Shorey leases the field house for a percentage of the gross with the exception of the pro shop on which the lease arrangement is based on net proceeds.

The city furnishes the starter and maintains all the features of the course.