

years or longer, it is good economy to replace the worn chutes with new ones of all-steel construction. It's a good idea to send the chute fittings along with the chutes, so that the factory can properly locate them on the new chutes and thus greatly simplify the installation job.

If they are properly galvanized by the hot-dip process, the metal parts of playground equipment will present few problems until they have been in use for about eight years or more. If they were hot-galvanized originally, the pipe members, chains and malleable fittings tend to weather-out smooth and shiny as the years pass. Thus, you will require protective finishing only when signs of rust begin to appear. When that occurs, you need simply clean the metal parts with steel wool or emery paper, then apply two coats of any good grade of outdoor enamel or, if bright colors are not considered essential, with any standard asphalt-base bridge paint.

One sure way to protect equipment while it is in storage and to facilitate its re-installation is to store all the equipment in an orderly, organized manner, so that you will know where to locate the apparatus for each unit.

Another procedure which greatly simplifies installation, maintenance and equipment repair and replacement problems is standardization. An increasing number of school, park and playground systems, motels, resorts, drive-in theatres, orphanages and other institutions are standardizing on equipment of certain approved manufacturers.

In this way, replacement is greatly simplified, even though many years have elapsed since the parts originally were purchased. A desirable interchangeability exists in standard apparatus. There are no orphan units or parts, and finally, familiarity with the units and parts of one manufacturer makes installation, repair and maintenance work much simpler, less costly and much more efficient.

Untidy Front Too Common at Golf Clubs

Probably labor shortage will be offered as an excuse for the most common short-coming GOLFDOM has observed at golf clubs this year but we doubt that the excuse will stand up.

There's a sloppy appearance of many country clubs as a member or guest comes into the grounds. Especially some of the smaller clubs have an untidy front with paper and other debris scattered around, the drives and parking spaces in bad condition, garbage and empty bottle cases conspicuous, the club entrance needing paint and carpenter work and the landscaping and lawns unkempt.

Women's Western Begins Its 50th Year

The Women's Western Golf Assn. starts its 50th year as an incorporated association at its annual meeting on October 8th at the Racquet Club in Chicago. This is the second time in its history the Association has had a Golden celebration. In 1950 the Golden Championship of the Women's Western Golf Association was played at Exmoor Country Club.

In 1903, after two golf tournaments held by the Western Golf Assn. (a men's group), the women golfers in and around Chicago decided to inaugurate their own association and to conduct the already well known Championship for Women of the Western Golf Assn. In July of that year delegates from 21 clubs assembled at 40 E. Randolph in Chicago and formed the Women's Western Golf Assn. This was one of the first groups of women to incorporate.

At the annual meeting this year Mrs. Lawrence J. O'Toole reported the activities of the WWGA for the year. 308 clubs all over the United States belong to the WWGA with over 3000 names listed in the Year Book with handicaps of 18 and under. Three tournaments were conducted by the Western this summer and were most successful. The WWGA 23rd Open Championship was played at Skokie CC (Chicago dist.) with a field of 126 players (the limit permitted). Betsy Rawls, a young professional, broke into the 12 years of wins by the famous big four (Berg, Zaharias, Suggs, Jameson) to win in a spectacular finish from Betty Jameson on the 36th hole.

The Junior Championship, the 26th, was played at Lake Shore CC (Chicago dist.) with a small but interesting field of girls from the ages of 7 through 17.

The 52nd Amateur of the WWGA was played at the Los Angeles CC. This is the only women's championship to have been played for 52 consecutive years. Entries were refused long before the date of the tournament as the quota of 180 was reached early in the summer.

October 8th at the Racquet Club, Chicago, Mrs. John Eliot Warner of Glen View Club becomes the WWGA pres. for its 50th year and will have on her board 46 directors from 17 states.

Women's Western Schedules Open and Junior Events

Women's Western Golf Assn., at its annual meeting, Racquet Club, Chicago, Sept. 8, announces 1953 WWGA Open will be played at Capitol City CC, Atlanta, Ga., June 15-20, and the WWGA Junior at Sunset Ridge CC (Chicago dist.) Aug. 10-14.