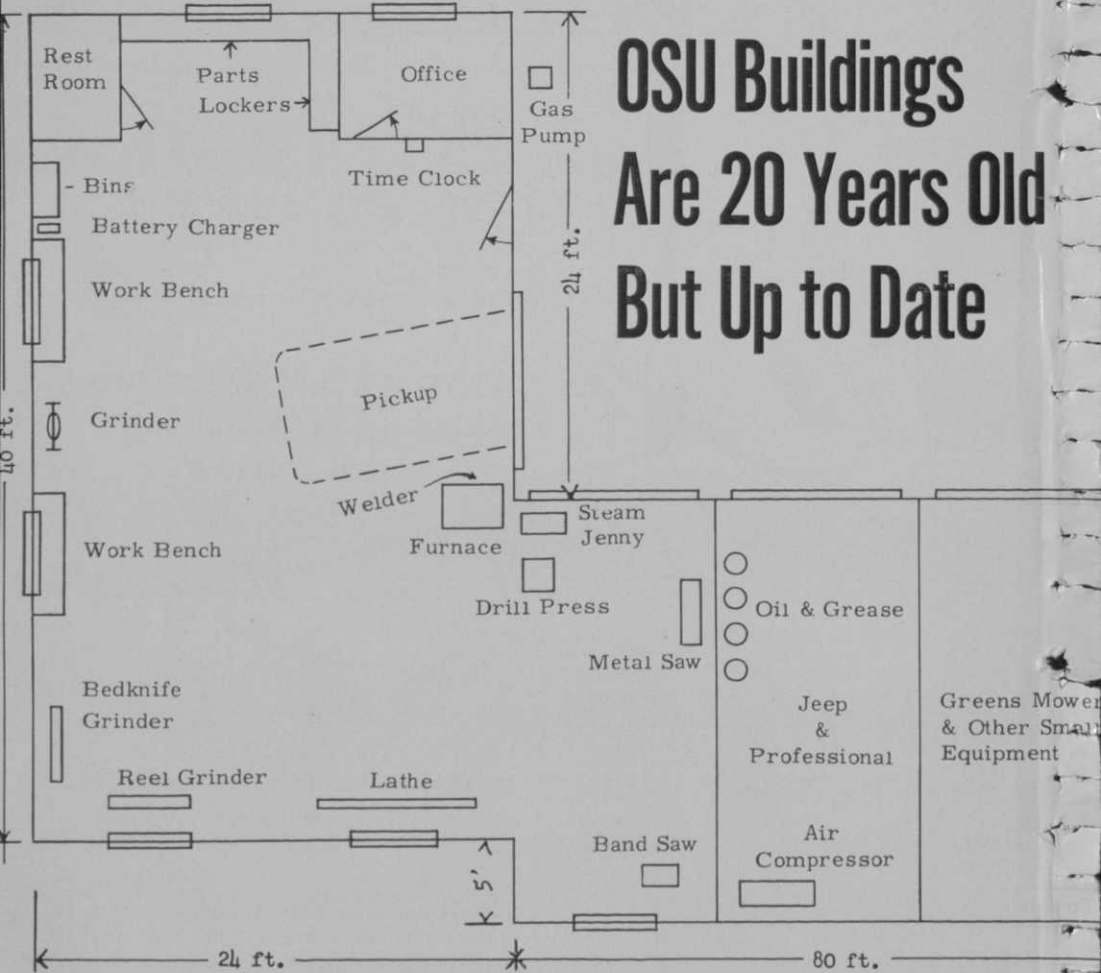


Entrance



OSU Buildings Are 20 Years Old But Up to Date

By AL HOFFMAN

Supt., Ohio State University GC

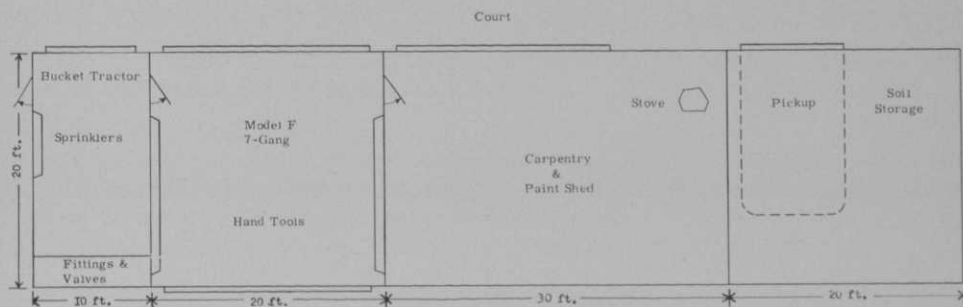
THE maintenance buildings at our course were built about 20 years ago. Whoever designed and constructed them had a good deal of foresight because today even though machines are larger and more numerous than they were around 1940 and although we use more material now than they did back in those days, they are quite adequate and up to date. From what I have seen and heard from salesmen and visiting supts., the Ohio State

GC maintenance department is one of the best equipped in the Midwest for taking care of its 36 golf holes.

The main building is constructed of wood with barn and batten siding and a ribbed tin roof. The two smaller maintenance buildings also are of frame construction. All have full concrete floors. The main building is heated with oil and the paint shed with coal. We have only one set of double doors in the main building, so only one gang mower can be kept under cover.

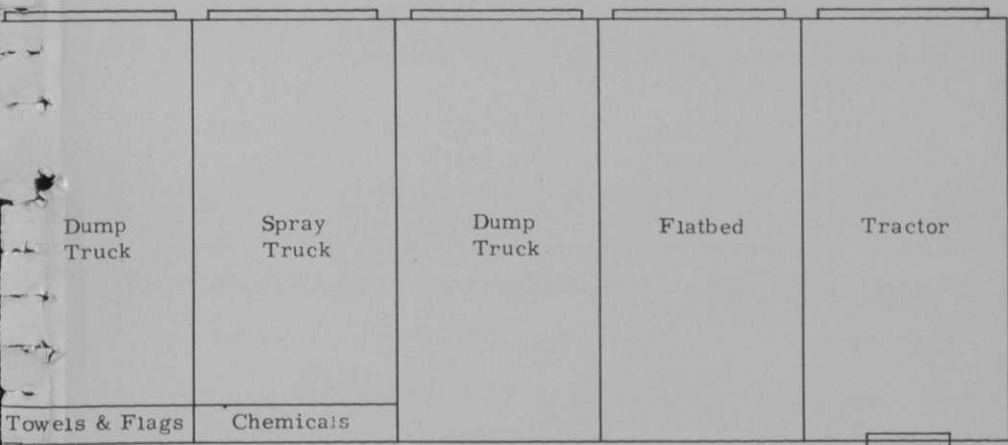
The maintenance buildings are located about 300 yards from the clubhouse and

Al Hoffman Says: Locate Your Maintenance Buildings Near Center of Course for Efficiency and Cost Control



This is one of Ohio State's auxiliary buildings
Diagram of other is on page 72.

Overhead Doors



MAIN BUILDING I

at the southwest corner of the course. I'd prefer to have them closer to the center of the course because almost every day I see instances of where a more central location would increase our efficiency and possibly cut down on costs.

Heavy Duty Hoists

The general repair area, located in the building is 40 x 24 ft. with one garage stall (10 x 20 ft.). We don't have any pits but there is a heavy duty chain hoist for pulling motors and one 500 lb. electric hoist for lifting mowers onto the work bench or sharpener. Welding and electrical repair work, for the most part, is carried

on in the main shop while painting and carpentry is handled in the paint shed which has an area of about 600 sq. ft.

We don't make any of the benches that are scattered around the 36 holes. However, all are collected and brought to the repair shop every winter for repair and painting. We do make our tee markers, using 4 x 4's that are split diagonally. Lag screws, with heads ground or burned off, are used for pins on the markers.

Chemicals and fertilizers are kept in separate locations (indicated in the sketch) but areas in which they are stored
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Ohio State Maintenance

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are not walled off. We purchase by requisition and I find it advantageous to order these materials in the winter so that we are always sure of having a supply on hand.

Storage locations of the major part of

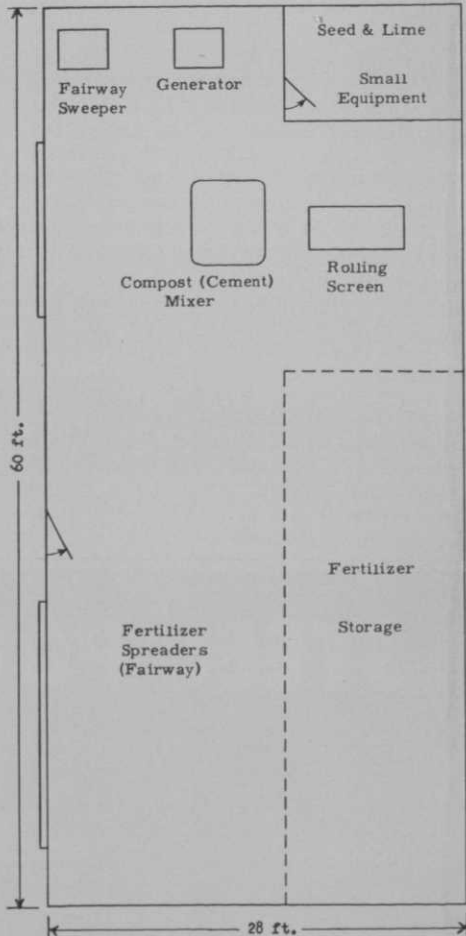
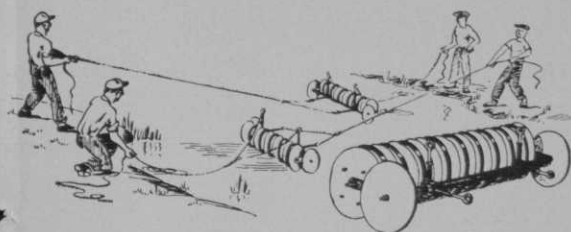


Diagram of Auxiliary building at Ohio State.

our equipment are shown in the sketches.

Even though our present buildings are quite adequate, as I mentioned before, plans are being made to build a 5,000 sq. ft. structure to replace our two small buildings. These, I understand, originally were planned to be only temporary. At present we don't have quite enough room to store rough and finished topdressing in the smaller buildings, but it will be provided for in the new construction.

As for office space, I suppose that I am



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pushed back in the corner, but the 6 x 9 ft. room in which I work never has seriously cramped me. It is large enough for my desk and filing cabinets and any other equipment that I find necessary for keeping records and handling office detail.

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Al Hoffman, OSU course supt., studied agronomy at Iowa State College, getting his degree in 1957. While attending school he managed to get a great deal of turf management experience as supt. at a small course in Nevada, Ia. He went to work for Lawrence Huber at Ohio State in 1957 and a little more than a year later was named supt. when Mr. Huber died. Hoffman is secy. of the Central Ohio GCSA and a member of the Midwest Turf Foundation board. He is 24 years old, married and has two daughters.

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Commandments of Retailing Can be of Help to Pro

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location of the ball case (which was made a counter rather than a case) and of the charge book at a pro shop boosted ball sales 20 per cent and was believed by the pro who made the change to have accounted for an almost 30 per cent increase in shop business.

The general criticism of pro shop layouts, according to the pros and salesmen in that session, is that golfers rush in and rush out without being exposed to the sight and selling appeal of much merchandise.

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