

# 'Super sheds' for course maintenance

*Whether a handsome old barn or a modern building, superintendents' sheds are no longer shanties.*

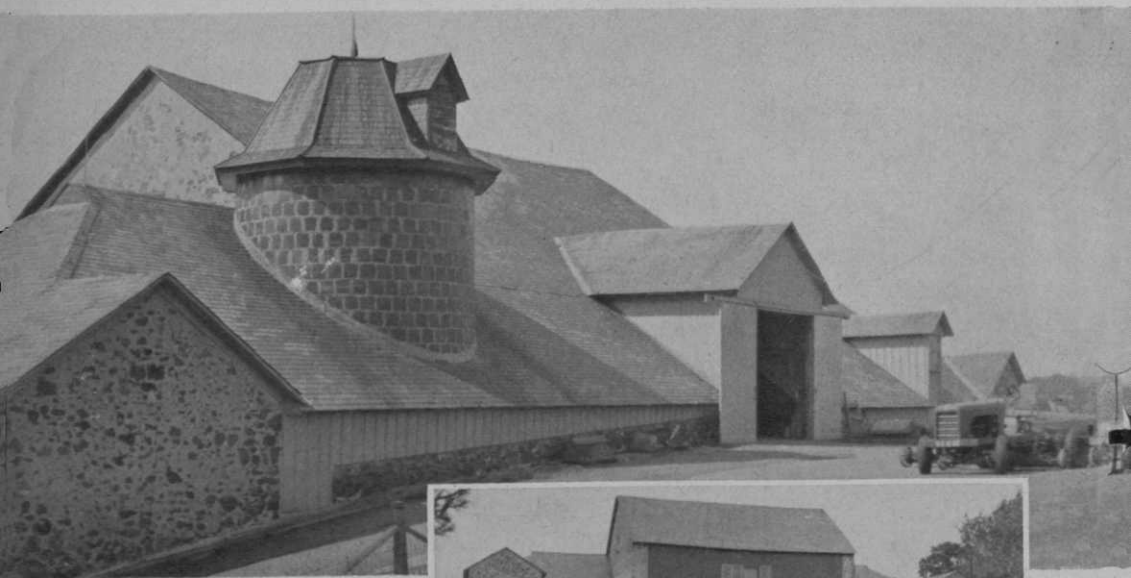
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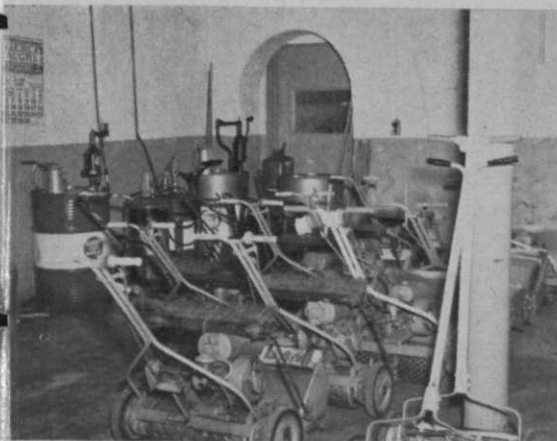
As golf course construction nears completion, the problem of where to properly keep maintenance equipment and supplies generally is debated over and over. Extra expense is usually the main topic.

In some cases the selection of maintenance buildings is planned in advance, as

at Wilmington Country Club in Delaware. A spacious barn stood on the nearby Henry DuPont property which fit in well for access to all 36 holes of the golf course. Harry McSloy, superintendent at Wilmington CC, says that the large barn now offers ample space for his operations



*Maintenance building at the Wilmington (Del.) CC is former dairy barn built around 1830. Inset shows front view; larger photo shows second floor at ground level in rear.*



*Area where cows were milked (left) is now used for shop and mower storage. A few of the many signs used at Wilmington are shown above.*

there. First floor dimensions of the old but solid structure measure around 180' x 40'. In separately walled sections of the first floor, equipment for everyday use is kept, and here also are located the shop, soil storage, fertilizer and superintendent's office. Most active area of the former dairy barn is where the cows were milked. Here, on a concrete floor are the greenmowers, oil and grease, shop and plenty of room where 25 men eat lunch. In the silo, McSloy stores his chemicals.

On the second floor, which is ground level at the back of the barn, large equipment, such as fairway mowers and most

other tractor-towed accessories, sprinklers and pipe are kept.

The maintenance building facility at Wilmington CC complements the surrounding area, whereas many other fine courses plant trees and shrubbery in an attempt to hide their inadequate golf course maintenance headquarters.

A modern structure designed to fill the need of today's golf course may be seen at Cavalry Country Club, located in Manlius, New York.

Tom Bowen, superintendent, describes his new maintenance building as the envy of many of his golf superintendent pals in central New York State.

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*Wilmington CC shop foreman Ed Dowdy works on sprinkler in his well-equipped shop.*





*Electric cars are stored at end of new Cavalry CC maintenance building in New York.*

### 'SUPER SHEDS'

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A fireproof structure of Republic Steel Trusspan, the building is 140 feet long and 30 feet wide. Six bays 20'x30' each shelter the equipment and departmentalize the operation.

Six overhead doors, 10'x12' at the front, with four at rear, permit access from either side of the building to four bays. Windows are located in each floor at head level. With 10 steel girders per bay the roof can support any possible snowfall. Clearance height of the inte-

rior is 14 feet. It is equipped with steel sash windows throughout, with fluorescent lighting adequate for night work. Much of the building is insulated and has infra-red heaters.

Floor of the building at Cavalry CC is concrete and three rooms 10' x 10' each at one end serve for office, utility and storage, locker and toilet.

Superintendent Bowen is proud of his maintenance building, just as he is proud that the outstanding Cavalry CC golf course was opened one week less than a year after construction started. •

*Large doors in Cavalry maintenance building lead into six separate bays of shed.*

