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Discount Houses Threaten Existence of Pro Shops By MAX McMURRY

Pro, Alameda (Calif.) Municipal Golf Course

One of the serious problems of the professionals in our Bay area also is damaging almost every other medium size or small retailer in the territory. It is the "discount-house" type of store operation that reputedly sells merchandise at a smaller margin above cost than is required by other retailers for taxes alone.

At such establishments, one even can buy an automobile, finance it at 3 per cent and get gasoline at a discount.

To be eligible for such discounts one is supposed to be a civil service employee or member of some union, although these requirements are merely nominal.

It is readily realized that this sort of retailing is driving some retailers out of business. The so-called "fair trade" laws doesn't offer fair treatment to the genuinely fair-trading retailer.

"Discount" dealers can get merchandise from almost any manufacturer and often at a preferential price plus a phony "advertising allowance."

There is widespread resentment of this competition. Retailers whose taxes pay the salaries of civil service employees and who buy and sell the products made by union members who patronize "discount" stores, are becoming very active, adroit and effective in self-defense. They are growing to be a power far more valuable in the public relations needed by civil service employees and union employees than "discount" store arrangements.

Encouragement given the "discount" stores is one of the most dangerous threats to small business.

This move already has cost professionals a large sum. It is endangering pro credit and eventually may put manufacturers at the mercy of a comparatively few big buyers.

The pro has to handle this danger wisely and discreetly, stressing the factor of individual and continuing and convenient service.

There is a possibility of thoughtful and mutually profitable co-operation between professionals and leading makers of golf goods to prevent the "discount house" wrecking of a rational retailing profit. If that co-operation is achieved it may produce results that could be the salvation of moderate-sized and small business.



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Settle for 9

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planning and natural errors could raise the total far beyond this figure.

Poor choice of land not only increases construction costs but raises future maintenance budgets and more often than not produces an inferior layout. Poor land at bargain prices may be no bargain at all for the cost of preparing it may far exceed the cost of good land.

Taking care to select the right property is worth the time and money involved. More than once a new club has purchased poor land, converted it to a golf course at tremendous expense and then found that all the time an ideal farm was available nearby at a reasonable price.

Some groups reject forested areas. My own experience leads me to believe that when the area is suitable in other respects the forest, though more expensive to clear and prepare for seed, should not be ruled out. In fact, courses cut from the forest have one obvious advantage in that tree bordered fairways add much to a layout.

Clearing costs with modern equipment need not be exorbitant. If slashing and burning can be left until winter months when there is seldom any fire restriction, and bulldozing of stumps done in late autumn or early spring when heavy equipment is available at low rental, the cost can be even less than in summer.

On newly cleared soil the catch of grass is frequently poor. Therefore, when time permits, a cover crop of cereal rye for winter or buckwheat for summer will be found most valuable for conditioning the raw forest soil for turfgrasses.

The club whose planning figures were given above raised its \$82,000 by issuing shares to 200 members at \$200 each and obtained the balance through low interest bearing bonds. It was felt that 9 holes could accommodate 200 adult male playing members in addition to women and juniors. At first it was thought that 200 shares might be sold for \$410 each or an initiation fee charged for this amount. After surveying the situation, however, the committee found that \$410 was too great for its general membership. In raising capital, new clubs must take into account state and federal regulations and tax laws relative to shares, bonds and initiation fees.

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Some clubs have offset real estate costs, by purchasing additional land adjoining their courses and subdividing and selling it. Many have realized the cost of their initial real estate but others found this, undertaking did not pay off. Before embarking upon this additional project it is wise to study all factors involved and by all means seek advice of real estate men or others experienced in property valuation and promotion.

Quality Lasts Longer

There's always the chance some groups' feel that a skimpy 18 will serve their purpose better than a quality nine. But a manufacturer who cuts the quality of his product because it is enjoying the greatest sales in its history will not have record sales for long. Similarly, with golf layouts, thought must be given to the future and, for lasting satisfaction the course must be designed and built well.

If, at first, the problems of raising sufficient funds appear insurmountable it has been demonstrated time and again that where there is a will there is a way. Once started, a fund raising committee composed of resourceful, hard working individuals can make the drive snowball. Without doubt the present era is an excellent time to start a new golf club.

Blunt Heads Western

Carleton Blunt, Chicago attorney and for the last six years chmn. of the Evans Scholars Foundation, was elected pres. of the Western Golf Assn. at its 58th annual meeting. He succeeds James L. O'Keefe.

Elected with Blunt as WGA officers were: Vps: Norman G. Copland, Cameron Eddy, Harold A. Moore and James M. Royer, all of Chicago; Frank H. Hoy, Milwaukee, and George K. Whyte, St. Louis. Secy.: A. R. Carman, Jr., Chicago; Treas. Walter W. Cruttenden, Chicago; Gen'l. Counsel: Lynford Lardner, Jr., Milwaukee.

Squire Sponsors PGA Tourney

PGA Club Championship, scheduled for Feb. 10-15 in Dunedin, Fla. will be sponsored by Squire Slacks, 18 W. 20th st., New York. Squire is offering \$850 in merchandise certificates, redeemable in cash totaling \$500, to the winner and runnerup. The winner of the tournament, if he wears Squire slacks, stands to get an additional \$150 in certificates. Golfers in the tournament also will be competing for the Frank Strazza trophy.

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Golf Club Sales Show Increase in 1956

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In releasing this report, Henry P. Cowen, pres. of the National Association of Golf Club Manufacturers, commented: "The golf market in 1956 continued to reflect a high level in both production and sales.

"Unseasonal weather," Cowen added, "raised havoc with normal anticipated play in many sections of the country well into late spring and even early summer, but by mid-summer it was apparent that equipment sales had taken an encouraging spurt and that inventories were moving out in healthy fashion. By fall no more than the usual seasonal carry-overs were on hand.

Prospects Bright

"Altogether, prospects for the industry in 1957 remain bright. Statistics compiled by National Golf Foundation reveal a nominal but steadily increasing number of participants, and a similar continuing gain in golf course facilities. This upturn in overall golf activity is significant in that it reaffirms the progress being made in expanding the golf market."

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Seniors Elect Watson

John Watson, pro at the South Bend (Ind.) CC, was elected pres. of the PGA Seniors to succeed Carroll McMaster at the association's annual meeting held at Ft. Harrison hotel, Clearwater, Fla.

Willie Whalen, Shuttle Meadow CC, New Britain Conn., was elected 1st vp; George Ferrier, Ridgewood (Conn.) CC, 2nd vp; and Ralph Beach, Suburban CC, Pikesville, Md., was re-elected secv.-treas.

Tufts Again Heads USGA

Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C., was re-elected pres. of USGA on Jan. 25 in New York when the association held its annual meeting. John D. Ames of Lake Forest, Ill. was renamed vp while all other officers and directors, slated for election by the nominating committee, were voted into office.



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Brainstorm Ideas

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- Have good lighting on displays.
 More brainstorming by all groups.
- 14. Use more animation in displays,
- 15. Make better displays.

Merchandising

- 1. Equip and outfit foursomes.
- 2. All items should be priced.
- 3. Have a bargain barrel.
- 4. Install a putter rack at the putting green.
- 5. Put red bands around putting green putters,
- 6. Put your own labels on merchandisewhere practical.
- 7. Sell "package" golf equipment and apparel.
- 8. Induce high handicap players to use better equipment.
- 9. Let members win small bets,
- 10. Promote team competition.
- 11. Try to get members to play for golf ball nassau's,
- 12. Plan local tournaments.
- 13. Have club president write to members about Pro Shop.
- 14. Better shop arrangement.
- 15. Have a clean shop.

Records

- 1. Obtain birthdays of all members, use them.
- 2. Have notebook handy for all requests.
- 3. Keep a file of members' sizes.
- 4. Keep better records all around.
- 5. Keep records of your stock turnover.
- 6. Keep records of overhead watch them.

Teaching

- 1. Work on high handicap players.
- 2. Hold your own clinics.
- 3. Have group instruction for juniors.
- 4. Educate members to buy from you.
- Teach your employees to sell right.
- 6. Watch foursomes off first tee for "tips".

Buying

- 1. Be more selective in your buying,
- 2. Buy things that will sell.
- 3. Stay away from "junk".

Inventory

- 1. Maintain adequate stock of fast moving items.
- 2. Move stock once a month.
- 3. Take inventory more often.

Make Sure Your Club Officials **Receive Golfdom in 1957** See Page 94

Dickinson's School

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not miss more than 3 or 4 months of outside work on the course. A placement training period from April to Sept. during the freshmen year makes this possible and at the same time serves to initiate the relative newcommer to turf work in his chosen field. Both schools now are accepting men recommended by previous graduates. Some are sons of former students.

Saw Need for Instruction

Dickinson has leaned away from an active career in turf research and placed emphasis on instruction. He says: "There is and always has been a great need for men who know how to evaluate research information so that it can be put to its best use. Turf research is highly important but it is valueless until applications are made that benefit the turfgrass and resultant playing conditions. Many research projects are so controlled that knowledge gained must be carefully applied to actual conditions. Since there is great variation from one location to another, it is not an easy matter , to predict how grasses will respond to specific treatments researchers recommend. The kind of information which will in the long run be of most value is that which leads to a better fundamental understanding of the functions of the plant itself. The personal factor, the supt., for example, is not scientifically controlled. We try to fill the gap between researcher and the supt."

Three years ago. Prof. Dickinson was asked to head a new venture at the University. This one is far removed from turfgrasses which had been his intimate concern for over 30 years. Most of his time now is spent in other activities but he still devotes many hours to the turf work he

PGA Educational Session

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approach shots. Jackie had his right hand rolling over shortly after contact. Sam keeps the back of his left hand square across the line as long as he can.

Fleck was commended by Snead for his head work. Jack is one golfer, said Sam who can balance a glass of water on his head while swinging. Probably only a few of the pros can do it.

Jay Hebert said Snead has the "finest turn away from the ball" of anybody in golf. Burke's lead was: "I'm like all the