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Beaver Creek Country Club, Hagerstown, Maryland was the site of the September meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Messrs. John Young and Bert Yingling owners and operators of the club, were our hosts for the day and our fellow member, Clarence Jett, is the superintendent in charge of the grounds.

The design and construction of the golf course can be credited to Reuben Hines, Sr. Reuben has created a pleasing layout over rolling terrain and the property is well adapted for the playing of golf. From the championship tees the course measures 6,867 yards, the yardage from the white markers is 6,553 yards. Both lengths play to a par of 72. The distance from the red tees, used by the ladies, is 6,157 yards.

The first and tenth holes are parallel fairways, each averaging over 400 yards in length, and they separate the property into two sections. The South portion containing the first nine holes and the North half the second nine holes. Both nines finish at the clubhouse, with the ninth green situated in close proximity to the tenth tee.

All tees are large and of simple construction. The greens are planted to C-7 (Cohansey) strain of creeping bent grass. They have good surface drainage and are gently undulating with every inch of their surface being available for cupping locations.

There is still considerable work necessary to bring the fairways into good playing condition. They were seeded in the Fall of 1958 and while the stand of grass was still in the seedling stage, a flash rain storm caused severe erosion damage to the newly planted areas. This, followed by a hot dry summer, has been an added handicap to the establishment of a good sod.

With the arrival of cool weather the owners intend to fertilize liberally, reseed all thin areas, practice soil erosion control where needed by using mulching materials, strips of sod and board checks.

When the course does finally come into its own, from a superintendent's viewpoint, it will be a dream come true. There is plenty of air circulation over the property, the grounds drain well, and most of the contours lend themselves to machine maintenance. Reuben surely had his fellow superintendent in mind when he built the course, nor did he forget the interests of his employers.

As full clubhouse facilities were not yet available, after finishing playing golf we retired to a nearby restaurant for dinner and a short meeting. During the meeting slides were shown describing the different stages of construction work performed in building the course. To our hosts we express thanks and appreciation for their hospitality and we wish them the best of success in their golf venture. We wish success also to the newly acquired superintendent at Beaver Creek, Mr. Clarence Jett.

We were happy to see Clarence Lindsay of Fountainhead Country Club in attendance. Clarence as you know has been unable to attend association meetings because of the illness of his wife.