

men's locker room will include a swimming pool.

Other features of the development will involve an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts and a polo field. Landscaping includes the planting of 1,600 trees.

Although some of the grass is above the ground already, it is planned not to open the courses for play until the middle of July in order to give the turf a chance to mature. The fairways were planted with 150 pounds of seed per acre with a mixture consisting of 70 per cent Kentucky Blue Grass and 30 per cent *Agrostis Maritima*. The greens were planted with vegetative Metropolitan bent stolons.

The Sportsman's Golf and Country Club undoubtedly will be heard from frequently in connection with open championships.

U. S. G. A. Meeting

The Green Section committee of the United States Golf Association have arranged to hold a meeting at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, on Friday, January 10th, 1930, at 9:30 a. m. A number of interesting papers will be read, supplemented by a report of the work of the Green Section during the past year.

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I also have a great many Chinese pheasants which have multiplied so that we have anywhere from forty to fifty on our grounds. Some years ago we didn't have any, but by taking care of those that happened in, such as buying cornstalks and corn and tying these to the trees so the pheasants could get hold of the feed after the snow arrived, they must have gotten together and said, "Let's make Charlie Erickson's place our permanent home." I am really very proud of my birds.

Well, boys, I guess I have said my say, there is just one more thing and that is I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing a great many of you in Louisville in February.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. ERICKSON,

(Greenkeeper, Minikahda Club)
Minneapolis.

Larger and Better Tees

By JOHN ANDERSON, Greenkeeper
Crestmont Golf Club, West Orange, N. J.

ON visiting some of our golf courses one is struck with the need for larger and better teeing grounds. Even on some of the championship courses, some teeing grounds are poor, mostly on short holes where the tees are much too small.

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and at least once a week have the divot holes filled with compost and seed. I have used Rhode Island Bent seed on my tees for two years and find it makes a very useful tough turf and heals up quickly. Much has been said about the tee being mowed with the fairway units, but I find it does not work out except in a very few cases, so I think we will be hand-mowing our tees for some time yet.

In concluding I would say, "Look after your tees as well if not better than the greens; they get rougher treatment. And keep on making the small ones larger as you get the opportunity."

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