Members Relay Ball Around Course in 17½ Minutes

FATHER Time took a trimming at Tam O'Shanter CC last October 23, when 37 members and about half as many caddies drove a golf ball around the 18-hole course in 17 minutes, 27 seconds! Players were stationed along the fairways and at the greens to relay the shots of fellow members. Upon holing out, a caddie threw the ball to the next tee.

This stunt was occasioned by a bet of George S. May, president of Tam O'Shanter, with Carl Meilicke, a member, as to the actual time it would take to send a ball around the course, using as many players as necessary and without thought as to the number of strokes.

May contended it would take more than a half hour while Meilicke was confident that it could be done in less time. May agreed to pay $20 for every minute under the half hour which was not used in sending the ball around from the first tee to the eighteenth cup. (P. S. It cost May $240 to find out that Father Time was no match for the speedy group.)

Carefully planned by Meilicke, who gave each player printed instructions on a map of the course, groups of drivers, fairway men, pitchers, sand-trap-getters-outers, and putters, moved along the course to their successive stations. The most remarkable thing about the demonstration was the fact that the original ball which was driven off the first tee was the only one used, and when it dropped into the cup on the 18th green it was a begrimed but smiling sphere. (Yes, the smiles were cuts.) Although Tam O'Shanter has seven water holes, the ball did not get a bath along its entire journey.

Farrell Dies—James C. Farrell, 43, veteran pro and older brother of Johnny Farrell, died January 11 in New York City. For many years professional at Quaker Ridge GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y., and at the St. Augustine (Fla) Links, Farrell played but little tournament golf; instead his reputation was founded on his ability as an expert instructor and merchandiser.

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