mother of a boy July 28 at the Park Ridge (Ill.) hospital. George practically hired a national hookup to broadcast that the lad weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz., etc. etc. etc. . . . It looks like Jim Roche has a steady pro job at Elkridge CC (Baltimore district). Jim's been with the club 38 years.

Play at Brookside, Pasadena (Calif.) municipal course for the past fiscal year was 99,401, an increase of 9,000 over the previous 12 month period. . . . Emil Picha has his Midland Hills layout (St. Paul district) in top shape for the annual GSA tourney, to be held there September 16. . . . Ross L. Brown, popular young pro at Meadowlark GC, Huntington Beach, Calif., was killed Aug. 23 near Huntington Beach in an automobile accident.

Midwest Greenkeepers and Indiana Greenkeepers Asn. met in joint session for their September meeting, held Sept. 8 at the Longwood CC, Dyer, Ind. . . . Augusta, Ga., many golf course will get a new clubhouse soon to replace the old structure now there. Mayor Wooddall has approved plans for a new building to cost approximately $19,000 . . . Extensive improvements to buildings and grounds at the Belmont Hills (Wheeling, W. Va.) CC, which have been under way the past two months, have been nearly completed. . . . Reds Banagan, of the Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md., urges establishment of a 'school for pros' on golf rules to erase present wide ignorance of code . . .

Tam O'Shanter CC in the Chicago district, scene of the $11,000 Tam O'Shanter Open this month, has been undergoing a $100,000 improvement program. Construction includes a new caddie house, an outdoor dance pavilion, a refreshment pavilion adjoining the swimming pool, new tennis, badminton, and shuffleboard courts, paving a parking space and roadway into the grounds, and a new locker-room in the clubhouse. . . . A tool and equipment building at the North Hills CC (Philadelphia district) burned to the ground the night of August 23. Equipment lost included a new service truck, two tractors, several mowers and manual equipment. Total loss was estimated at $35,000 by club officials.

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