Golf club employment problems and employee welfare got top billing at recent meeting of golf course superintendents in St. Louis when national presidents representing the three club operating departments moved to make a cooperative study to improve club position in a growing competitive labor situation. (L to R) Harry Moffitt, PGA pres., Norman C. Johnson, outgoing GCSA pres., and Thomas C. McGuffey, CMAA pres. — Warren Bidwell photo

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USGA Green Section staff, is working out of the Section's Southwestern office at Texas A&M college, College Station, Tex., with Marvin H. Ferguson, director . . . Bill Moran goes from Concord CC, Concordville, Pa., to pro job at Baldoc CC, Irwin, Pa.

Hollywood Beach (Fla.) Hotel course after redesigning and reconditioning job by Mike Mahannah, in very attractive shape . . . Vic Oberhammer and Joe Gerlak are winter pros there . . . Bunny Richards in good health again after tough siege and is returning to his pro job at Hillcrest CC, Lincoln, Neb.

Colonial CC annual invitation at Ft. Worth advances date this year to first weekend of May (4-8) . . . Prize same as in previous 2 years, $25,000 . . . This is largest prize for PGA co-sponsored event in which entry fees are not charged . . . This year Colonial will follow Las Vegas Tournament of Champions . . . Then comes Waco Turner's Ardmore Open, then the Kansas City Open . . . This will eliminate cross-country jumps from the Palm Beach invitation.

Western Pennsylvania Golf Assn. now has 20 caddies in college on its scholarships . . . Ed Morey, owner, Morey's G&CC, Milford, Mich., continuing fight against decision restricting use of lake water on Morey's course . . . Morey appealed decision against him . . . Morey's been bearing entire costs of suit which he says effects all Michigan courses taking water from smaller lakes . . . Asks other courses to join in financing continued legal action.

Earl Stewart, Jr. named as pro at new Oak Cliff (Tex.) GC . . . Cook County (Ill.) Forest Preserve 5 18-hole and 1 9-hole courses got almost 200,000 rounds in 1954.

E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. in book on “Employment Opportunities” tells of American workers’ $31 billion yearly recreation budget . . . Says “Golf has more than 5 million followers. Several million other people are eager to play but cannot find room on the nation’s 5000 courses. Golf today is the number one field sport in terms of equipment sold.” . . Says golfers spend $230 million per year at their game.