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The pay was \$4 a week. Beckett says Davy was not only a fine pro but "a true gentleman — every inch of him."

At that time Baltusrol was a 9-hole course.

#### Gets Pro Assistant Job

After learning clubmaking and the rudiments of teaching from Hunter, Beckett was sent by Slaezinger's, the sports equipment company, to be assistant to R. B. Wilson, pro at Deal, N. J.

In those days the hard rubber balls (Ocobo, Henley B., and Musselburgh) sold for \$1. They were frequently reconditioned by being put into boiling water, rolled in the hands while still soft, and then placed in a steel die under pressure. Following this, the flange was trimmed off and the ball painted by hand. Some golf balls were pro-made, starting with a piece of rubber sawed off a long bar of the material.

The pros and shop boys used to go into the woods and cut second-growth hickory saplings for shafts, then dry and season them.

"The best woods we made were sold for \$2.50 and top irons brought \$1.50," Beckett recalls.

After working with Hunter and Wil-

son, Beckett went to Chicago to serve under Billy Marshall at Onwentsia in suburban Lake Forest. In 1902 Beckett was pro at the South Orange (N. J.) Field Club.

He also served as pro at Belle Terre, Port Jefferson, N. Y., and Highland in Meriden, Conn. He constructed the Arlington club at Arlington Heights, Mass., and the Watchung Valley club at Plainfield, N. J., before he went to Michigan as pro at Day Forest club, at Glen Lake, in 1932.

Beckett has many bright memories of the old days working with George Sparling, Bill Thomson, Harry Vinel and others at Slaezinger's.

#### Hurricane Diane Cost Spalding \$326,691

Spalding's 79th annual financial report disclosed that hurricane Diane cost the company, after tax adjustment and insurance payments, \$326,691. That loss accounted for the company's 1955 fiscal year earnings being lower than in the previous year.

Weather also caused a decrease of 1.23 per cent in sales but net sales at \$26,857,810, earnings of \$1.47 per share and other details of Spalding's picture showed the company in excellent position entering its 80th year.

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