Diplomat Course Data
Gives Golfers A Lift

Gary Middlecoff is responsible for the line on the new Diplomat CC scorecard which reads: "Regular course — 20 yards shorter than Championship course." The "championship" distances and pars for the holes on the 6,738 yd. course, and for the course from women's tees, appear on the card. Three sets of tee markers carry distance and par data.

Regular and women's markers are frequently changed because of heavy play. Middlecoff says the average golfer gets a psychological lift out of seeing his score on a card that shows a measurement at least 360 yards longer than he actually played. "The man needs encouragement, anyway," Doc adds.

Whalen Heads Seniors

Willie Whalen of New Britain, Conn., was elected pres. of the PGA Seniors at their annual meeting in Dunedin, Fla. Vps are George Ferrier, Danbury, Conn., and Jack Ryan, Louisville. Ralph Beach of Baltimore was chosen secy-treas.