Bill Downing, asst. to Lew Worsham on Lew’s winter job at Coral Ridge CC, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., succeeds Paul Erath as pro at Fox Chapel CC (Pittsburgh dist.) . . . Erath now is pro-supt. at Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa., which is due to be put into play this summer . . . Dick Wilson designed the course . . . Arnold Palmer will register from Laurel Valley.

Bob Keller, formerly asst. at Pittsburgh Field Club, now pro at Sunnehanna CC, Johnstown, Pa., succeeding Eddie Thompson . . . Russell W. Kerns, for past seven years, supt at Green Hill Yacht & CC, Salisbury, Md., new supt., Miami Shores (Fla.) CC.

Detroit GC dinner, April 18, for its pro, Horton Smith, was the club’s celebration of Horton’s election to the PGA Hall of Fame . . . There was a Who’s Who of golf notables and Detroit’s business, society and civic leaders attending a banquet that exhibited the talent of Horton’s pal, the club’s noted manager, Bob Thompson . . . Bob and Mary Jones and Harold and Mary Sargent flew up from Atlanta . . . USGA Pres. John Ames came from Chicago as did Horton’s brother, Ren and his wife . . . Neil Crose, mgr. and pro at Mill Creek Park GC, Youngstown, O., attended with Mrs. Crose.

When pro at Springfield, Mo., Neil gave Horton his first job in golf . . . Joe Belfore, Al Watrous, Detroit’s mayor, Louis C. Miriana, and others also talked earnestly and affectionately about Horton and his golfing career . . . James B. Wagstaff, Detroit GC pres., presided and kept the party moving swiftly and merrily.

Paul Rivard, pro at Glencoe (Ill.) GC now has Jim Michaels as teaching pro . . . Club is municipal operation in swanky Chicago North Shore suburb and is establishing caddy service for first year . . . Prospero (Army) Gianvito is new pro at Mohawk GC, Tiffin, O. . . . Mrs. Gianvito (Edith) is managing the clubhouse.

Robert B. Peebles, 76, who came to US from Elie, Scotland, in 1900 died recently at his home near Greenville, O. . . . He had worked as teaching pro for L. E. Beavins at White Springs GC, Greenville, in 1951 and 1952, then went to the Bardstown (Ky.) CC for a brief period after which he retired . . . He was an excellent player and teacher and had an engaging personality . . . Mr. Peebles undoubtedly was in more good pro jobs than any other pro in the game . . . The USGA championship record book lists some of Bob’s connections: South Orange, Fairview, Sound Beach, St. Joseph Valley, Dallas, Wichita, Topeka, Shawnee Heights, Louisville . . . He also served as pro at the Mexico City CC . . . He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son.

PGA officials looking into offers from real estate dealers to move from Dunedin (Fla.) National course which is municipal