George M. Sloan, wealthy tile company executive, has purchased the Golden Acres GC in Roselle, Ill., about 30 miles west of Chicago. He's planning big things for the 27 hole course, including a return of a Tam O'Shanter type tournament to the Chicago area. John Markel has joined the pro staff of the Berkshire CC, Reading, Pa., as an assistant. A fine amateur golfer for the last 20 years, he will work for Harry Markel, who has been Berkshire's headmaster since 1930. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture will hold its annual field day, Aug. 1, in Beltsville, Md., according to Felix Juska. David Canavan has been appointed editor of the Mid-Atlantic GCSAs' Newsletter. This year's Indianapolis 500 Festival Open tournament (May 24-28) will be sandwiched between the final days of qualifying for the 500-mile race and the big race itself.

The palatial new clubhouse of Palo Alto Hills CC, Palo Alto, Calif., scheduled to be opened in mid-May, may have the opening moved up by about two weeks. Workmen got the jump on the project early in the game and didn't lose their lead. Chicago Dist. GA has recommended to its member clubs that they conduct all tournaments under the USGA rules in 1961. A couple years ago the CDGA gave moral support to the Southern Calif. GA that wanted a change in the out-of-bounds rule, but went along with the USGA regulations. Construction recently started on an 18-hole, 4,200 yd. private course in Allentown, Pa. Paul Weiss is supervising its construction. Holes will range from 100 to 300 yds.

Brunswick (Me.) GC planning 9-hole addition. Three or four holes will be built at a time. The architect is Geoffrey Cornish. Cross Creek CC, near Titusville, Pa., which opened first 9 last spring, expects to have second 9 ready in April or May. There is a 22-unit motel adjoining the club and guests automatically get golfing privileges. John Graham now is supt. of Willow Oaks CC, Richmond, Va., succeeding Fred Sappenfield, who is supervising construction of a course in Virginia Beach. George Wingo recently appointed supt. of Meadow Brook CC in Richmond.

Gene Hamm, architect of Durham, N. C., has been keeping as busy as any designer in the business in the last six or eight months. He has revamped the Green Valley course in Fayetteville, N. C., installed 13 traps at Sedgefield in Greensboro and finished a Par 3 for the Burlington Industries, also in Greensboro. He also designed the back 9 for Wild Wood CC, Raleigh, and it will be in play this spring. Other Hamm jobs: new greens for back 9 at Tuscarora CC, Danville, Va., and a new second 9 for Forest Park CC, Martinsville, Va. Hamm is connected with Garland Jones Co., Raleigh, and together, they're specializing in building or converting greens to 328.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Maryland State Golf Assn. at Chevy Chase CC, Sen. John Marshall Butler predicted that by 2000, people will be on a 28-hour