According to the New England GCSA Newsletter, Wayne C. Palmer, an Eastern meteorologist, explains the prolonged drought in the Northeast thusly: "A predominantly dry air mass has locked itself over the Atlantic for four years. . . The Atlantic coast is on the downhill side of the air mass and air coming from the west moves lower as it reaches the East coast. . . This warms it and makes it drier, reducing its rainmaking potential."

. . . Miguel (Joe) Guzman, who had been at Lakewood (Calif.) GC since its construction days in 1932, retired this summer as supt. . . Joe helped build the course, was made assistant supt. in 1939 and promoted to the head greenmaster position ten years later. . . His successor is Stan Kruse. . . David L. Bonella, pro-manager at Ottumwa (Ia.) CC for many years, died a few weeks ago of heart disease. . . He was 64 years old. . . Dave had been Ottumwa's pro for 40 years and in 1939 took on the added duties of club manager. . . Surviving are his wife and two sons, both golf professionals. . . Following the Milwaukee Women's Open, Kathy Whitworth was leading the Ladies PGA money winners with a total of $20,600. . . This amount gave her a $6,700 lead over Carol Mann, who was in second place. . . Marlene Hagge and Sandra Haynie had each earned over $12,000. . . In 61 rounds, Miss Whitworth had averaged 72.79 strokes per round.

Third annual Fly-in golf championship will be held at the Montauk Golf Links, Montauk Point, L.I., Oct. 6. . . Last year, 83 golfers from 11 states flew in in 31 planes to take part in the tournament. . . More than 40 entries are listed on the Fall-Winter calendar of events at Pinehurst, N.C. for 1965-66. . . The first event is scheduled for Sept. 20. . . The 11th Senior Amateur Championship of the USGA will be played Oct. 4-9 at Fox Chapel GC, Pittsburgh, Pa. . . Entries are open to male amateurs who reach 55

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