

p.m. Wednesday through Friday on station CHQR in Calgary. The program's objective was "to keep golf on the sportsman's mind," according to MacGregor officials, sponsors of the program.

The program gained a larger audience when the company sponsored a contest giving away a set of MacGregor's Jack Nicklaus woods and irons. The winner, selected after sending a scorecard from a local course to the radio station, also received a free round of golf at each course which helped promote the contest.

CHQR also made available an answering and recording service 24 hours each day allowing club pros to phone in information about their club or golf course. The company said it plans to continue sponsoring the program next summer.

Professional Golfers' Association, is available from Hall of Fame offices in Pinehurst, N.C.

The planner has ample space for notes next to each date, room for golf and expense records, and a telephone/address section.

It also includes a story and color photos of the hall of fame, facts about its members, summaries of golf's most dramatic moments, reproductions of paintings by golf artist Don Lupo, and "Golf's Greatest Lesson," by former teaching pro and Hall of Fame President Don Collett.

The planner costs \$3 and discount rates are available for clubs that order 50 or more. The Hall of Fame address is P.O. Box 908, Pinehurst, N.C. 28374.

#### LABOR

### Minimum wage hike to hurt clubs

"They will cost a lot of people their jobs and management will have to devise more ways to cut back on service," said Thomas J. Lennon, president of The Homestead, a golf resort in Hot Springs, Va., following enactment of the new minimum wage levels by Congress.

The law raises minimum pay scales from the current \$2.30 to \$2.65 on January 1. It increases to \$2.90 in 1979, \$3.10 the following year, and \$3.35 in 1981.

Gerard F. Hurley, executive director of the National Club Association, believes the main impact will come from the "ripple effect," as workers receiving pay above the minimum wage will have to be given raises to preserve historical income differentials.

The new wage-hour provisions which begin January 1 give 4.5 million workers raises totaling about 45 percent over the next 3 years.

The new legislation hits clubs and resort hotels in two other ways: the tip credit has been reduced from 50 percent to 45 percent on January 1, 1979 and to 40 percent a year later; and the overtime exemption has been reduced from 46 hours a week to 44 on January 1 and 40 hours in 1979.

One benefit enacted to help

small business was an increase in the size of a business exempted from paying the minimum wage. The annual gross sales exemption limit was raised from \$25,000 to \$275,000 January 1. It will jump to \$325,000 in 1980 and \$362,600 two years later.

While organized labor admittedly won a major victory, effective lobbying by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and many industry organizations stopped the enactment of other financially damaging proposals.

Union lobbyists tried to eliminate the 50 percent credit or reduce it to 20 percent or \$1 an hour. However, U.S. Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall admitted that its removal would increase food and beverage service labor costs by hundreds of millions of dollars, so Congress decided to reduce it just slightly.

#### GOLF COURSES

### Jacksonville area club bought by Miami firm

The Sawgrass Country Club and its surrounding residential community in South Ponte Vedra, Fla., has been purchased by The Arvida Corp., a resort and real estate development firm in Miami.

The Tournament Players Division of the Professional Golfers' Association has agreed to play its championship at the club the next two years, said Arvida vice president John Temple. He said a new contract signed also gives the players the option to hold the championship there through 1982.

South Ponte Vedra is about 20 miles southeast of Jacksonville. Arvida bought the complex from three banks, Temple said.

#### COURSE RENOVATION

### Ugandagrass replaced at Sarasota club

The Ugandagrass greens have been replaced with Tifton 328 seed as part of an estimated \$60,000 renovation project at the Sarasota Golf Club in Sarasota, Fla.

The Ugandagrass, an African turf, was planted when the course was built about 20 years ago. "We couldn't treat it. It wouldn't hold up under insecticides," said pro Dave Tyree.

Officials also redecorated the clubhouse with wood paneling and new carpeting. The parking lot was paved and expanded. Tyree said the pro shop may be enlarged next year.

#### CALENDAR

### Hall of Fame offers appointment calendars

The World Golf Hall of Fame appointment planner, which includes a calendar of the 1978 events sponsored by the

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