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Gordon Wright, sec., Ganton (Eng.) GC where 1949 Ryder Cup matches were played, and member of the Board of Management of Sports Turf Institute was at the Masters as one stop on quick trip to inspect U. S. golf turf research establishments and courses. Joe Williams, veteran sports columnist of N. Y. World-Telegram Sun writes that golf is “headed for major scandal” because of big money Calcutta gambling. Williams says he has “assembled considerable dope on these country-club hustlers,” and if libel prevents publication of information he will turn it over to “the golfing fathers.” Williams adds that income tax angle also might be interesting.

“Sandy” Armour recovering from operation at Washington. J. Haynes Waters, formerly asst. to Willie Goggin at Upper Montclair (N. J.) CC now pro at Lake Mohawk (N. J.) CC.

New England PGA spring meeting featured by Al Watrous clinic. Pros noted early signs of big season in pro shops. Pros in Georgia and Carolinas who were looking over the Masters said spring business generally had been well ahead of spring 1953 shop sales and play. Bud Ward moves into pro spot at Peninsula G&CC, San Mateo, Calif.

Prince Georges CC (Washington dist.) warns first offenders who don’t replace divots, says second offenders will be suspended for 2 weeks and 3d offenders expelled from club. USGA Green Section began issu-

ing Northeastern Turfletter April 1 from Northeastern office at Rutgers U., New Brunswick, N. J. Turfletter will be issued 6 times a year and sent to subscribers to USGA regional turf service in Conn., N. J. and N. Y.

Frank Wilson from Arrowhead G&CC (Chicago distr.) to Roselle (III.) GC as pro. Wilson has scheduled program of class lessons for high school students. Says kids who learn golf etiquette as part of class lessons have foresighted clubs now welcoming youngsters whose consideration for others on course, the course and the entire golf plant makes them models many older golfers should imitate.

Jerry Bell now pro at Greeley (Colo.) CC. Bell last year at Red Hill CC, Upland, Calif., and winter teaching at Camelback Inn, Phoenix, Ariz. Greeley CC, with testing par 72 course, and magnificent scenic location, recently completed $100,000 building program with clubhouse improvement, new pro shop and pool. Al Besselink and Jo Ann Stillwagon of Houston, Tex., married at Bethany Christian Church, Houston, April 17. The Jackie Burkes had introduced the two at Christmas Day, 1951 party. Jo Ann is gorgeous. Even more beautiful than Al.

Northeastern Wisconsin GA holds its annual meeting and club operations clinic at Oshkosh (Wis.) CC May 10. Starts 8:30 a.m. sharp. Meeting brings together presidents, secretaries, green chairmen, supt.s, house chairmen, managers, pros and sports committee chairmen of all clubs in the district in four panels for discussing and solving club operating problems. Highly practical, valuable program started 4 years ago by energy of Dan Steinberg, Jr., NEWGA sec.-treas.

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Henson Maples, supt., Pinehurst (N. C.) courses, elected pres. of newly organized Carolinas Golf Course Supts.' Assn., at its first meeting, Myers Park Club, Charlotte, N. C. ... 17 clubs represented ... Mike Lucas, Greenville (S. C.) CC elected vp ... Grant Bennett, Florence (S. C.) CC, sec. ... R. Ripley, Electric City CC, Anderson, S. C., treas. ... Joe Dey, Jr., R. P. Robinson and M. K. Jefford, Jr. of USGA Green Sec. spoke at the meeting.

Jim Ferrier to Lakewood CC (Los Angeles dist.) succeeding Harry Cooper ... Bill Remsen now pro at Clearview GC, one of New York City's 10 muny courses ... Expect to open Almaden GC, San Jose, Calif., 18-holes in Oct., says C. E. (Pike) Ross, in charge of the development ... Henry Stambaugh park muny course,
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San Diego (Calif.) County Board gives El Cajon Chamber of Commerce until Aug. to present plans for proposed $200,000 18-hole course near Gillespie Field...Preston Hollow CC, Dallas, Tex., opens new back 9...Work being rushed on club's other 9.

Spokane, Wash., Athletic Round Table gives $75,000 to city for clubhouse at Esmeralda muny course...Round Table previously donated land for course...Ernie Pierce named pro at Eastmoreland muny course at Portland, Ore...Jim Tomlinson now pro at Weiser, Ida., Rolling Hills GC, succeeding George Guy who goes to LaGrande (Ida.) CC as pro...Bud Dietrich's shop at Grand Marais State Park course, Belleville, Ill., robbed of 5 sets of clubs, 30 doz. balls.

George Dent and wife managing Atlantic (Ia.) G&CC...Vallejo GC to build $25,000 9-hole course on city property...Construction begun on Table Mountain GC, Oroville, Calif., 9-hole course...George A. Hoffman of San Antonio designing 18-hole city-

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Mid-Atlantic pros, supt.s, managers and club officials to have tournament and dinner meeting at Prince Georges CC, June 14 . . . 101-match schedule for high school boy golf leagues in Washington, D. C. dist. arranged with co-operation of private clubs.

Westchester County (N. Y.) Board of Supervisors over-ruled proposal to build 5th and 6th county courses . . . Bud Holscher to be an asst. to Harry Cooper at Metropolis CC, White Plains, N. Y. . . . York, S. C., considering building course . . .

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