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Park course on Labor Day . . . Ray Horvath is pro . . . Minnetonka CC, Excelsior, Minn., to become private course in 1960 . . . Club officials planning to hire pro and club mgr. . . . Midland Hills CC, Minneapolis, spending several hundred thousand on changing course layout and building new clubhouse . . . Championship version of the course will be stretched to 6,900 yds. . . . Commissioners look favorably upon building of new course at southern edge of St. Petersburg-Clearwater (Fla.) airport . . . Milburn CC, Kansas City, planning to spend $300,000 refurbishing clubhouse . . . Pushing for muny course for Phillips Park, Pomona, Calif. . . . Huntington County commissioners okay preliminary plans for public course in Wayne twp., near Marion, Ind. . . . New Milford (Conn.) GC, 9-hole layout, to be completed in spring . . . Geoffrey S. Cornish designed it.

Rozella Ford Community Course now being constructed in Warsaw, Ind. . . . Shady Valley GC, Arlington, Tex., put into play Sept. 1 . . . Forced feeding and watering of greens and fairways made earlier than anticipated opening possible . . . Record 66, which stood for many years at Shorehaven GC, E. Norwalk,

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Conn., broken in Sept. by Jerry Courville, an amateur who shot a 64 . . . Mai. Gen. Patrick J. Ryan, retired Army chief of chaplains, composed a golfer's prayer that appeared in this year's USGA Women's Amateur program.

Dai Rees, 46, captain of the British Ryder Cup team which will meet America's best, Nov. 6-7 at Eldorado in Palm Desert, Calif., has played in every match since 1937 . . . Harry Weetman, one of his playing companions, you'll recall, caused a great deal of controversy by criticizing Rees for sacking him for the '57 singles . . . But all has been forgiven since Harry has been playing fine golf of late . . .

Derek Murray, British golf writer, points out that several of the British players are brilliant but erratic . . . Weetman's a good example . . . So is Peter Mills, 28, who beat Jack Burke, Jr. two years ago . . .

The same can be said for Christy O'Connor, a free swinging, long ball hitter who scatters them all over the island on his bad days.

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Hunt is noted for his consistency and the same can be said for Ken Bousfield, 40, who will be making his fifth Ryder appearance. Other British players are Jimmy Hitchcock, Eric Lester, Syd Scott, John Panton and Dave Thomas. Thomas tied Peter Thomson in the 1958 British Open but lost the playoff.

What probably will turn out to be one of the big winter events is the Palm Springs Desert Classic, scheduled for next Feb. 3-7. $50,000 will be riding on this event which will go 90 holes over four courses. 120 pros and 360 amateurs will be invited and it's expected the tournament will become a fixture. Warren Cantrell, PGA official, designing 18 for Big Springs (Tex.) CC, which has to move from its present site next year.

George Ridder building 9-hole course on his farm near East Bridgewater, Mass. Hilton Inn, being built near the Atlanta (Ga.) Airport, will have an 18-hole putting green. Fireplace and fence logs recently offered to citizens of Coeur d'Alene, Ida., by builders who are clearing land for construction of city's public course. SS. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital, Louisville, building 9-hole Par 3 and lake for use by patients, doctors, nurses, etc.

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. . . Gene Sullivan, Wildwood CC pro, helped with design and numerous firms are assisting in the construction work.

Grand Rapids (Mich.) park supt., Fred See, making strong bid for public course to take place of Indian Trails muny which eventually will be used for cemetery purposes . . . Chevy Chase GC, Glendale, Calif., being converted from semi-private to private club . . . $500,000 will be spent in changing it over . . . Rome (N.Y.) council okays development of a public park complete with 18-hole Par 3 . . . Phoenix (Ariz.) city council okays sale of bonds to be used for construction of 18-hole course in Papago Park.

Savannah, Ga., group planning to build bantam course which will have regulation greens but short fairways . . . players will drive and chip plastic balls on to greens and then replace them with regulation balls for putting purposes . . . George Dempster, former mayor of Knoxville, Tenn., planning to convert his picture book farm to 18-hole course . . . It will be known as Lakeview CC and $500,000 will be put into the project.

H. D. Graves, Jr., teaching pro at Sea Island (Ga.) GC, quits to accept position with an oil firm . . . Pat LaConte, long-
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time owner of Mayfield Heights GC, near Cleveland, buys land in Mayfield Village on which he may build a 9-hole course . . . Middle Atlantic PGA names Ralph Beach, Suburban Club, Pikesville, Md., section pro of the year . . . Beach is an excellent player, has done much to boost all phases of club golf, is active in PGA Seniors work and is a leader in civic affairs . . . Ken Lindlaw, pro at Copake CC, Craryville, N. Y., a resort course, estimates he has taught 3,000 women to play golf in the last 10 years . . . Practically all of them were good pupils, too, Lindlaw says.

Construction started on Starke ( Fla.) G&CC course . . . It was designed by R. Albert Anderson of Longboat Key, Fla., who also is drawing plans for an 18-hole Par 3 which is to be built in Delphi, Ind., by G. L. Smith . . . Newark, N. J. Star Ledger carried more than a full page of photos and text recently describing swing, etc. of Mary Ann Doctor, 15, who won the state Junior Girl title this year . . . She has been playing the game seriously for about a year and shoots in the low 80s.

Jim Turnesa, 1952 PGA champion, won this year's Metropolitan Open but confessed he was very dissatisfied with his