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house, a new pro shop for Harvey Penick and nine greens.

Myron Brown of Detroit has become officially associated with George Zuckerman, Asbury Park, N. J., in promotion and operation of International Miniature tournament ... Event will be staged for fourth consecutive year this summer on the Boardwalk ... Eastern Amateur (including a Senior Championship) will be played Aug. 16-20 at Elizabeth Manor G & CC, Portsmouth, Va., according to George Skinner ... This one is described as the “Ambitious Eastern Amateur” ... It will be played for the fifth time and is steadily growing in stature because of hard work by tourney officials and Elizabeth Manor members to put it over.

Chichi Rodriguez, assistant pro at Dorado Beach GC, will be the first Puerto Rican to play in the Masters when he goes to Augusta next month for the event ... 16th International Jaycee tournament for Juniors will be played Aug. 20-26 at Wellshire Muny course in Denver ... Wes Ellis, pro at Mountain Ridge CC, West Caldwell, N. J., is one of the few who seems to handle a home pro job full time and still make money on the circuit ... He put in eight months last year at his club but managed to find enough time playing the circuit to earn more than $9,000 ... In December and January he picked up $6,500 on the tour.

When the USGA Women's Open is played at Baltusrol in N. J., June 29-July 1, it will be the tenth time the club has been host to a major championship ... This will give it a tie with Merion GC in Ardmore, Pa. ... Don Devore, a former tennis star, will be Bud Geoghegan's assistant at Crestmont CC, West Orange, N. J., this year ... Archie (Pete) Craig, pro-supt., at Penfield (N. Y.) CC has resigned and is designing and building Green Hills GC, near Rochester ... Pete also was designer-builder of Penfield and Island Valley GC, near Rochester, which will open this spring ... Joe Checho, owner of the latter property, also helped in the construction work ... Checho had tried for three or four years to buy a course in the Adirondacks, and failing in this, bought the property back of his home on which the 9-hole Island Valley club is located.

Gene Sanders of Flip-It, Inc., says his factory has more than 600 country club emblems for cap and hat use in stock ... Women who have handicaps lower than 10 were allowed to tee off before noon on Saturdays and Sundays at several private clubs beginning late last summer ... There may be more of that this year ... The girl sharpshooters move right along.

St. Petersburg Women's Open, won by Mickey Wright, grossed $11,681 and made money for first time since 1954 when it was

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Canadian PGA Outlines Provisions of Proposed Pension Plan

The Canadian PGA is attempting to sell a pension plan for professionals to all golf clubs in the Dominion. It will be at least another month or so before it is known whether the plan is acceptable to the clubs, but early indications are that it will be.

To be eligible for the pension, the proposed retirement plan calls for the professional to be a paid-up member of the Canadian PGA who, in addition, is in receipt of a salary from his club. The pro may participate in the plan only if his employer pays at least $100 a year into the pension fund, a sum which must be matched by the beneficiary. Both club and professional may pay in as much as $1,500 apiece annually, although contributions by both parties don’t necessarily have to be equal.

Normal retirement date has been set as June 1 nearest the participant’s 65th birthday. Dividends accrued by the fund will be set aside to increase the amount of the pensions.

Retirement Benefits

Assuming an equal or level total annual contribution of $200 by club and professional, retirement benefits for a person of 25 will amount to $102 monthly when he reaches his 65th birthday. For a man of 40, they would amount to slightly less than $50 and for a man of 50 they would be about $25 a month.

If early retirement is desired, the plan calls for the participant to make this election without a medical exam and without giving prior notice. The pension, of course, will be reduced in such cases. It also is possible for the professional to defer retirement so that when the pension starts it will be larger because of interest that has accrued and because he is older.

If the professional transfers to another club, accrued benefits of the plan are transferred with him. If he leaves the game he will receive the total paid-up deferred annuity purchased to his date of termination. A provision also is made for the professional to remain in the plan after termination.

Beneficiary Gets Return

In event a professional dies before the annuity goes into effect, his beneficiary will receive a return of all his and employer’s contributions or, if greater, the
Mrs. George Bard, Mrs. Edward F. Swift, John Ames, former USGA pres., and Mrs. Irving Seaman are members of the committees planning the first Children's Memorial Hospital pro-am that will be played at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, III. immediately after the PGA Championship. A total of 50 pros and 150 amateurs will take part in the event which is scheduled for July 31.

cash value of the annuity purchased by such contributions. Also, if the professional dies before 120 monthly payments are made to him following retirement, his beneficiary will receive the balance of the 120 payments.

The professional also will have the option of choosing annuities that pay larger or lesser amounts than those shown in the annuity schedule. In such cases, the annuity will continue for shorter or longer periods than those shown in the schedule.

Increase Seniors Prize to $25,000

The 1962 PGA Seniors' Championship will be a $25,000 tournament. A $10,000 increase is being made in the prize money for the 23rd tournament, which will be played Feb. 13-18 in Dunedin. Wm. Teacher & Sons, Ltd., Glasgow, Scotland will again co-sponsor the event with the PGA. In 1954, when Teacher & Sons first came in as a co-sponsor, the Seniors' Championship offered prize money of only $5,000. By 1958 it had been increased to $10,000 and for the last two years it has been a $15,000 event.

Answers to Questions on P. 118

1. 20%.  2. 0.  3. 4 yds.  4. 2,800 lbs.  5. 730 yds.  6. 10 times 7. cu. ft. (7½ gals.).  8. 2 club lengths.  9. White.  10. 5 paces.
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PGA Committee Report Lists Many 1960 Accomplishments

The annual report of the USGA Executive committee, presented at the association's 67th annual meeting, contained these highlights:

The eight USGA National championships, with 9,118 entrants showed an increase of 6.5 per cent over the previous year's record;

Limit of merchandise prize value for amateur competition was increased from $150 to $200 retail;

A new course rating system was adopted;

USGA membership increased for 15th successive year. Last year 87 new clubs joined the association, bringing total to 2,450;

Green section visiting service has 810 subscribing courses. USGA green section's eight agronomists and one part-time assistant made 1,245 visits to courses in 1960;

A new system of pairings in the National Open whereby contestants' scores at the end of 36 holes determined their pairings for the last two rounds. Open prize money of $60,020 was a record. There was a record entry of 2,453 and a amateur record entry of 1,737.

Ball lost penalty was increased to stroke and distance;

Out of bounds was increased to stroke and distance. If a club thinks the penalty is unduly severe it may adopt local rule allowing dropping of ball with one stroke penalty;

Executive committee approved 42 routine applications for restoration of amateur status and 21 under exceptions;

 Implements and Ball committee reviewed 45 clubs with new features. Twenty-two were approved and 17 disapproved. Continued ball tests to "protect member clubs by keeping the ball length within reasonable bounds." Reported that tests have indicated that "club-face roughness in the form of grooves and/or surface treatment has little or no effect on backswing."

1962 Western Amateur

Orchard Lake CC, near Detroit, will be the site of the 1962 Western Amateur golf championship. Dates for the event, which will be WGA's 60th annual Amateur, will be announced later. The 1961 Western Amateur is booked for Mar. 22-26 at the New Orleans CC.
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and would be higher but heavy adult play at many private and public courses is pushing the kid golf program into a corner. Many older golfers regard the kids as nuisances and many women would sooner park their kids at the pool while playing themselves.

Kid programs aren’t easy going for the pros. Some kids take to golf eagerly and aptly; others are as tough to teach as adults. But it is the kids who highlight pro teaching reputations. For example, Glenna Collett was a star pupil of Alex Smith, Jones was a protege of Douglas Edgar, Lawson Little of Tommy Armour and Virginia Van Wie of Ernest Jones. Today’s roster of rising young players would greatly swell this list.

Junior championships have grown steadily of late and have grown well beyond the size imagined by the Western Golf Assn. and the Women’s Western Golf Assn., which established the first of the kid championships.

Still Much to Be Done

Although the growth of Junior golf has presented a brighter picture of a sports market future than Junior baseball promotions, the increase of kid golfers in numbers and play is a long way from being satisfactory to pros who are looking toward future business.

One of the veterans at a PGA gathering during the Phoenix meeting remarked: “Pros would have saved and made millions for themselves if they had stuck to the idea of taking in parents’ old clubs, cutting down the shafts, reducing the head weights and regripping these clubs for kids. Then there would have been millions of clubs given to the kids, encouraging their play and the parents wouldn’t have expected big allowances for old junk. We let that idea get away from us and now we’ve got the trade-in headache and fewer clubs for kids. I am going to push it again and see if I can’t get golf clubs into the hands of every school kid in our town.”

Make Own Repairs

If you had to wait four or five weeks for repairs to your car you wouldn’t drive a car of your own — you’d take a cab. The pro can’t expect a member to wait that long for a club to be factory-repaired but should be able to make the repairs himself. — Bill Hardy.
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Take Close Look at Cars

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three agronomists, O. J. Noer, James R. Watson, Jr., of Toro Mfg. Corp., and Charles G. Wilson of Milwaukee Sewerage Commission. Most of these men agreed that grass and the maintenance dept. can live with golf cars, but added that much still remains to be done about educating drivers.

Compaction Problem

Watson, for example, cited the invisible damage, meaning compaction, that can be caused by the vehicles, adding that a full investigation of this factor remains to be made. He believes that the walking golfer also makes a contribution to the compaction problem.

The Toro agronomist said that it would be a fine thing if golfers could be educated to recognize the different kinds of turf damage and be taught to help minimize it, but wryly added that "maybe they already are being worried by too many educational schemes." He observed that perhaps the greatest damage to turf comes in the dormant season, particularly when frost is severe, and suggested that use of cars should be controlled even though play goes on after the normal conclusion of the golf season.

Charley Wilson, the man with the all-seeing camera, illustrated the points made by Watson via slide projector. Among his films were several showing how car traffic is routed along paths at different clubs.

Changes Mind About Cars

O. J. Noer admitted that since the last CDGA meeting he had changed his mind somewhat about golf cars. "Perhaps turfmen were a little too critical of them two years ago," said Noer. "If people want to use them it is up to us to find ways of growing turf that will withstand car traffic." It is Noer's observation that Bermudagrass possibly is more susceptible than Northern grasses to the wearing effects of car traffic, but he pointed out that courses in the Palm Springs area, where Bermuda prevails, have held up well because they have been planted to handle cars. Noer concluded his remarks by stating that it is time that clubs take a firm stand in designating some persons as the final authority in issuing a "No Cars" edict on days when the vehicles shouldn't be used.

Al Johnson, speaking in behalf of supt.s, reiterated Noer's statement. "Too often," said Johnson, "the supt. is put in the middle on the 'No Cars' rule. What is
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needed is a strong committee with the willingness and authority to back him up when he thinks vehicles shouldn’t be allowed on the course.” The Park Ridge greenmaster, incidentally, stated he feels that perhaps cars have their most noticeable effect in the three to six weeks dry period in midsummer.

More Aeration, Overseeding

Ted Woehrle of Beverly CC told how his club once had restricted car traffic to the rough only to find that when it is channelled in this fashion more damage is done than if it has the run of the course. An increase in aerification and more overseeding, Woehrle stated, probably are the best ways of combating any damage done by golf cars, but clubs have to be willing to undertake the extra expense of carrying out these operations.

Bob Williams also used a projector in outlining his observations on golf cars. With slides taken at Tam O’Shanter last fall, Williams showed evidence of horse-shoe-shaped wear around greens and numerous instances where turf adjacent to paths had become worn because golfers cut too many corners or strayed off the blacktop. Some of this damage can be reduced, the Bob O’Link supt. said, by getting away from sharp right angle intersections and fanning out turning areas at the ends of the paths.

Caddie Situation

At most clubs where cars are permitted, caddies still are being used. Mayne Madsen of Beverly said that his club feels it has a civic obligation to help keep kids off the street by providing club carrying jobs for them. Representatives of several other clubs echoed this thought. At some clubs, one caddie is assigned to each car and it is his duty to handle the pin, rake the traps, replace divots, etc. Usually, he receives double pay for the round. All clubs have restrictions against his driving the car. The caddie-car combination generally is working out quite well, although in a few instances heavy-footed drivers are said to be making racehorses out of the kids.

The discussion of service problems was handled by William J. Freund, Victor Electri-Car div., Frank Oliviera, Cushman-Chicago rep., and George Westmont of Wisconsin Burner Co.

Suggests Training School

Some of the ramifications of keeping battery operated cars in first class condition were discussed by Bill Freund. The