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.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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Second nine of the Penfield (N.Y.) CC opened a few weeks ago . . . A $2 million dollar motel-restaurant-shopping complex with a miniature course to be built in Kingsville, O. . . . Manteca (Calif.) municipal GC is under construction . . . A $166,000 contract for a golf clubhouse at Victor Park in Los Angeles has been awarded by the board of supervisors . . .

Chester C. Kurczab has been named supt. of the Byron Meadows CC, Batavia, N.Y. . . . the course is in the final stages of construction . . . The 18-hole, 6865-yard, par 72 course was designed by Tyron and Schwartz & Associates and will open next year.

Duffy Martin, pro and owner of the Brookside GC, Oklahoma City, Okla., is building an 18-hole course two miles south of Moore, Okla. . . . He hopes to open the course, designed by Floyd Farley, early next spring . . . The course will measure 6300 yards with a par of 70 . . . The Winfield (Ia.) Area Recreation Center has secured its 175th membership and will apply to the FHA for a loan to construct its proposed course and recreation park.

Paul R. Underwood, formerly of El Dorado CC in Sacramento, Calif., has succeeded Win Howe, who has accepted another position as pro of the Ukiah (Calif.) municipal course . . . An informal meeting was held recently in Gregory, S. D. to discuss the possibility of a country club . . . Rolling Acres, public Par 3 in York, Pa., has been expanded to 18 holes, reports Owner Larry Mitzel . . . The expanded layout now totals, 1,500 yards on 18 acres . . . The Bradford (Pa.) Area CC opened its first nine recently . . . A decision will be reached by September as to whether the Erie, Pa. county park and recreation board will build an 18-hole course on one of its park sites.

The city finance director of Palm Springs, Calif., says interest payments on $800,000 worth of golf course bonds will amount to more than 50 per cent of their value . . . The interest paid by the city over a 25-year period will be $426,629 and bring the total cost of purchasing the 156-acre municipal course to $1,226,629

Tom Cushman (center), pro at the Navy GC in San Diego, didn’t have to win a tournament or make a hole-in-one to win an Oldsmobile 4-4-2 last month. He simply countersigned an entry form submitted in a “Golf-O-Rama” contest and when his golfer came through, he won a duplicate prize. He is shown with Harold Tipton, LoKses, Calif., Olds dealer, and D. L. Klappen, Oldsmobile district manager.

. . . J. D. (Boots) Lang, supt., says the first nine at Gulf Shores (Ala.) CC has opened along with the club’s new pro shop.

Ansley GC to construct a new million dollar course and clubhouse in northeast Atlanta, Ga. . . . The 18-hole course will be built on about 200 acres and the clubhouse will cost approximately $400,000 . . . In the meantime, the club will continue to operate from its present location . . . Fridley (Minn.) CC plans to develop a country club and two courses, one a regulation nine and the other a Par 3 nine . . . Initial cost is expected to run around $400,000 . . . Manager of the new Bethel Island (Calif.) public course is Bill Krueger . . . The Bob Baldock & Son designed course is 18-holes and was developed by Ed Conner from 120 acres of pasture land . . . Supt. at Bethel Island is Walt Collins.

Work is underway on a $575,000 expansion program at Arrowhead CC in San Bernardino, Calif. . . . Improvements include expansion of the clubhouse, swimming pool and parking lot . . . The board of supervisors has approved final plans for development of the 18-hole Marshall Canyon GC at Pamon, Calif. . . . Estimated construction costs are $800,000.
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The third annual Jamaica Jamboree tournament will be held Jan. 4-16, 1966 at Montego Bay, Jamaica... ABC Television Network has secured exclusive TV rights for three years to the USGA Open... Each Open will be televised in color... And, as part of the agreement between ABC and the USGA, the network will also televise The Women's USGA Open and the USGA Men's Amateur... Special programs on other USGA-activities are also planned.

The USGA Senior Women's Amateur will be played Oct. 13-15 at the Exmoor CC in Highland Park, Ill... Entries are open to women amateurs who will have reached their 50th birthday by Oct. 13 and have handicaps not exceeding 15 strokes under the USGA handicap system... Joe B. Williams is architect and in charge of building the first nine holes of Golden Hills GC in Tehacapi, Calif., with plans to expand to a full 18 holes by the spring of 1966... The new nine will cover 3250 yards with a par of 36.

A private, country-club like ski center and year around recreation center including a 9-hole course will be built at Hunt's Hollow near Naples, N.Y... A check for $261,000, a loan from the FHA, has been presented to the Groton, (N.Y.) Golf & Recreation Assn. for construction of an 18-hole course, clubhouse and other facilities... Suffolk (Va.) GC is adding nine holes to complete its 18 at the cost of $75,000... Architect for the addition, expected ready for play in June 1966, is Russell Breeden... A 36-par, 9-hole course has been opened
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A new clubhouse for the municipal course of the city of Manteca, Calif. has been proposed and architect's drawings prepared. . . . The Clubhouse will contain showers for men and women, lockers, a snack bar and pro shop. A driving range and parking for 70 cars will be part of the clubhouse area . . . Garden Grove, Calif. will be the site of a 9-hole Par 3 course within a 25-acre development, Rancho Valencia. . . . William Bell is architect.

Bloomington, Ill. planning officials are seeking to combine Lakeside CC, Holiday Club and adjacent land into Southeast Park, relocating the present golf course elsewhere . . . . A 9-hole course is being built on the base at Otis Air Force Base in Mass. . . . Labor Day saw the opening of the Jackson Hole (Wyo.) G & CC, designed by Bob Baldock . . . Another Baldock and Son course was put into construction on Sept. 1 in Cucamonga, Calif. . . . It will be an 18-hole public layout.

Roy H. LeBus and Sons Inc. has started work on 3410 acres of its 25,000-acre Monte Verde Ranch, about 23 miles east of Taos, N.M. . . . One area will have a ski slope and lodge, another will be homesites surrounding the Monte Verde CC, boasting a 9-hole course under construction and designed by LeBus himself, and a summer homes area.

Land has been purchased for development of the Gowrie (Ia.) CC. . . Arnold Palmer Enterprises is building an 18-hole putting course in Tokyo, as part of what is anticipated to be a complete Nipponese chain, according to Frank Abramoff, senior v-p . . . . The Newton (Ia.) CC has undergone an extensive $100,000 remodeling, which includes an addition to the lounge and a new pro shop . . . Oak Park GC in Horsham township, near Philadelphia, Pa. has been sold to a group of investors said to include a number of current and former major league baseball stars . . . . The course will be called Limekiln GC and the new owners are said to be prepared to spend $150,000 to improve the course and facilities.