

Chuck Daugherty is back in the saddle again. Riding for Toro.

Marv Gruening, Superintendent at Midwest Golf Club, and his wife, Loraine, vacationed in Florida dur-

ing the month of February.

Fred Opperman, Superintendent Glen Oak Country Club, and his wife, Judy, took a short vacation after the Cincinnati conference and motored to Northern Wisconsin to find deep snow and try out snow shoes. Most golf course Superintendents travel in the other direction in the Winter time looking for dandelions and camellias.

Tim Miles is passing out cigars. Mrs. Miles presented him with an addition to the family on February 26, 1972 a new worker on the golf course in a few

years. Congratulations.

Mrs. Howard Baerwald is home from the hospital recuperating from a serious operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Oliver Miles is home recovering after a visit to the hospital. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Mrs. Miles.

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LOOK FOR MORE TROUBLES by Robert R. Updegraff

Be thankful for the troubles of your job. They provide about half your income. Because if it were not for the things that go wrong, the difficult people you have to deal with, and the problems and unpleasantness of your working day, someone could be found to handle your job for half of what you are being paid.

It takes intelligence, resourcefulness, patience, tact and courage to meet the troubles of any job. That is why you hold your present job. And it may be the reason you aren't holding down an even bigger one.

If all of us would start to look for more troubles, and learn to handle them cheerfully and with good judgment, as opportunities rather than irritations, we would find ourselves getting ahead at a surprising rate. For it is a fact that there are plenty of big jobs waiting for men and women who aren't afraid of troubles connected with them.

SHORTER, MORE STRATEGIC COURSES SEEN

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When all is said and done, money is what makes business tick, and budgets certainly dictate the number of new courses to be built and older ones to be remodeled. With tight money the past two years, many plans for building and remodeling have been shelved. However, in the past six months there have been several positive indicators that construction activity will be strong in 1972. In addition, most developers feel that a golf course is a "must" in a resort complex or quality residential development.

Since money is a factor, many of these new courses will be shorter than the standard 18-hole courses. With land at a premium, many will be par 60, or executive length. Although shorter, they will require as much, or more, strategy on the part of the player. Golf Course architects are requiring accurate club selection and shot placement by the strategic location of multiple tee, hazards, and smaller greens.

Although the trend toward shorter courses may not please the touring pros (although there still are plenty of championship and standard 18-hole courses being built), the new type courses are preferred by businessmen, senior citizens and women. The executive-length course doesn't require five or six hours to play and it doesn't have the long par-5 holes that dis-

courage many golfers.

In all current golf course design—remodeling as well as new courses—easy maintenance is a prime consideration. The golf course architect, while planning the most challenging course he can on the available land, he must think ahead and give the golf course superintendents a layout that can be maintained at peak condition with the modern equipment and supplies now available. "Monster" holes that require a great deal of hand mowing, raking and watering put too great a dent in the superintendent's schedule and budget.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects is most interested in preserving the "green belts" in our urban areas, many of which are golf courses, and many of the design techniques used on the shorter executive courses can be utilized in the remodeling of some of our older courses, giving them new dimensions for years to come. With the many executive-length courses now on the boards, it appears that golf soon will have a course for everyone—championship, standard, executive, and par-3. And if you don't have every type in your area, remodeling tees and greens give a standard course the versatility to stretch itself into championship length, or shorten itself for ladies competition. With this planning, it seems certain that golf will continue to be the most popular sport with our leisure-conscious population.

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