"Question Night" Goes Big

By JACK FULTON, Jr.

THE Fattest Member, the Oldest Member and the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee were on the clubhouse porch one sultry evening watching the dancers on the outdoor dance platform. The day had been a scorcher, and only the youngest and most active of the members found energy enough to venture through the intricacies of the dance; everyone else sat about, hoping for a breeze to bring relief from the heat.

"Entertainment C o m m ittee, hmpff!" grunted the Fattest Member. "Lot you offer for my entertainment out here. Dances and dances and dances; nothing but dances!"

"The heat's beginning to get you," commented the Entertainment chairman.

"No, it isn't," spoke up the Oldest Member. "I know just what Charlie means. I've been a member of this club for thirty years and the only kind of shin-dig we've had out here has been just as Charlie says —dances. Why don't you get up something for us sedentary fellows once in a while?"

"What do you suggest?" asked the Entertainment chairman. "A bridge party?"

"Good lord, no! I get enough bridge during the week. This is a golf club, man, not a city club. Can't you get up something that has to do with golf?"

"Dunno,' replied the Entertainment chairman. "I'll think about it."

About two weeks later the members received a notice through the mails, reading as follows. (See page 36.)

Naturally, the announcement aroused an unusual amount of curiosity among the members, and the Entertainment chairman was besieged with requests for further details, but he maintained a sphinx-like silence. "Better arrange to be on hand," was all he'd say.

On the evening of the great mystery entertainment the members found chairs in the lounge arranged as for a lecture. By 8:30 a curious throng had comfortably

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filled them, wondering what was in store. The Entertainment chairman stepped forward.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began, "as chairman of the committee charged with the responsibility of offering amusement to you each week-end, I have been subjected recently to some scathing criticism. I have been told to my face, by some of our most even-tempered members, that my committee has failed to entertain them, for the reason that we have offered nothing but dances and they are not interested in dancing.

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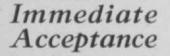
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"This was disturbing. Here we were, ostensibly an Entertainment Committee, and we were not entertaining our members. We decided we must be as ignorant of how to provide entertainment as the average golfer is of the rules of golf, which I think you will all admit is some ignorant!

"That brings me to the program of the While my assistants pass out evet 1. among you paper and pencils, let me announce that you are about to return to I hold before me 15 annoying school. questions concerned with the rules of golf. I am about to read them to you. In most of them you will be able to answ



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with one word; for example, the correct answer to this question. 'Is it permissable, under the rules of golf, to accept advice from one's partner's caddie?' would be 'Yes.'

"For every question correctly answered, you will receive five points, a total of 100 for a perfect paper. The five best papers tonight will be given prizes. In case of a tie, I have a few more questions which will be asked the tying contestants until one or the other of them returns an incorrect answer."

Here are the questions the Entertainment chairman had compiled, together with a reference to the proper rule that answers each:

(1) How far back of the tee-markers may a player tee his ball? (Definitions: 3.)

(2) In searching for his ball, a player accidentally kicks it. What is the penalty? (Rule 12 [3].)

(3) Suppose his opponent had kicked the ball. What would the penalty be? (Rule 21 [3].)

Can a player stand out of bounds (4) to play a ball in bounds? (Rule 23 [4].) (5) Who decides whether a ball is, or is not, in an unplayable lie? (Rule 22 [1].)

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(6) A player's ball stops in a pile of cut grass. Must he play from the pile, or may he lift out without penalty? (Rule 11, decision.)

(7) A player, having fished his ball out of a creek, drops it over his shoulder in approved fashion, but it rolls back into the water. What does it cost the player to redrop it? (Rule 8.)

(8) In stroke competition, a player strikes at a ball three times before he succeeds in driving it from a sand-trap. He then discovers it is not his ball. Has he incurred a penalty if he then returns and plays his own ball? (Stroke rule 8 [3].)

(9) In stroke competition, a player finds his ball in an unplayable lie, so he lifts with the usual two-stroke penalty. However, instead of dropping the ball over his shoulder, he sticks a wooden tee into the fairway a yard away and plays his ball from it. Is this permissable, and if not, what should he have done? (Stroke rule 11 [21.)

(10) In a match play event, a player's putted ball hits the flag-stick which is in the hole. What is the penalty? (None.)

(11) In a medal play event, a player's putted ball hits the flag-stick which is still



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in the hole. What is the penalty? (Stroke rule 13 [1].)

(12) Is a player entitled to remove a dead leaf from the putting green if it is in no way in his line of putt? (Rule 28 [1].)

(13) A player, in a sand trap adjacent to the green, is nearer the hole than his opponent, whose ball is on the putting surface. Which should play first? (Rule 7.)

(14) What is the penalty for lifting a ball from casual water in a hazard? (Rule 27 [1].)

(15) Where may the ball be dropped? (Rule 27 [1].)

(16) Can a loose rock be removed from its position within a few inches of a ball in the rough? (Rule 12 [1].)

(17) In match play, a player putts when his opponent, whose ball is farther away, should have done so. What is the penalty, if any? (31 [2].)

(18) A player's caddie rushes into a trap to hand his player a club. Does the player suffer a penalty for this act? (No. Breach of etiquette only.)

(19) Is a ball considered in casual water if a player must stand in casual water to play it? (27 [4].) (20) What are the maximum and minimum lengths of a par-4 hole under U. S. G. A. recommendations? (445 yds.; 251 yds.)

The questions were asked one at a time, of course, with sufficient time between each pair to allow the answer to be written. The chairman also found it advisable to request the members to refrain from cribbing from their neighbor's paper.

The answer slips were collected and marked by three members of the Entertainment Committee. To fill in the time until the winners were announced, the chairman arranged for the club pro to deliver a short talk on putting, a subject selected because of its universal appeal to all present.

The evening proved so intensely successful that two other similar evenings have been held, with somewhat different types of questions asked. In the one, the series was based on the club's history, with such questions as: "When was our club organized?" "How many acres of land do we own?" "What did our clubhouse cost to build?" On the second evening the chairman read a running story of a golf game in which both contestants violated



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a number of rules of the game, and the members were asked to decide which player won the match.

There are innumerable variations of these evenings, and any of them are worth trying at clubs where entertainment features in the past have consisted, as the Fattest Member complained, of "dances and dances and dances."

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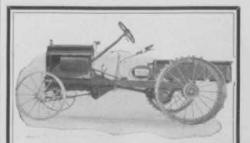
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