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**THE PRO MAY THINK** he is getting some punishment from ball sales competition with drug stores but he is not suffering in this respect as much as the sporting goods stores, according to W. R. Searles of Alex Taylor and Co., large New York sporting goods retailers.

Searles, in an issue of *Sporting Goods Journal*, writes:

"Druggists are noted for the glee with which they cut-in on the other fellow's business. Sporting goods stores do not realize and will never know the volume of business they have already lost to the drug-stores.

"What has Mr. Sporting Goods Merchant got to do to stop the manufacturers from selling the chain drugstores? If he doesn't do this, he is going to awaken some fine morning and on his way to business find the neighborhood drugstore window proudly exhibiting his pet matched-sets, one of the few articles he has left where there is a volume and a decent profit that the druggist has not already taken advantage of and added to his line."

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**OLIN DUTRA** makes his debut in radio Thanksgiving week. The National Open champion has a dramatized part in the Beech-Nut "Red Davis" feature over NBC. Part of the publicity on this is picture releases showing Olin striding a fairway accompanying a couple of young women in the Beech-Nut program. The girls are attired in shorts. Olin, in those publicity pictures, looks scared like a guy who has just hooked a hard one into a gallery at a nudist colony.

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**"CRAB GRASS CONTROL** on Lawns," the subject of a press release by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and written by Prof. Howard B. Sprague, is something that shows how closely turf work on golf courses and lawns is allied. This sort of press material coming to the attention of home owners puts the tax payers in a mood for approving turf research work.

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**THE GOLFERS** are turning actors, and the actors, golfers. Adolphe Menjou got a hole in one at Riviera's sixteenth. He applied for a US Hole-in-One medal. He made his ace with a 444 US Royal.

**WONDER WHAT** has happened to the old gag that teaching ruined a pro's playing ability? That used to be a favorite alibi until Johnny Farrell won a National open championship and came out with the comment that there was no sense to the remark.

Checking over the list of champions this year we find that without exception the titles are held by fellows who are kept extremely busy at the lesson tees of their clubs. Considerably above the average pro lesson business is that done by Olin Dutra, Henry Cotton, Harry Cooper, Paul Runyan and Tommy Armour.

Maybe the old moan should be revised to read: "I don't get enough teaching business to make me a playing champion."

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**THERE ARE 75** ardent golfers among the 1,600 employees of Ringling Brothers circus. They are so keen for the game that they have their own professional, Lloyd Greenamyre, travel with them. For six years Lloyd was pro at the Bobby Jones course, Sarasota, Fla., where some of the circus folks winter.

When the circus was in Detroit Greenamyre visited the Hagen factory to get some special playing equipment for members of his migratory club. An 8 ft. 2 in., giant had to be fitted and a contortionist wanted a complete set of whippy shafted clubs.

## Width of Fairways Not Covered by Rules of Golf

**THERE IS NOTHING** in the Rules of Golf which differentiates between fairway and rough. This is because in the old days, before mowers were introduced to keep the fairways smooth, a player took his lies as he found them and was not favored with a carefully mowed path from tee to green. From the standpoint of the Rules, there is no specified width for fairways.

Custom, however, has developed a fairly common practice in this regard, influence on the one hand by the desire of the players to have an area of reasonable width into which to aim their shots, and on the other hand by the desires of the club officials to hold mowing expenses within budget limits. Some courses hold their fairways down to 150 feet; others are more generous and give their players 200 feet of mowed turf. The average is in the neighborhood of 180 feet.