



This eighth at the Miami (Fla.) CC avenges the dubs who think water holes were invented by pros to help ball sales. The hole is short and looks simple but winter season pros, who rate this hole as one of their favorites, plunk plenty of balls into water in front and at the right of the hole.

from England and Scotland joining the winter circuit after the first of the year, the tourney tour has plenty of international recognition as golf's school of higher learning.

**H**ERE'S one that shows how the ambitious boys are working in the golf business. Ed Newkirk, pro-greenkeeper at Country Club of Lincoln, (Neb.) races from the club to the University of Nebraska to take courses for several hours a week in agricultural subjects that help him in his course maintenance work.

**L**EONARD MACOMBER, veteran in golf course construction, has returned from Russia where he completed arrangements to introduce golf in the Soviet republic.

According to present plans, Russia will begin construction of five courses around Moscow in the spring and by the end of 1937 plans to have approximately 150 courses. The Russians have a sports program that promises them a prominent place in international competition.

A preliminary part of their golf campaign is the construction of many practice tees throughout the country. One Soviet sports authority is committed to the plan of having every native who wants to play on a Russian course first take 10 lessons under competent instruction at the practice tees. Proposed playing fee

for a round on the USSR public courses is about 1 1-3 cents in American money.

Macomber says that E. J. Peterson (Petrovsky), prominent sports writer on the Moscow Daily News, formerly was a caddie in New Jersey.

**T**HIS year's Miami International four ball stands a chance of being a real international golf event, and the first one of its kind.

Around the time of the Miami event there will be in Florida leading pros from Australia, Japan and Canada. Whether the field is to be handled to make the International event international, or whether the visiting nationals will not get invitations, still is a toss-up.

**A**T THE Meadowbrook GC (Detroit district) a compilation of scores made by Class A, B and C players rating holes by difficulty of getting par figures has been found valuable in preventing hasty and biased revision of hole design.

**M**AC SMITH, who, as a PGA member and a tournament veteran, rates as an authority on the subject, considers the PGA championship the toughest of all athletic title events. Length of the tourney and the sharply personalized competition make the event the most severe nervous strain in the entire field of sport, Mac believes.