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Bockwitz (center) is shown explaining proper grip technique to a group of interested pupils in golf at Peoria Central High School.

fully to determine just what position the nets should be placed to best avoid glancing balls. The boxes are cheese boxes from the cafeteria. The platforms are from the boys' gymnasium. It would seem that any school could develop the same facilities.

"It was interesting to see how the boys were able to dig up old magazines from which articles explaining golfing technique were taken. We covered an old table tennis table with the best articles, and had enough so that we were able to rotate them for a bit of variety. They brought in copies dating back to 1931.

"Interest has been running at a high level and the boys all say that they have learned more golf in the past few weeks than in all their golfing experience. With warm days coming along every once in a while now, the boys have a tendency to chase out for a little outdoor practice, but they always come back the next day with even greater interest in the indoor drills. They feel they will be more free of jitters during this coming season's matches, and base their conclusion on the fact they'll

Tom Murphy, pro at Cape Ann GC, observes that young players since group instruction of juveniles has become so popular, have become such roving mirrors of their instructors' styles it's almost possible to tell who has taught a kid from watching the youngsters swing.

Although the lack of imitative aptitude makes golf instruction of adults a more difficult job than juvenile tutoring, Tom's of the opinion that the kids' imitations are going to be a big factor in reminding pros to pattern their own swings to a classic form.

have a much better understanding of the game and of themselves.

"Each boy pays for his share of the expense of taking pictures of his swing by charging him according to the number of shots taken. This picture-taking business has been most helpful in getting a concise idea of what the player is doing and in convincing the player of his faults. Golfers often have a resistance to suggestions of changes in the methods they follow, but the boys seem to enjoy having their methods picked to pieces when shown their faults in picture form. They also derive benefit in thus being able to discuss, from the pictures, the particular styles of other members of the squad.

### Any School Can Copy Project

"I want to make strong point of the fact that nothing is being done at Peoria Central that is the least bit unusual, or that cannot, and is not being done by many other schools. The boys liked golf, they found someone willing to put in the necessary time, and they just went to work using materials that most any school has plenty of—space, and old, unused bits of equipment lying around the athletic department. In golf the students get the exercise they need, have fun, and the person or persons handling the instruction reap the same benefits. Students thus given an early start in a game they will be able to play, skillfully, for a greater part of their life, get to know the value of competent golf instruction, needed by them if they are to enjoy golf, thereby creating a huge market for the professional's services in the years to come."

**Hal Sharkey Dies**—Hal Sharkey, first tournament bureau manager for the PGA, died of pneumonia at Mountainside hospital, Montclair, N. J., March 27. Sharkey had been ill a week. He was sports editor had been ill a week. He was the Newark News sports editor at time of his death.

Sharkey had been a sports writer for 25 years, and in 1918 began specializing in golf. He did golf and its pros a lot of good. He was a grand, genial companion; a fellow of wide knowledge and sound judgment. He is mourned by hundreds of golfers who knew him personally and regarded him highly.

Sharkey is survived by his widow, the former Miss Lola Pursley of Jacksonville, Fla., his father, a brother and a sister.