

bag-toter turns it in for cash at the end of the day. Both player and caddie, however, write their names on the ticket and thus a record of the transaction is kept.

Players have another opportunity of purchasing balls, tape and other necessary items at the halfway mark, for Kirkwood keeps the shelter near the 10th tee well stocked.

Kirkwood, a candid camera devotee, takes pictures of members in unguarded moments, later develops and enlarges them himself. They're handy in pointing out a player's faults on tee and green. He also takes colored moving pictures of the players and shows them on club nights.

This year he started a ringer tournament for the ladies, offering as a prize an expensive bag and matched set of clubs. Cards cost 10 cents apiece, and competitors can turn in as many as they desire. Kirkwood scans the scores turned in, keeps account of the player's best holes on each card. He also runs a kickers' tournament for the men members every weekend.

About 80 lessons are given every week at Huntingdon Valley, with Joe dividing the chores among himself, Joe, Jr., and Charlie Sheppard. Sheppard, former Castlewood CC pro, has been with Kirkwood since last April. Junior golf also gets an enthusiastic nod from Joe and a class of boys and girls are given free instruction every Saturday morning.

## Cards Identify Club's Caddies Needing Lift to Work

**M**OUNTAIN Ridge CC, West Caldwell, N. J., is remote from the caddie supply center and on the same road as four other courses that need kids. Mountain Ridge members when driving to the club would pick up youngsters, but if the kids were regulars at another of the 5 clubs on the road, the kids would ride only as far as the courses at which they worked.

The Mountain View boys have caps on which are the club initials but the kids lose, or forget the caps. Hence M. S. Stern, Mountain View's green-chairman, thought of issuing identification cards the club's kids could flash in getting preference in pick-ups by club members. The cards are handsome jobs printed on yellow celluloid, and are numbered as issued to the respec-

tive caddies. The cards were donated to the club by M. P. Leeds, a member.

On the back of the cards are 6 of the major rules for caddies. Jim Taylor, Mountain View pro, says the card system has been the answer to the transportation problem.

The club employs the PGA caddie charts in its caddie education. The charts are covered with cellophane which keeps them in good condition. The caddiemaster posts a different chart each Friday night and talks to the kids on this chart each Saturday morning.

## P. A. Vaile, Well Known Golf Writer, Dies in Chicago

**P.** A. VAILE, prolific veteran writer on golf and tennis, died in the Cook County hospital, Chicago, July 19, of coronary thrombosis. Almost two years ago he had suffered an illness from which he never fully recovered.

A native of New Zealand, in which country he practiced law, Mr. Vaile went to England where he became prominent as a writer on golf and tennis, and in general literary and intellectual circles. Two of his works, "Cosmography" and "Wake Up England," revealed a prophetic trait in this somewhat eccentric genius.

He also was active as an inventor of golf and tennis equipment and of marine and aviation devices.

**Finishing 3-Year Loop**—Into GOLF-DOM's offices just at press time came 41-year-old George "Happy" O'Brien, itinerant caddie who has 28 scrapbooks filled with attested scorecards and newspaper write-ups to prove that since June 1, 1937 he has caddied at 1,120 different courses in the U. S., the British Isles and South America. Happy estimates he has walked and hitch-hiked about 70,000 miles these past three years (he scorns to use train or bus) and that he has been air-viewed by sportscasters at 230 radio stations.

Now he's on his way back to his home town, Boston, to sit down and write his reminiscences, in which among other things he will state that Oakmont is the toughest golf course he has seen, that Cypress Point is the most beautiful, and that the course at City Park, New Orleans, is the finest munny layout in the States.