

ship to Mr. Icely has made me most keenly aware of failure to recognize services rendered in this case, I am more than willing to concede that this failure is not restricted to Mr. Icely amongst manufacturers or club officials or others who have helped pro golf far beyond normal expectations of service.

"This is a matter of sportsmanship and public relations that we as professionals should think about more than we do. Our regrets about numerous cases of neglect to recognize outstanding pro service, are a sort of regret that many of our amateur friends possibly, also, could express emphatically."

### Pro Urges Golf Be Kept Easy to Play

**R**ALPH STONEHOUSE, a few years ago one of the very promising young tournament pros, has been out of pro golf and successfully engaged in another business.

From his present perspective he makes some comments on the business aspects of the game.

Says Ralph:

"Look back over golf history and see that each surge of converts to the game was caused by something that made the game easier for the average player without sacrificing golf's fundamental character.

"Why should anyone worry about the ball being longer than it used to be? When you learn of a 64, it's made with 28 to 30 putts—but you never hear anybody suggesting the greens be made bumpier.

"Why so many traps? They're mostly responsible for trouble to the 95 to 110 shooters, and drive this bulk of the game's support to flower-gardening for exercise and entertainment in the open air.

"Why call the short tees 'ladies' tees'? Call them spring and autumn tees for use when the ground's softer, and you'll have men playing from them during a longer season without feeling that they're weaklings?

"Why is it that pros whose living depends on the number of rounds played at their courses don't pay more attention to seeing that tee markers and cups for Saturday, Sunday and holiday play are set where satisfying scores are made easier? What pro himself feels like hurrying back to play the next day after he's had a round with a high score?"

### Tennessee Pro Urges Women's Publix Event

**JOE KENNEDY**, pro at Knoxville (Tenn.) Whittle Springs munny course, proposes a national championship for a vast and growing class of golfers, the women public links players.

Joe suggests that the USGA take this matter under advisement and act without undue delay for the public links girls now are the orphans of national championship golf despite considerable present talent and the prospect of great development due to golf promotion in high schools and at public courses.

Kennedy further notes that the USGA Public Links tournament has grown to be the nation's largest and has brought forth a class of play contributing greatly to the progress and popularity of the game.

One of the immediate results of such a tournament would be to clarify a situation now making some talented girl players victims or violators of an amateur status ruling which involves private club memberships as receiving a "consideration because of (her) skill at the game."

Whittle Springs would like to have the inaugural women's national public links championship. Kennedy has queried Knoxville golfers, municipal authorities and business establishments in learning definitely that they'd put on a great event for the girls if given a chance.

### M'Donald Gives Class Series to Memphis Pros

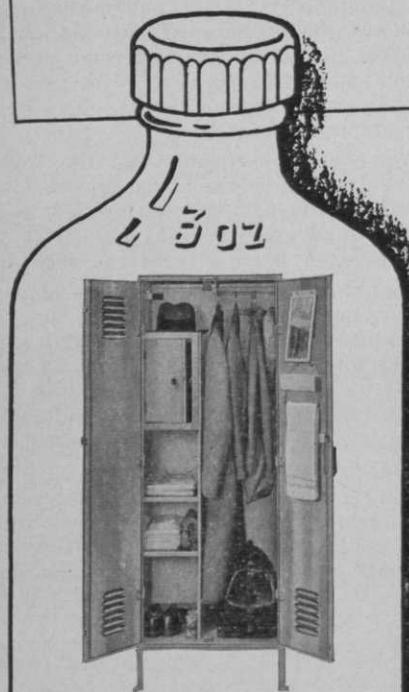
**BOB MACDONALD** conducted a series of classes in golf's "higher education" at Memphis recently. Pros hailing from Memphis and from clubs a considerable distance from Memphis, together with several advanced amateurs attended.

Jack Wenzler, Chickasaw pro, got together the group that brought Bob to the city for the post-graduate course. Jack and his brother Roy have visited Bob numerous times at Chicago for having advanced details of their games and instruction method polished off by Macdonald who long has been highly regarded as one of the very best of the teachers' teachers in the game.

The Memphis sessions were so highly

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satisfactory in simplifying many of the complex features of teaching that Macdonald has received overtures to conduct advanced classes in other cities.

This idea of having instructors of long established national note conduct post-graduate sessions for pros also accounted for an interesting and valuable session in Dallas late last year when Tommy Armour was the star maestro invited to demonstrate his methods of golf's higher education before a group of highly competent Texas pros.

## Death of Meister Is Blow to Aurora Golfers

SPENCER MEISTER, veteran pro of the Aurora (Ill.) CC who died at Aurora, Jan. 9, following an illness caused by a kidney ailment, was eulogized in resolutions adopted by the Aurora city council. Tribute was paid to Spencer for his "invaluable aid" in designing the city's new Phillips Park muny course.

Council resolutions expressed the city's gratitude for his service of a quarter century during which "thousands of Aurora citizens learned from him not only the game of golf but the rules of good sportsmanship." Meister, the resolution reminded, "possessed the sterling qualities of patience, friendship, honesty and good sportsmanship." In addition, a "Meister Day" was held last summer at the Aurora CC, in celebration of his 25th year with that club. Friends from throughout the midwest attended the event.

Spencer came into golf as a caddie at the Chicago GC at Wheaton, and was widely known to pros and amateurs in the midwest. His father, Joe Meister, is one of the pioneers of midwestern green-keeping, and the good friend of an army of pros and amateurs.

Clarence Hackney Dies—Clarence Hackney who became pro at the Atlantic City (N.J.) CC at the age of 16, died Jan. 4 of a heart ailment while visiting a brother in Morristown, N.J. Clarence was 46, and still the Atlantic City CC pro at time of his sudden death.

In 1923 Hackney won the Canadian Open, and won the New Jersey Open 4 consecutive years. He was a grand golfer and a grander fellow who'll be missed by hundreds who've enjoyed his company on golf courses and in locker-rooms.