

WINNERS OF THE 5,000 SQ. FT. of Old Orchard bent stolons, donated by Ralph Bond as door prizes at recent turf conferences were: L. E. Lambert, Oakwood G & CC, Kansas City—at the Iowa meeting; H. J. Bohles, Minneapolis GC, Mankato, Minn.—at the Minn. conference and Orville Brown, Meridian Hills CC, Indianapolis, at the Purdue short course.

HELEN MAC DONALD, well known Chicago woman golf instructor, formerly located at 406 S. State St., has opened her new golf school at 716 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago. The new location is in the center of the city's near north side golfing colony . . . which adds up to a rushing business in lessons and golf equipment.

NEW SPORTSWEAR CATALOG—Mayflower-Medalist, Ltd., 307 5th Ave., New York 16, N.Y., has issued its new catalog of sportswear for pro shop sale. In addition to Acushnet salesmen the line is handled in New England by Jos. W. McQuade, 60 South St., Boston and in Kansas and part of Missouri by Robinson's Equipment & Supplies, 3959 Broadway, Kansas City 2, Mo.

PATTY BERG BOOKLET—Book of press and radio information on Patty Berg has been compiled by Wilson Sptg. Goods Co., 2037 N. Campbell Ave., Chicago. It's a swell job of providing facts on Patty for use in publicity work at tournaments and clinics she attends. It shows Patty won 40 of the 73 tournaments in which she's competed, was runner-up in 16 and medalist in 42. The booklet also contains records of Women's National and Women's Western championships.

DECKER WITH HENDERSON—Fred Decker, for many years pro and gkpr. at Knollwood CC, White Plains, N.Y., has joined Peter Henderson and Co., 35 Cortlandt St., New York City. Decker will represent the firm for all golf course equipment, seeds and fertilizers for golf course needs in Westchester County and Long Island, N.Y., and the state of Connecticut. His home is in Scarsdale, N.Y.



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MARK-IT IS USEFUL GIMMICK—R. R. McKenzie Co., 524 E. Lomita St., Glendale 5, Calif., has a new gimmick combining a device for marking a ball on a green, marking the ball for identification, a knurled section to rough up grips of clubs and a metal pick to clean mud out of grooves in club faces. It looks to be an item that should sell strong in pro shops. It retails for \$1.50. The device isn't much larger than a scoring pencil. Touching the device to the green leaves a small spot of neutral white powder marking ball location in a way that's a great improvement over the customary method of marking with a coin or the scratching with a wooden tee.

HOGAN FEARS STALENESS—In a feature sports article spread, Life magazine for March 24 gave a study of Ben Hogan. Life termed Hogan "The best over-all golfer since little Bobby Jones retired from competition 17 years ago". The magazine pointed out that Hogan like Jones stands 5 feet 8 inches. That Hogan's concentration and judgment "pay off" is cited by Life which said that in 1946 he was the biggest money winner in golf with \$42,000 and this year may hit \$75,000. "But", Life added, "Hogan has one constant worry, the worry of every professional golfer. At any time, for no explainable reason, he may suddenly go stale".

SIEMS ON MIDWEST BOARD—H. B. Siems, director of research, plant food div., Swift & Co., was elected a new director to represent industry on the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation at its annual meeting held during the Purdue short course at Lafayette, Ind. The short course was attended by 210. Other directors of the Midwest foundation for 1947 are A. L. Bran-

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