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## HARPER JOINS WILSON STAFF

Chandler Harper, Portsmouth, Va., joined the golf advisory staff of the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. A familiar figure to the tournament follower, Harper turned pro in 1934 and has been a money winner ever since. His winnings in 1942 placed him among the top ten in the nation, while last year his 280 score over Chicago's Tam O'Shanter course won him a third place tie and \$1,500 in the All-American Open. He has won Virginia State tournaments consistently — the Amateur three times — the first in 1930 at the age of 16 — and the Open in 1932, 1938, 1940 and 1941. Harper was born March 10, 1914, in Portsmouth and still calls that city home. He currently is pro at the Glensheallah Golf Club there, and next spring expects to divide his duties between Glensheallah and a new private course in Portsmouth — yet to be named.

## MINNY GOLF BOOMING

From coast to coast, and up and down between, miniature golf is making a sweeping come-back. But they're not the same miniature putting courses of the early thirties. Something new has been added; length, for one thing. The modern minny courses are much longer, better surfaced, trickier, better lighted and more

attractive, judging from the past season's record attendance at most of them.

One of Chicago's newest, a twin layout of 36 holes, is reported to have lured 70,000 through its portals and is planning a third course for 1950. At Wildwood, N.J., 19,000 played over a new course in the six weeks left before the weather closed it up. The Dixie Fairways minny course at Louisville was so crowded the past season the operators are planning another course adjoining it.

Many factors favor the rapid growth of modern miniature golf. Both sexes, in every age range, golfers and non-golfers, are finding it a test of skill, with plenty of thrills built into the wide variety of holes. It can be played night and day, offers inexpensive entertainment and mild exercise, and the modernly built and surfaced courses are quickly available after showers.

The minny course can be adapted to limited spaces and odd shaped areas. Over water shots, unknown in minny golf's early days, are common on today's courses, with the nature of the courses varying from the novelty types to the more conservative but nevertheless tough-putting layouts. Roadside eating places are adding miniature courses and finding them profitable factors in attracting cus-

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tomers hungry for food as well as entertainment.

Some driving range operators report their income from the minny courses runs their range profit a close race. In Utica, a novelty course built for a shoe salesman opened in late September and drew like a major tournament event.

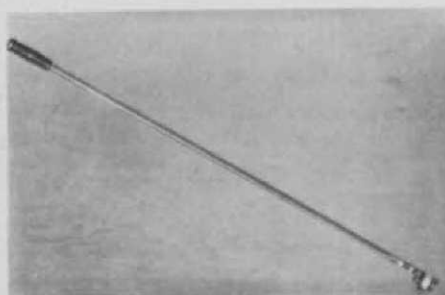
Earnings are good; in many cases the reported earnings have sounded too good to be true. However, many range from \$13,000 to well over \$22,000 for those with two courses, according to Arland, one of the leading companies engaged in designing and constructing the popular golf facilities. Having installed courses in many widely separated sections of the country, they should be in a position to know.

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