

is well worth pros' attention. There could be one hell of an argument against the book's statement regarding the "conclusive" case for "avoidance of hiring a professional to teach school classes" but not having won an argument with a woman yet we won't go into details. The book maintains the pro is not trained in group instruction and that "it is a commonly admitted fact that the methods used in teaching golf have not yet been thoroughly examined, tested, and revised in accordance with sound educative principles."

The fact is that for the past 15 years pros have been doing considerable group training at clubs, schools and in YMCAs and YWCAs and have developed group instruction methods that have been effective in a rather difficult sport technique to a greater extent than most group training methods of P.E. teachers in athletic activities and much easier to learn. Unfortunately though, the P.E. people and the pros haven't done much comparing of information on an organization level so it's not to be wondered that Betty and Ellen apparently are not cognizant of the group instruction work of such successful teachers as Jack Fox, Joe Novak and Wayne Timberman, to name a few standouts in this phase of instruction.

Criticism of failure to consider golf instruction in "accordance with sound educative methods" is not entirely valid when the jobs done by the Minnesota PGA in collaboration with the University of Minnesota and by the Michigan PGA on its motion picture analysis are known. However, as GOLFDOM has repeatedly pointed out, until the pros collectively do as the greenkeepers have done in joint study with practical and theoretical college authorities, there will continue to be a popular belief that golf instruction is too much guesswork. The rap is worse than results justify and could be eased if the PGA would balance its educational budget with the tournament bureau expense. Strange thing about this neglect is that annual lesson income of pros is many times the tournament purses, reaches far more people than witness tournaments and is the biggest feeder of new club sales. Tournament promotion has an important place in pro golf but not to the extent that the PGA budget for study of teaching should suffer.

Whether or not pros are teaching school classes they'll find this Hicks-Griffin book well worth reading as a close-up of the physical educator's slant on teaching.

1950 Tournament Schedule

JANUARY

- 6-9 Los Angeles Open, Riviera CC, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
- 13-15 Bing Crosby International Pro-Amateur Invitation, Cypress Point CC, Monterey Peninsula CC, Pebble Beach GC, Del Monte, Calif.
- 19-23 Long Beach (Calif.) Open Invitation, Lakewood CC.
- 24-29 18th Annual Helen Lee Doherty Tournament for Women, Miami, Fla.
- 26-29 Phoenix (Ariz.) CC, Open Inv.

FEBRUARY

- 2-5 Tucson (Ariz.) Open Inv., El Rio G&CC
- 9-12 Texas Open, Brackenridge Park GC and Ft. Sam Houston GC, San Antonio.
- 13-18 National Championship of Golf Club Champions, St. Augustine (Fla.) Links.
- 16-19 Rio Grande Valley Open Invitation, Harlingen (Tex.) Municipal GC.
- 21-26 Mixed Foursome, Open, Dubs-dread CC, Orlando, Fla.
- 23-26 Houston (Tex.) Open Inv., Pine Forest CC.

MARCH

- 2-5 St. Petersburg (Fla.) Open Inv., Lakewood CC.
- 7 La Gorce CC, Pro-Amateur Inv., Miami Beach, Fla.
- 9-12 Miami Beach (Fla.) Open Inv., Normandy Isle and Bay Shore GC.
- 13-15 Seminole CC, Pro-Amateur Inv., Palm Beach, Fla.
- 16-19 11th Annual Women's Titleholders Open, Augusta (Ga.) CC.
- 17-20 Jacksonville (Fla.) Open Inv., Municipal GC.
- 22 Aiken (S.C.) Pro-Amateur Inv., Palmetto GC.
- 23-26 Greensboro (N.C.) Open Inv., Sedgfield CC.
- 30-Apr. 2 Wilmington (N.C.) Open Inv., Cape Fear CC.

APRIL

- 6-9 Masters' Augusta (Ga.) National GC.
- 17-22 50th Annual North and South Invitation Amateur Championship.
- 24-29 48th North and South Invitation Championship for Women.