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Western State College, Macomb, Ill., opens 9-hole, 2,919 yd. course. . . Portsmouth, Va. planning new 18-hole mny course to replace Glensheallah course to be used as school site. . . Nine-hole public course on old site of Woodmont (Washington, DC, dist.) to be opened soon. . . Jesse Riffe heads group to build course at Texhoma, Tex. . . Chappell (Neb.) Chamber of Commerce building 9-hole course. . . Trenton, Neb., organizes golf club. . . Billy Bell and son designing course for Matt Flynn, La Canada, Calif. . . Ronald Johnson leases Cass County CC course, Dowagiac, Mich.

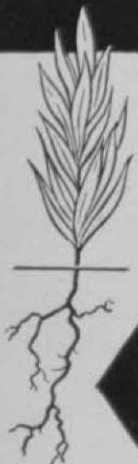
Minn. PGA Meet Held at Univ., Clinic Attended by 1200

By OTIS DYPWICK

The annual Minnesota PGA meeting and golf clinic held again this year in conjunction with the department of athletics and physical education at the University of Minnesota was hailed the "best ever" by all who participated.

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It was a one-day affair planned under the direction of Minnesota PGA Prexy Harold Clasen of Duluth. The clinic was in charge of Wally Mund, State PGA secretary who holds forth at the Midland Hills club, St. Paul. Les Bolstad, the University of Minnesota's golf coach and manager, was responsible for the demonstration.

The program opened at 9 a.m. Monday, April 17 in the University's golf gymnasium beneath Memorial Stadium's south wing with Frank McCormick, director of the department of physical education and athletics at Minnesota, welcoming the group of about 60. This was followed by a question-answer session in which Les Bolstad posed a series of queries pertaining to muscular function in the golf swing, and Clarence Ossell, associate professor of physical education and athletics, providing answers based on extensive studies he has made in the field of muscular function.

MacGregor's Byron Nelson, on hand as principal speaker and for demonstration purposes, remarked "Ossell's explanations were the best I have ever heard in this field. For the first time I now know why I do things in swinging that I had wondered about for years."

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struction of wood clubs. Spalding's phenomenal one-armed Jim Nichols told his own story in a natural and unaffected manner which found many listeners choking up a bit. Byron Nelson staged a demonstration to round out the golf gym phase of the program.

At 3:00 p.m. Harold Clasen introduced all PGA members present to the 1,200 spectators assembled in Minnesota's huge Williams Arena to watch Jim Nichols and Byron Nelson put on their demonstrations on the basketball floor. Jim and Byron both made a big hit and kept the on-looking golf bugs on the front edge of their seats.

The annual dinner held at the Town and Country club was open to selected guests and attracted a capacity group. George Lehan of Minneapolis' Superior club and Arnold Chester of the Country Club, Minneapolis, were co-chairmen of the dinner program.

Joe Osborne, prominent St. Paul businessman who was a power in building up the St. Paul Open, presided as toastmaster. Ken Webb, general chairman of the 1950 St. Paul Open and Bruce Reinecker, general chairman of the National Amateur to be held at the Minneapolis Golf club in August spoke briefly.

Byron Nelson, speaking in a random fashion and spicing his remarks with

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sparkling Texas wit and vernacular, so tickled the dinner guests that he was kept on his feet for more than an hour, and received a standing ovation upon conclusion of his talk. He was then backed into a corner by George Mikán, a head-table guest. "Mr. Basketball" who was recently voted the "Outstanding basketball player of the past half century" is an avid golf fan and player. He plied Byron with innumerable questions aimed at working his 6 foot 10 inch frame into an efficient golf swing, and came off grinning with obvious satisfaction.

Everyone present had such a pleasant time of it that the portals through which the refreshments pass were still heavily attended at 1 a.m. when the management finally got the upper hand and sent a contented swarm of golf enthusiasts off into the frosty night air.

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Yahnundasis GC, Utica, N.Y., got its 1950 season away to a good start with an evening session that combined close-ups on course maintenance, the rules and playing. Pres. Fritz Redberg brought Green chmn. Sherill Sherman and the club's greenkeeper, Major Tom Bowen before the

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