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The ninth hole at Northwood Club, Dallas, where the 52d USGA National Open championship will be played, June 12-14. The hole is 320 yards and on the scorecard as a par 3. Green is lower than the tee. It's a big green but has so many rolls in it many players have named it after the lady who the foreigner thought had so many sons in the armed services, Mrs. Bitch. There's a deep creek two-thirds of the way to the green. W. L. Todd, Jr. is Northwood's pres.; Herman Borchardt is course supt., Raymond Gafford is professional and Royce Chaney is club manager.

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SWINGING AROUND GOLF

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rie Wells, Cascade Hills; Danny Nowak, Green Ridge; Ed Van Popering, Kent; Jim Barfield, Ridgemoor; Bob Lavacek, Silver Lake . . . Pros shared equally in profits of sales at the booth and gave visitors instruction . . . Pros paid for newspaper advertising that brought people into the booth.

Frank R. Caywood resigns as PGA tournament supervisor . . . Harvey Raynor, former asst. to Howard Capps now in the job; Caywood said training of only two weeks with Capps hadn't been enough . . . The bright young man got married and wants to have a home with his lovely wife . . . He also doesn't want ulcers . . . John Pomeroy's 25th year as mgr. Red Run GC (Detroit dist.) being celebrated by members and John . . . They all brag about each other . . . and should.

Jug McSpaden's publicity stuff on Palm Beach Round Robin invitation at Wykagyl CC, New Rochelle, N. Y. May 15-18 gives best biographical dope on invited players that is sent out on any tournament . . . A Round of Golf Courses by Patric Dickinson, a new book describing 18 of the best British courses, is not only a fine technical job and a helpful guidebook but written so you feel the beauty and the charm of the courses . . . Dickinson is a poet and the British Broadcasting Co. commentator on

poetry . . . Wonder why there isn't more poetic treatment in writing of golf courses . . . Most golfers have thoroughly enjoyed playing courses that aren't great tests of golf but which are beautiful.

Colonial CC officials going dressy with uniform coats to be worn during Colonial Invitation at Ft. Worth, May 21-25 . . . Tartan of the Stewart clan will be the coat material . . . Augusta National members wear green coats . . . USGA officials wear blue coats . . . Thunderbirds who sponsor Phoenix Open wear Injun attire . . . Francis Ouimet as captain of the R&A wears a red coat . . . Members of Golf Writers Assn., not wanting to be outclassed, are thinking of adopting jackets for formal wear . . . They'll probably wind up among the fancy wearing coats with the lodge slogan "Drink Coca Cola" lettered on the back . . . Tom Utterback and his pals gave the scribes nifty sports jackets during the PGA at Richmond, Va. in 1949 but dribbled Scotch soon ate the material away . . . At the first Palm Beach tournament Elmer Ward gave some scribes Palm Beach outfits but the boys looked so good they had trouble getting into the clubhouse as working press.

Second annual turf conference, sponsored by Central Plains Turf Foundation and Kansas State college, at Manhattan, Ks., Oct. 24-26, has program that looks like educational course at big national meeting. Expect record attendance for Ks., Okla. and Texas.