

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Thunderbird at Palm Springs, Calif., now looks like most likely prospect for 1955 Ryder Cup matches . . . Late October or early November again will be time of the year . . . Bob Hudson offers to pick up British team's tab from New York to Palm Springs and return . . . George S. May has offered to pay British team's expenses if matches are played at Tam O'Shanter, Chicago . . . Still some chance of southeastern club getting the matches if it will make attractive deal . . . Palm Springs would like Ryder matches as a season's curtain-raiser after publicity on Ike's golf visit gave desert resort business a boost it needed.

Stretch of temperature over 100 in south and southwest during July has been painful to pro business . . . Minnesota resort tournaments getting big fields this summer . . . Wisconsin resort courses drawing much more play than usual . . . Drainage and insecticide fogs have made northern resort play comfortable.

Hogan has been pulling in large crowds at his exhibitions . . . Jimmy Hines says Gene Littler will be a blend of Hogan and Snead . . . Bob Jones says the boy looks like he'll be the greatest . . . Praise hasn't changed young Gene . . . He's still quiet and confident and wearing the same cap size . . . Looks to us that he's still got the same grand, sound swing he had when he was about 16 . . . Hasn't gone experimental with his game since turning pro like many do . . . Littler parked his trailer near North Shore CC (Chicago dist.) where Hines is pro and practiced to a plan for the Tam O'Shanter championships . . . Littler's 64 on North Shore (scene of 1933 National Open) broke former record set by Hines.

Tournament pros have been laughing nervously about what will happen to a guy who may have a 3-footer for \$100,000 in



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Tam O'Shanter World championships . . . Some forecast the player may miss the ball completely or run away screaming hysterically.

St. Paul Jaycees came out well in the clear on the PGA championship in St. Paul . . . Good weather helped gate . . . Bolt's blast at gallery favoring Snead brought record crowd Sunday which saw Bolt beat Snead with a par 5 on the 39th

hole after Bolt was 1 down at 9th, 1 down at 18th, 2 down at 27th . . . Tommy is letting the "terrible-tempered" publicity work on him . . . When he beats the persecution complex galleries will share caddies' opinion of Bolt . . . Kids who pack for him generally regard him as one of the best employers . . . He explodes on the club, not on the caddy . . . We've seen a lot of good ones throw clubs but never saw one who got anywhere trying to throw a gallery.

Keller course, scene of 1932 and 1954 PGA championships and many St. Paul Opens, was started when 1927 Minnesota legislature appropriated \$25,000 . . . A St. Paul committee raised \$18,000 additional . . . Total cost of land and course was under \$50,000 . . . Course is 6,652 yds. with 71 par . . . Gets about 30,000 rounds of play a year . . . Fee is \$1.25 every day with cut rates before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Keller, barring fairly small amount of poa annua going out, and little weediness of fairways, was in good condition . . . Rough was tough . . . It's the kind of a municipal course that develops fine players . . . Greens are rather small and have shaggy fringes . . . That fringe makes approaches about as testing as big greens and shrewd cup placement such as at Baltusrol and Augusta National.

Keller isn't a course that fits every pro star's game but anybody qualified to win a major championship should have a game to fit every type of course . . . With the



PGA championship played in July the pros can expect poa annua to go out on greens and aprons unless the resourceful course supts. and turf scientists can lick that problem completely . . . Pros would be wise to quit bellyaching about the poa annua or the supts. might start asking the pros "Why don't you and all your pupils shoot par every round?"

Kid vandals broke beer bottles and speared iron stakes for gallery control ropes at Keller 14th green Friday night during PGA championship . . . Damage discovered about 5 a.m. Saturday morning and amazingly well repaired by time play started.

Talk about desirability of making PGA entirely match play continues . . . After a fellow qualifies in his section, goes to the championship and is out before he even gets a chance to meet another pro in what's billed as the "world's greatest match play event" . . . that doesn't make him look any too good to his members back home.

Horton Smith at 46 is pretty much an iron man . . . Up late talking in PGA executive committee sessions, then went to third round before Shelley Mayfield

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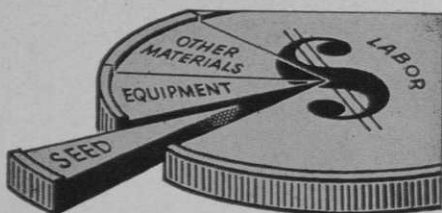
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knocked him out, 3 and 2 . . . He's made a great president for the PGA . . . A boo-boo that marred the PGA handling of its championship resulted in disqualification of New Jersey veteran Maurie O'Connor . . . Maurie checked and signed one correct scorecard as "official" . . . Then he signed another card with total correct but hole-by-hole incorrect . . . The second card was the official "official" card.

A golf writer remarked "The USGA handles championships like pros and the PGA like amateurs."

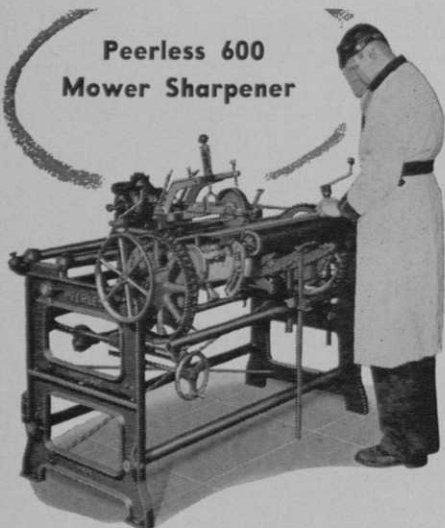
Bill Rach's information on players supplied on mimeographed sheets in the press tent was a first class pro job.

Harry Dee, Scarsdale (NY) CC pro recovering rapidly from serious automobile accident . . . Lebanon, Ore., and Sweet Home, Ore., considering building course for use of both town's golfers . . . Rancho Carillo, Coronado, Calif., until recently in limited use as a city dump, proposed as site of semi-public course . . . Coronado also talking about munny course at Glori-etta Bay.

Lakeside CC, Ponca City, Okla. enlarging from 9 to 18 . . . South Hills CC, Fond du Lac, Wis., building \$100,000 clubhouse

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Wayne Walker now mgr., Sunnyside CC, Waterloo, Ia., succeeding Leo Cafferty who resigned to go into business in Indiana . . . Basin, Wyo., building 9-hole course . . . Wm. W. May is pres., newly organized Lakeside CC, Manassas, Va. . . Second 9 of Watsonville (Calif.) CC owned by Joey Rey, Pat Markovich and John Mauer to be opened next month.

Monroeville (La.) CC, sponsored by American Legion Post 61, converting from sand to grass greens and modernizing 9-hole course . . . Stockton, Calif., enlarging its Swenson Park muni course pro shop at cost of \$4,678 . . . Chico, Calif., to build 9 more holes at Bidwell Park muni course.

Burbank, Calif., "10-year Capital Improvement Program" calls for early construction of muni course . . . Goldendale, Wash., installs 9-hole miniature course for "little duffers." . . . Ernie Pierce now pro at Forest Hills CC, Forest Grove, Ore.



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Cumberland 9-hole munny course for Negroes, at Nashville, Tenn., opened . . . Hillcrest CC, Durango, Calif., 9-hole course remodeled by Henry Hughes of Denver . . . Grass greens, fairway watering, being installed . . . Max Suderov, realtor, says building of 18-hole course in Lakeside area of Wantagh, L. I., N. Y. will begin soon . . . Home owners bought on promise of course in the area.

With Chick Harbert winning the PGA and Ed Furgol the National Open there doesn't seem to be much left of the old idea that the teaching duties of a home club pro ruin his playing . . . Walter Burkemo, PGA runner-up, is one of the busiest instructors in the Detroit district, at his club and range.

Russell Gordon Miller, 55, mgr., Wolfert's Roost CC, Albany, N. Y. died July 21, at his home, 10 Parkway, Utica, N. Y., following several months illness . . . He was born in Utica . . . He was long prominent in club management, having managed country clubs in Rome, N. Y., the Chicago district, and in St. Petersburg, Fla., and serving as treas., Club Managers' Assn. of America . . . He and his wife, Dora, were widely known and a delightful



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pair . . . He is survived by his widow, four sisters and two brothers . . . His elder brother, Dr. George E. Miller, died one week prior to Russell's passing.

Western Seniors appointed committee of Chick Evans and Chester Williams, Southern Seniors' sec., to work on getting seniors' national match play championship with sectional qualifying . . . Considerable interest in national seniors' annual championship for some years but it's never got anywhere . . . Talk is that the USGA is thinking about adding a national seniors' event to its tournament calendar but there are no definite signs of the idea crystallizing . . . Western Seniors are taking action before the present field is holed out by undertakers.

With Rankin, Western Seniors elected Wm. N. Lane, Chicago, vp; Adolph Skinner, Nashville, Tenn., 2d vp; Wm. V. Kingdon, Indianapolis, sec.-treas.

Ralph Weidenkopf, veteran pro and supt., at Pepper Pike Club, Chagrin Falls, O., has published a \$1 book on "The Science of Controlled Relaxation in Golf" . . .

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N. Y. World-Telegram and Sun contest to name 10 of first 12 in National Open drew 19,300 guesses . . . Winner got 9 of 12 . . . He didn't pick Ed Furgol . . . Winner picked winning score, 284 . . . Look for battle of the giants when Sports Illustrated, Time-Life-Fortune outfit's new magazine, and Holiday open fire at each other.

Al Jamison, pro at Quantico (Va.) Marine Base course, recovering after hospitalization following auto accident . . . Fifteen Missouri sand green clubs form Mo. Sand Green Assn., with Prentiss Mooney, Jefferson City, pres. . . . To have tournament Aug. 14-15.

Westchester County, N. Y., county course play running far ahead of last year . . . Talk about county buying Dunwoodie course in Yonkers and building a second course at Saxon Woods Park . . . Long Beach, Calif., may have new munny course as buffer between municipal airport and residential district.

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Alameda (Calif.) city council approves plans for a second 18-hole muny course . . . Discussing 18-hole private course for Lynchburg, Va. . . City now has two private clubs . . . Bob Burns, Salem, Ore., golf pro, has bought 9-hole Riverwood GC near Newberg, Ore.

Perryville (Mo.) CC new clubhouse opened . . . Pompano Beach, Fla., muny 18 being built to design of Robert F. Lawrence, to open in November . . . Alex Ogilvie signed as pro-mgr. of Silver Lake CC, Leesburg, Fla.

Wayland CC, 18-hole semi-public course at Waltham, Mass. opens second 9 . . . Ray Bollin, Selma, Calif., elected pres., Intercity GC, which has retained Bob Baldock, Fresno, Calif., to design 18-hole course . . . Mel Ashton now pro at Frank-

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Martin E. Mattison, Hawaiian golf playing equipment sales rep, in U. S. for 3 weeks . . . Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., annual Swingeroo, among many other Wild West features had western states on 18 tee markers . . . Until Baltusrol Gene Sarazen has played in 26 National Opens without picking up . . . Hagen and Watrous are next in Open play with 19 each in which they, like Sarazen until this year, played 72 holes.

U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce PGA tournament sponsors and national junior golf championship committeemen met at Jaycee headquarters, Tulsa, Okla., June 19, to make 1955 plans . . . Pendleton (Ore.) CC planning new course and clubhouse to replace facilities to be taken over as school site . . . Simon and Schuster, publisher of golf books by Alex Morrison,

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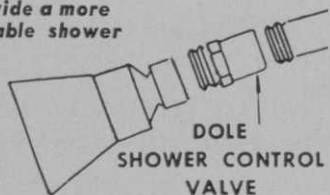
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Bob Leacox of Kansas City, chmn., PGA Association of Tournament Sponsors and member of PGA Advisory Committee, given new post as PGA Coordinator of Schedules . . . Leacox, a wealthy tire distributor, will handle and arrange all requests for PGA tournament dates . . . PGA sends to sections financial report for year ending Sept. 30, 1953, showing \$135,391 receipts, including \$13,627 net for PGA championship . . . Receipts in excess of expenses; \$21,883.

Robert Trent Jones again was best forecaster of National Open winning score . . . He said 287, with a shrinkage of 2 or 3 strokes with advantageous weather . . . Weather was perfect; winning score was 284 — 4 over par . . . Laverne Dennis and his brother Herbert, of Dayton, O., have bought Lykesland GC at Columbia, S. C. from S. Garris Moore . . . Dennis brothers are converting Lykesland from sand to grass greens and building new clubhouse.

R. William Hough, formerly mgr., Itasca (Ill.) CC, now asst. pro at Lincolnshire CC, Crete, Ill. . . . Jack Redmond, trick shotter, got up early and appeared in Dave Garroway's "Today" TV show . . . Lana K. Roberts, 9, daughter of pro John Roberts, was really "sensational" on Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) TV pitch and putt competition George S. May puts on one night a week . . . The youngster played the six holes under the lamps in 20 shots . . . Beautiful technique . . . She's a sweet, unspoiled kid.

Lee O'Grady, pro-mgr., PGA's National course, home in Buffalo for his vacation played with Alex Greer, pro at Brookfield CC when Alex set a record with 7 putts for last nine . . . He chipped in on 11th and 15th . . . With an out-of-bounds on 17th he got 32 coming in and 68 for the round . . . Ted Dokmanovich won a distillery-sponsored driving contest by driving 257 yds. across Allegheny river.

Lew Worsham to be winter pro at Coral Ridge CC, now being built to Robert Trent Jones design at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. . . . Pete Jans, former golf pro, doing grand job at veterans' hospitals in Chicago district with his lecture on golf . . . "Dutch" Schmidt, Wisconsin pro salesman, back on the beat again after several weeks incapacitated by arthritis.

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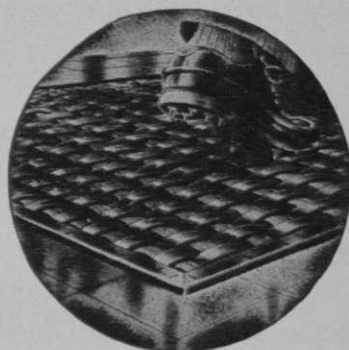
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Bonnie View CC, Baltimore, Md., set aside week of June 25 to honor Robert L. Scott, Jr., club's supt. . . . Entry fees of men's and women's club tournaments for the week were given to Bob . . . His dad is supt., Baltimore CC; his uncle Richard is supt., Rolling Roads CC in Baltimore dist.; and uncle Bill was pro at Baltimore CC for many years . . . Bob, Jr., is sec., Mid-

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Despite bad weather first two days Western Open at Kenwood CC, Cincinnati, drew about 20,000 . . . Tournament very ably handled by Kenwood staff of George Miller, mgr.; Marion Mendenhall, supt.; and Bill Hook, pro . . . Valleydale A. C., sponsors of Western GA 51st Open, did smooth, competent job of gallery control . . . Players paid high tribute to condition of course.

New Bern (N. C.) G&CC course remodeled by Ellis Maples . . . First 9 redesigned and second 9 added . . . New layout to be

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in play in November this year . . . J. B. McCarthy, Montreal golfer playing Shore Acres CC, St. Petersburg, Fla., says mocking birds have been attacking crows stealing golf balls until they've pretty nearly cured crows of this larceny.

Grand job being done by Editor Gene Nutter and editorial board of John Schabinger, Wm. L. Barton, T. A. Johnson and Frank Ward on Florida Turf Assn. bulletin . . . Lots of misery in turf maintenance this summer of brutally unfavorable weather . . . O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission trouble-shooter, has been running new mileage records for emergency first aid . . . Green Section and state experiment stations' experts getting rush cries for help . . . Fred Grau of West Point, whose new dept. "Turfgrass Questions Answered" begins in **GOLFDOM** this issue is on long hour days helping solve supts.' problems . . . Great teamwork among supts. and their remarkable progress in scientific analysis and treatment of turf problems has kept adverse weather damage fairly well under control.

Construction of new Colonial CC, Harrisburg, Pa., to be completed this fall . . . Bill and Dave Gordon are architects . . . Colonial's George Morris is supervising construction . . . Hillcrest CC, Oklahoma City, Okla., opened although clubhouse isn't completed . . . Hillcrest is 8th course designed by Floyd Farley . . . Farley recently designed Midwest City course on 32 acres, at Oklahoma City . . . Also designed Lakeside CC, Ponca City, Okla., with Jack Oliver, Lakeside pro supervising construction.

Frank Gerrity, co-owner of Apawana GC, Dunmore, Pa., pro at Balsams CC, Dixville Notch, N. H. for summer . . . Melbourne (Fla.) G&CC available for lease advises Melbourne City Mgr. Dick Simmons . . . Hardin County GC, starts building 9-hole course on tract owned by Ozard-Mahoning Co. in Rosiclaire, Ill. . . T. E. Anderson, Jr., elected pres. new club building 9-hole sand green course at Greybull, Wyo.

Asbury Park, N. J. 18-hole city-owned course to be reopened after 10-year lapse . . . Leased by Raymond T. Cole, Mentone, Ala. . . Norbeck CC. opens its new 18-hole private course near Washington, D. C. . . Merrill Whittlesey in Washington (D. C.) Star says \$2,500,000 in golf course and clubhouse construction is underway in Washington dist. . . Washington Star



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Sunday Pictorial magazine features cover picture and story on big growth of women's golf.

Leonard Macomber, 69, architect of many golf courses, died July 5 in a Washington, D. C. hospital . . . Macomber's latest job was the new 9 for Belle Haven CC, Alexandria, Va., where he was an honorary life member . . . He designed courses in South America as well as for prominent clubs in the U. S. . . . In 1937 he went to Russia for 6 weeks to interest the Russian government in promoting golf . . . Macomber, who was born in Brookline, Mass., was prominent as a civil engineer as well as golf architect . . . He is survived by his widow, three daughters, and a brother.

Bill Haley now pro at Cochecho CC, Dover, N. H. . . . Cashie CC, first course in Bertie County, opened at Windsor, N. C. . . . Larry Girard, now pro-mgr. at Worland (Wyo.) CC.

Record attendance at MacGregor Tourney Club 10th anniversary party at Lowry hotel, St. Paul, on eve of PGA championship . . . More than 350 packed in choice chow of Lowry mgr. Frank Bellizzi and left MacGregor pres. Henry Cowen a beautiful tab as his dessert . . . Among charter members of the Tournament Society attending were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harmon . . . Their youngest son, Madison, is the society's youngest member . . . At 8 months he attended the organization's first session when Dad and Mom couldn't find a baby-sitter for him.

Harold Calderwood, pro at White Lakes GC, Topeka, Ks., gives boost to munny course for Topeka at meeting called by Mayor George Schnellbacher . . . Navy to build new course in San Diego area near Grantville . . . Jack Daray designing course . . . Jaycees in drive to finance new munny course at Meridian, Miss.

James MacMillan, 70, supt. Woodbury CC (Philadelphia dist.) died recently in Cooper hospital, Philadelphia . . . He came from Scotland in 1921 . . . He designed the Atlantic Pines CC at Atlantic City, N. J., on site now occupied by Atlantic City race track . . . He was a charter member of the Philadelphia GCSA . . . He is survived by his widow, a son, William and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Kinter; a sister and a brother.

Baton Rouge, La., Recreation and Park Commission proposes new 18-hole course . . . Chuck Brown and Jim Ellison have leased Clover Creek course at Tacoma,

Wash., from Roy Canedy . . . Westmoreland CC (Pittsburgh dist.) moves into new course and clubhouse . . . Skypark Links, first course in Muscle Shoals, Ala., area, opened . . . Paul H. Graham, now mgr., Goose Creek CC, Leesburg, Va.

S. G. Loeffler, Sr., signs contract with Dept. of Interior renewing contract on Washington, D. C. dist. 5 public courses thru 1963 . . . Loeffler has operated Washington public courses for 33 years . . . He will enlarge Langston course from 9 to 18 holes . . . He also operates 3 miniature courses and a golf range . . . Play is running ahead of last year when more than 400,000 rounds were played on the 5 courses . . . Course proposed in development of North Little Rock, Ark., Burns Park area.

Ray Bouty, pro at year-old Ruby View GC, Elko, Nev., says "Now everyone in Elko is playing golf." . . . Club's first open—\$1250 18-hole event on par 72 course—won by pro Bill Johnson of Provo, Ut. with 64 . . . Ray Gafford from Northwood CC, Dallas, to new Western Hills CC, in Ft. Worth . . . Club is \$2,000,000 layout.

Bert Purvis, Spalding's man on up-state N. Y. beat tells us: Pro Jock Maxwell at home in attractive new clubhouse of Stamford (N. Y.) GC . . . Kermit Jones now pro at Bemus Point (N. Y.) CC . . . Jim Warren now operating Countryside GC at Boonville, N. Y. . . . Mike Hattala in pro spot at Brooklawn GC, East Syracuse, N. Y. . . . Carl Grygiel building new course at Frankford, N. Y. . . . Carlton L. Toomey now mgr., Gouverneur (N. Y.) Club . . . John K. Roose, Jr., is new owner of Clear Lake (N. Y.) Inn GC.

More chips from the Purvis typewriter: Willow Run GC par 3 course at Mayville, N. Y., owned by Edgar L. Nash, now operating . . . Joseph Erpenbeck is new pro at Antlers CC, Raquette Lake, N. Y. . . . Fred J. Purchase, protege of Joe Garin, pro at Lake Shore CC, Rochester, N. Y. doing swell job operating Lake Shore range at Rochester . . . Stan Kruse now operating golf shop at Sacandaga (N. Y.) CC . . . Arthur W. Davis now operating South Windor (N. Y.) CC . . . Mrs. George Vatke, wife of pro at Monroe CC, Pittsford, N. Y., showing her proud and pleased husband and a lot of other pros how to display and sell women's apparel and other merchandise to women in a pro shop.

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tribute by sportswriter Joe Minster to Marion Mendenhall, supt., Kenwood CC, Cincinnati, for condition of course during 51st Western Open championship . . . Dick Phillips from Pauls Valley (Okla.) CC to Dornick Hills CC, Ardmore, Okla., as pro, succeeding "Mr. Dutch" Harrison.

James Harrison architect for Range End GC that R. W. Smith is putting in at Dillsburg, Pa., and Venanco Trails GC, 8500 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh 37, Pa. . . . Both 18-hole jobs . . . MacGregor MT ball that Lew Worsham knocked 104 yds. for deuce in winning 1953 World's Championship now in USGA Museum . . . Paul Hahn repeated at Yankee Stadium trick shot exhibition that had baseball fans gasping and cheering.

Evanston (Ill.) GC gave party to its pro Johnny Revolva and former member Walter Burkemo, after exhibition in afternoon . . . Next week Wallie beat Johnnie in PGA match . . . Oscar Borgmeier of George A. Davis, Inc., Chicago course equipment dealers, back on job easily after rest from overwork.

Ted Butz, once pres., Western Golf Assn., left \$50,000 for building combination village hall and Evans Caddy Scholars' headquarters at Golf, Ill. . . . Pinehurst No. 2 greens planted to new hybrid Bermuda, cross between Pinehurst strain developed by late Frank Maples, and African Bermuda.

Alfred F. Gering, supt. at Skokie CC (Chicago dist.) for 25 years died July 5, following a brief illness . . . He's spent his entire course maintenance career at Skokie and was responsible for its development as one of the finest conditioned courses . . . He was an early member of the Midwest GCSA and highly rated professionally and as a friend by his colleagues . . . He is survived by his widow and three children.

Chick Evans doing series on best holes at public and semi-public courses in Chicago district for Chicago Sun-Times . . . Chick giving his fee to Western Golf Assn. Evans Caddy Scholarship Fund . . . Bob and Alice Bauer Hage to be papa and mama in November . . . U. S. and British PGAs agree Ryder Cup matches in US in 1955 to be in fall, after British tournament season.

Wm. H. Diddel, pres., American Society of Golf Architects, honored at tournament and dinner at Benton County CC, Fowler, Ind. . . . Diddel designed that course . . . Lady Heatcoat-Amory, formerly Miss

Joyce Wethered, reinstated as amateur by R&A... She was declared a pro after her U. S. tour in 1935 and never applied for reinstatement.

Perley G. Flint, pres., Field and Flint, Foot-Joy golf shoemakers, has his private 9-hole course at Cape Cod... Chick Harbert puts in automatic tee for warm-up near first tee at Meadowbrook CC (Detroit dist.)... It's very popular... Hawthorne Valley CC (Detroit dist.) adds 9-hole night-lighted par-3 course... Ridge CC (Chicago dist.) opens new pool.

Best publicity job we've seen for golf club is that Minnehaha CC, Sioux Falls, S. D. gets... Never a day when sports or ladies' section of local paper doesn't carry a piece and pro Ed Livingston gets great coverage for club from 4 local radio stations and KELO-TV... Recently aces were scored on 152 yd., 134 yd., 175 yd. holes at Minnehaha.

Among gifts presented to Harry Rubendall, pro-mgr., Freeport (Ill.) CC by 300 attending celebration of his 25th anniversary with the club was a retirement plan which the club members don't expect Harry to use for many years... Nine of the best courses in Mexico and South America will be played by American touring golfers, starting Oct. 5 with play on course of Club Mexico in Mexico City... Harold Dawson, executive sec., Southern California GA, will be captain for the tourists... Tour is being arranged by Thos. Cook & Son Travel Service.

Lila Kidder Heffelfinger, daughter of former pres. of USGA, married to Henry Simmons Coleman at Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, June 22... Helen Ann Prather, daughter of Bert, Atlanta Constitution golf writer, will be married to Capt. Orville Charles P. Camp, USMC, at the Cathedral of St. Phillip, Atlanta, July 17... After their respective wives get thru giving Tot and Bert the bills that come to the fathers of brides, any of you fellows want to volunteer for playing a benefit to bail out Mr. H and Mr. P?

More than 60 Evans Caddy Scholarships to be awarded by Western Golf Assn. after screening of candidates Aug. 2... Johnny Suggs has reopened Lithia Springs (Ga.) 9-hole course after extensive alterations and rehabilitation... Ampol oil company to pay \$5000 and expenses to U. S. Open and PGA cham-

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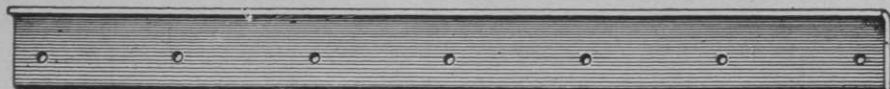
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Fritz Hartung now mgr., Burlingame (Calif.) CC . . . Maynard Strahl succeeds Hartung as mgr., Wilshire CC (LA dist.) . . . James B. Nowell, Jr., mgr. of new Pine Brook CC, Winston-Salem, N. C. . . . Leslie L. White now mgr., Cold Spring CC, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.

PGA Senior championship set for PGA National course, Dunedin, Fla., Jan. 29-30 . . . Teacher & Sons, Ltd., again heavy financial sponsors . . . PGA Seniors revising prize money distribution in various classes of the old-timers' tournament.

Babe Zaharias' 291 with victory by 12 stroke lead in second USGA Women's Open at Salem CC, Peabody, Mass., won't be beaten as top golf performance of this year . . . It could rate as greatest one tournament performance of all time considering Babe's handicap of colostomy.

Gene Littler who would have been among top men in PGA tourney winnings for first 6 months this year if PGA 6-month rules prohibiting award of prize money to new pros hadn't been in effect, got National Open second prize money of \$3600 . . . But he's not complaining about the purse pause period . . . He'd done well

on non-PGA-sponsored tournaments and exhibitions.

Gene Sarazen, 52, beat Percy Allis, 57, 4 and 3, in 36 holes in first international pro seniors' match at Southport and Ainsdale for Teacher's trophy . . . Gene's first day 74 gave him a 4 hole lead . . . Second day the old boys played in stormy weather.

Guadalajara (Mex.) CC annual invitation amateur event this year Oct. 8-12 . . . Always a delightful fiesta and keen, merry competition . . . Many Americans invited by the fine club . . . Charles S. Smith is club manager.

Golf lost one of its veteran enthusiasts and sports reporting a great star when Grantland Rice, 73, died July 13, of a stroke in Roosevelt hospital, New York . . . Grant was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn. . . . He was prominent in athletics at Vanderbilt university . . . He began as a sports writer at Nashville, Tenn., and moved to Atlanta, Cleveland, then New York . . . He covered wide territory in all sports, was a highly competent interviewer who "got inside the heads" of his subjects, and was a remarkably speedy writer . . . Among his many other duties he edited the American Golfer . . . He played in the National Amateur of 1915

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Chick Harbert (L) after being runner-up to Jim Ferrier in PGA championship of 1947, and to Jim Turnesa in the 1952 PGA final, wins the PGA top trophy at St. Paul. The 1953 champion and runner-up this year, Walter Burkemo, neighbor of Harbert in the Detroit district, congratulates the happy Harbert.

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at the Country Club of Detroit . . . He is survived by his widow and his daughter Florence (Mrs. Fred Butler) . . . Among many mourners at Grant's funeral was Bob Jones who was a Rice pal since Bob was a youngster at East Lake.

National Blind golf tournament at Wachuset CC, Worcester, Mass., won by Fred Shields with 104-101-205 . . . Shields further handicapped by arthritis . . . Shields, formerly 9-handicap golfer at Oakland Hills CC (Detroit dist.) has been blind since 1948.

Oldest of this year's national champions thus far winning is Gene Andrews, 40, winner of National Public Links . . . Mildred Zaharias is 39 . . . Ed Furgol is 35 . . . Chick Harbert is 39.

Mac Parsons, supt., Algonquin CC, Webster Groves, Mo., named gen. chmn., for GCSA 1955 national convention at St. Louis, by fellow members of host group, Mississippi Valley GCS . . . Supts. talking about bunker design and construction for drainage showing up as weak part of building job on many otherwise well built courses . . . Regardless of what sand is used it can't be kept from washing down

in gullies on some bunker grades.

Smiley Bell, supt., Armour Fields GC (KC dist.) bouncing back after three operations . . . Lindo (Butch) Bernardini, formerly asst. supt., Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., now supt. . . Who has longest record as green-chmn. at any club in U. S.? . . . We'd like to hear from supts. about long service records as chmn. in their districts . . . Eugene L. Larkin has been green-chmn. of Westchester County (N. Y.) Golf Assn. for 30 years.

Ed Furgol gave his caddie \$1,050 of his \$6000 National Open first prize money . . . Ed's club, Westwood CC (St. Louis dist.) gave him and his wife \$1500 in government bonds . . . This year's Open prize money actually awarded was \$23,280 . . . A new record as was the gallery of 39,600.

Henry Lindner from Augusta (Ga.) CC to pro job at Belle Meade CC, Nashville, Tenn. . . . Olin Dutra, pro at Club de Golf de Mexico, Mexico City, returning to U. S. to become pro at Mission Valley CC, San Diego, Calif. . . . Byron Nelson drawing big galleries in Pacific Coast exhibitions . . . Joe Dey, USGA Executive sec., broke a leg at Women's Open . . . Julius Boros also broke a leg recently, while fishing from lake shore near Dayton, O.