

part of the fairway out in front for use during bad or trying weather.

On courses where there are dual greens, it would seem feasible to put bent on one and leave Bermuda on the other, reserving the latter for use only when the weather is extremely bad for bent. Almost every club has one or more greens in a low-lying pocket area. These are the bad spots for bent grass everywhere. It would seem wise to provide a small Bermuda green alongside the one of bent to be used as a temporary from time to time in spells of bad summer weather. The Bermuda must have access to sun because it does not grow well on putting greens even in partial shade.

Population Statistics Show Junior Golf's Importance

FORESIGHTED professionals got something more to think about when figures on school attendance became big news in September. With 31,000,000 kids of school age, school facilities in teaching personnel and space are seriously inadequate. In most large cities the youngsters have to attend grammar school in shifts.

The offspring of World War II vets are starting to school. Population trend is increasing and despite housing shortages and expenses the big family idea is strong among young married couples.

On the dark side is the warning of J. Edgar Hoover of a vast increase in juvenile crime.

It all adds up to tremendously increased responsibilities, opportunities and work for golf pros.

In almost every district this year junior programs have been enlarged and worked more vigorously by pros at private and public courses than ever before. In many cases the pros are doing the job without needed appreciation or cooperation from club, public or semi-public course officials, although parents' pressure finally is forcing an awakening of the officials.

Thoughtful club and public course officials and pros, educational authorities and parents see in the developing junior situation the probability of having junior play account for practically all of the time that might be open at private courses, an enforced increase of courses to care for the juniors, and an increase in pro salaries and guarantees to care for the greatly increased and important work with the kids.

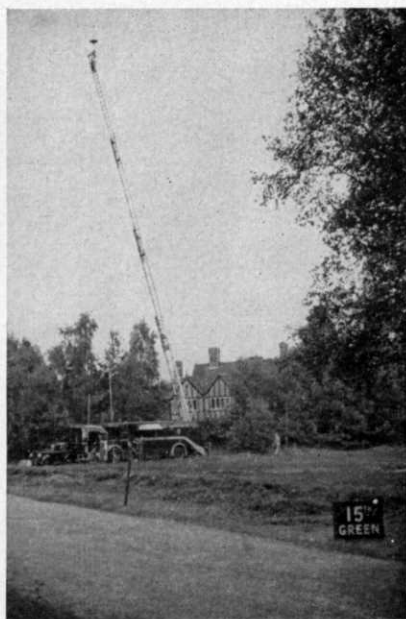
Pros and manufacturers see in the population statistics a sound promise of a dou-

bled golf market within the next 20 years, and many more good pro jobs, if the junior opportunity is properly handled.

The caddie situation is being given study in several metropolitan areas as probably providing a strong element in reduction of juvenile delinquency. Juvenile court judges, police and child welfare workers have observed that the kid with no work record usually is the one who gets into trouble with the law. Caddie facilities and management has improved greatly at clubs but the increase of bag carts and their economy over costs of boy caddies has cut down the proportion of demand for caddies. Child labor laws enacted without informed consideration of caddie work also is a factor limiting the performance of golf in combatting juvenile delinquency.

At any rate the jump in the birth rate and millions of kids now on the threshold of golf have the best minds in the game planning to take better care of more kid golfers.

EXTENDS GOLF TV RANGE



Television coverage of golf at the 1953 Ryder Cup matches at Wentworth (Eng.) GC was much more extensive than TV cameras cover U. S. golf tournaments. The British coverage was made possible by the portable telescopic mast shown above. On top of the mast is photographic equipment for close-up and wide shots and broadcasting antenna.