



Eglin Field airmen and WAFs get group instruction from (L to R) asst. pro Joe Dodich, Eglin pro Bud Werring and Phil Greenwald, visiting pro from Hinsdale (Ill.) CC. Werring calls on instructing and playing pro stars who visit Eglin to aid in the class lessons.

little except fishing. Headed by James Plew, a group of Chicago golfing enthusiasts retained the architectural firm of Langford & Moreau to build an 18-hole course. It was named the Chicago GC. It later was known as the Valparaiso CC.

In 1937 the bombing and gunnery range that was to develop into Eglin AFB was established. The following year Plew died, after which the course was cut to 9 holes and allowed to run down. By Act of Congress in 1946 the land was purchased and added to the Eglin Reservation. The course was returned to an 18-hole layout and a renovation program begun. This was completed in 1952.

In maintaining the condition of the course at a peak for constant, heavy use, Werring depends on the aid of M/Sgt. William Newton, who with others on the base installations section, has done an excellent job of rebuilding the course and tending it with competent and keenly interested care. The course is especially known for the outstanding condition of its greens the year around.

Werring offers a standing invitation to golfers traveling through northwest Florida to stop off and try their skill on the Eglin course. Green fees are \$1.00 a day. Visiting pros on the winter tour have compared the condition of the course and the exacting shot-making required with Pebble Beach and the Augusta National. As

Phil Greenwald, Hinsdale (Ill.) CC pro, remarked, "Let me get back on an easy golf course. Sixty traps and we could put our clubhouse in the smallest one, and number seventeen even has a ladder!"

Kid Classes on Ladies' Day Double Attendance

"I found in years when I held the junior class on a day other than our Ladies' Day attendance of the youngsters would be very good at the start of the season and then as the season progressed would gradually dwindle to just a few children.

"In my inquiries, I found it was sometimes quite difficult for the mothers and fathers to bring the children to the junior class.

"Last year I changed the day of the junior golf class to Friday — which is our Ladies' day — and found that my class was not only twice as large as before but the attendance held up quite well during the entire summer, the reason being the mothers would bring the children and leave them in our care while they were playing golf."

—LOU BOLA, *Professional, Highland G&CC, Indianapolis, Ind.*

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