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The trials of a near disastrous final round (a triple bogey on the 6th and four five's after the turn on the incoming 9) are forgotten as Bob Toski, the new winner of George S. May's World Championship and his lovely wife Lynn embrace the \$100,000 prize he won with a birdie on the 72nd hole, beating out Earl Stewart and Jack Burke, Jr., who were tied with him after the 71st with 271's. The world's richest prize gives Toski \$50,000 in cash and a \$50,000 exhibition contract.

-Fred Kuehn photo

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start building 9 of eventual 18 holes soon ... Ava, Mo., opens new 9-hole course ... Mexico, Mo., Arthur Hills GC now open ... Greenville, Miss., Jaycees planning 9 hole public course.

Santa Barbara (Calif.) Golfers Assn. has 2700 paid-up members . . . The organization campaigned to get a muny course at Santa Barbara . . . Architect Lawrence M. Hughes has drawn plans for the proposed course.

A. S. Barnes and Co. to publish autobiography of the late Grantland Rice, Nov. 1... For a year Granny had been working on the book with Dave Camerer and it had been given the final check-up 3 weeks prior to Rice's death.

Canary Cottage course at Florham Park, N. J. enlarged from 9 to 18 holes ... Construction of 9-hole Oxon Run GC begun in Prince Georges county, Md. ... Jerry Maiatico, Charles C. Koones and S. M. Montogomery are owners ... Jerry Goss returns to Electric City CC, Anderson, S. C., as pro ... Delray Beach, Fla., to have new muny course clubhouse and make course improvements with proceeds of \$100,000 bond sale. Gene C. (Bunny) Marsh, pro at Salem (Ore.) GC wants to know if anybody ever has beaten Jack Brande's record of 6 putts for the first 9 of the Salem GC course during the Shrine Crippled Children's hospital benefit tourney Aug. 15 ... Among a field of 245 and with a gallery of 200 Brande chipped in at the 2d, 3d, and 8th and one-putted the other holes for a 32 going out ... Longest putt of the six was less than 4 ft.... With his 67 Brande lost by a stroke to Tab Bayer, many times Portland, Ore., city champ... Affair raised \$1000 for crippled kids.

That sterling reporter who makes a good living peddling Kroydon clubs, Earle Schlax, tells us that when Al Watrous was in Europe this summer he had an audience with the Pope . . . After Al had told that no miracle happened to him during the British Open His Holiness asked (so the story goes) the Detroit veteran "Does Leo Conroy still hit his tee shots with a slight fade?" . . . Earle also reports that after Eddie McElligott bought the Chippewa range at Port Huron, Mich., he thought he'd have to do a lot of work leveling the spot . . . Then Ringling Bros. circuit hired the spot for a few performances and the elephants stomped the whole place down smooth.