

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Jerry Brennan of Kansas City has succeeded Don Neer as Junior Chamber of Commerce sports director . . . Neer remains with the Jaycees as program co-ordinator . . . Neer, Jaycee sports director for the past three years, brought the organization's sports activities to high point, with 25,000 juniors from 48 states in National Junior golf tournament which was biggest item on the Jaycee sports docket.

Foreign golfers, European especially, wondering if big tournaments of George S. May and John Jay Hopkins will drain star talent from their native beats in summer . . . Switch of the Hopkins international date to June 9-12 at Columbia CC, Washington, D. C., gives visitors a lot of time for U. S. tournament play prior to the May events at Tam O'Shanter, Chicago, Aug. 4-14, which pioneered the "expenses paid" trips for foreign stars.

First annual Shade Tree conference at Kansas State college, Manhattan, another big contribution of Bill Pickett, KSC Dept. of Horticulture head, and his colleagues, to beautification of the state . . . Ben Chlevin of National Golf Foundation, estimates that of 20,000 American business organizations that sponsor employee recreation programs, about 15,000 include golf events.

Walter Johnston, formerly asst. to George Smith, pro at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., now pro at Klinger Lake CC, Sturgis, Mich. . . . Jules Platte switched from winter pro job at Wickenburg (Ariz.) CC to Sundown Ranch CC, Phoenix, Ariz. . . . George Keyes with Platte as asst. at Sundown . . . Platte returns in April to summer job at Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill. . . . Keyes is summer pro at Old Elm Club, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

Cleveland Dist. PGA adds Bertie Way tournament to its schedule . . . The trophy



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is a plaque honoring the sturdy veteran, Bertie . . . Lakewood GC, Point Clear, Ala., to repeat its invitational senior tournament early in Jan. 1956 . . . Initial event was delightful . . . Dave Mose to Calumet CC (Chicago dist.) as pro.

Sunset CC (St. Louis dist.) authorizes \$450,000 program including new clubhouse, fairway watering and some course alteration . . . Myrtle Beach,

S. C. having its annual tournament and "fiesta" for golf writers, April 4, prior to Masters . . . Event will be at Dunes Golf and Beach Club with pro Jimmy D'Angelo, Joe Ivey and other local notables repeating Southern hospitality of last year's initial party for the writers.

Harold Cliffer, architect engaged by National Golf Foundation for study and report on new clubhouse design and alterations, is making business history in golf . . . Club officials, managers and architects who have been cooperating with Cliffer in the Foundation research job, are confident the Cliffer report will result in huge savings in clubhouse architecture for efficient operation . . . Cliffer now working on Pacific coast.

Willie Hunter quietly celebrated his 63d birthday playing in the PGA Seniors . . . Willie got a lot of wires from his members at Riviera CC (LA dist.), Southern Calif. PGA members and others congratulating him on his firm hold on his youthful pep . . . Grant Wardlaw now on staff at Bryn Mawr Indoor Fairways, 3254 Bryn Mawr ave., Chicago.

Northview CC, Salina, Ks., after 25 years with sand greens, installing grass greens . . . Ken Willey, 737 E. Republic, Salina, is green chmn. . . . Hickory Hills CC, Springfield, Mo., constructing new pro shop building for pro Arlin Stone . . . Former pro shop was lost in fire which destroyed clubhouse last Nov.

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clubhouse . . . Orchard Ridge CC, Ft. Wayne, Ind., completes \$250,000 clubhouse reconstruction job . . . Country View course, Sedalia, Mo. has new lessors and operators . . . Michigan State College, one of the schools early in presenting a course management short course, and first agricultural college in U. S., celebrating its centennial.

Mike Souchak's 257 at Brackenridge course, San Antonio, in winning the Texas Open and cutting 2 strokes off PGA record, not just lucky . . . Mike proved that by following up with 273 in winning \$6000 as first prize in the Houston Open . . . Mike, of course, is putting beautifully but big improvement in his game, starting at Thunderbird, has come from staying in better balance . . . Anyway, that's the judgment of other tourney players who have watched Mike get hot.

Leslie F. Larson, pro at Cavalier Yacht & CC, Virginia Beach, says women's and children's golf in Tidewater area shows great growth . . . Larson credits Women's Tidewater GA with main effort in the development . . . The girls have busy schedule that peps up women's activities in every club . . . About 150 women in the

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Ralph Ebling, one-armed pro of Haverhill (Mass.) CC who is with Babe Moore and Paul Hahn at Ellinor Village, Fla., in winter, has been shooting fine golf . . . Ebling and Mickey Wright teamed to defeat Moore and Beverly Hanson in an exhibition at Ellinor . . . Ebling, minus his left arm, is one of the fine teachers, so his pro colleagues declare.

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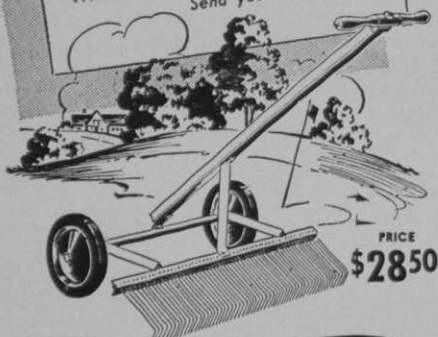
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F. A. (Whitey) Wall, former University of Akron 3-letter man, and high school coach, made Recreation Director for Akron, O., plants of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. ... Wall succeeds Paul P. Sheeks, retired ... He will direct the company's two 18-hole courses and other recreation facilities and activities.

Robt. Hathorn, formerly on staff at Brae Burn CC (Boston dist.) and Abenaki Club, Rye Beach, N. H., now pro at Augusta (Me.) CC ... John (Dud) Perry, formerly at Purpoodock Club, Cape Elizabeth, Me., now supt., at New London (Conn.) CC ... Jimmy Jones, formerly supt., Augusta (Me.) CC, to Purpoodock Club, Cape Elizabeth, Me. ... John Freitas, long at Sheraton hotel course, Range-



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Jack D. Mansur, course equipment and supply dealer of Fryeburg, Me., tells us that "Golf in Maine" booklet published by the late Harry Webber of Bath, will be published in future by Maine State GA with profits going to MSGA Caddy scholarship fund . . . Webber, who founded the interesting booklet died recently . . . He was an honorary member of many Maine golf clubs and of the Maine PGA.

Paul Hahn back from another lively schedule of trick shot shows in Central and South America and the Caribbean . . . Hahn put on his sprightly show before 2000, including Army Sec. Robert Stevens and plenty brass, in preliminary to Panama Open . . . Hahn's travel arrangements more than slightly upset by Central American civil wars and political erasures but the skilled Flying Dutchman managed to present his shots for fun during lulls in the native triggering for keeps.

Louise Suggs joins Sea Island (Ga.) GC staff as touring pro . . . Sea Island pros for winter are Don Brown of Piping Rock club (NY Met. dist.) and Tommy Mc-



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Namara of Glenview Club (Chicago dist.) . . . Ben Hogan first to be invited (and accept) to Colonial CC, Ft. Worth, Tex., \$25,000 10th annual invitation, May 4-8 . . . Ben's played in every one of the events . . . He was dues-paying member of Colonial until made an honorary member of the club in 1953 . . . Hogan won Colonial in 1946, '47, '52, and '53 . . . Ben's working out the answers in his club manufacturing business . . . He turned down big chain-store deal of most money ever offered for use of pro name on clubs, to stay pro-only.

Ken Bricknell, supt., and pro Howard Capps, of Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn course, Las Vegas, Nev., have completed revisions of course for 1955 Tournament of Champions . . . Tournament length will be 7102 yds., although course can be stretched to 7200 yds. . . . Thousands of pounds of Bermuda and alta fescue planted . . . Rough heights increased and considerable planting of large and small trees.

Girls are rubbing out old tournament records . . . Betty Jameson's 285 at Sarasota is new figure for women's par 74 course . . . Bobby Jones course at Sarasota



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where new 72-hole record was made, measures 6,282 . . . Louise Suggs who finished two strokes back of Betty at Sarasota, holds women's tournament record of 284 for par 70 course.

Leo Fraser, pres., Atlantic City (N. J.) CC, continuing to push Atlantic City invitation for 1955 PGA annual meeting . . . Delegates at 1954 PGA meeting voted in favor of going to Atlantic City, subject to Executive committee decision after study of cost . . . Many improvements being made at Atlantic City CC include new fairway watering system, new dining terrace, new "quiet" room, new massage room, and extensive tree planting on course . . . Frank Wescott, promoted to head shop assistant spot at the club . . . Charlie Hoffner, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in winter, back to Atlantic City in April . . . Philadelphia Open at Atlantic City CC, Aug. 22 and "Sonny" Fraser Memorial, Sept. 23, 24, 25.

Richmond (Calif.) GC to build pool and cabanas . . . Louis Bertolone of Los Altos, Calif., preparing plans for 9-hole courses at Lincoln, Calif., and Colusa, Calif. . . . Bright picture of Bill Perry, pro and part owner of Cherokee GC, Memphis, Tenn.,

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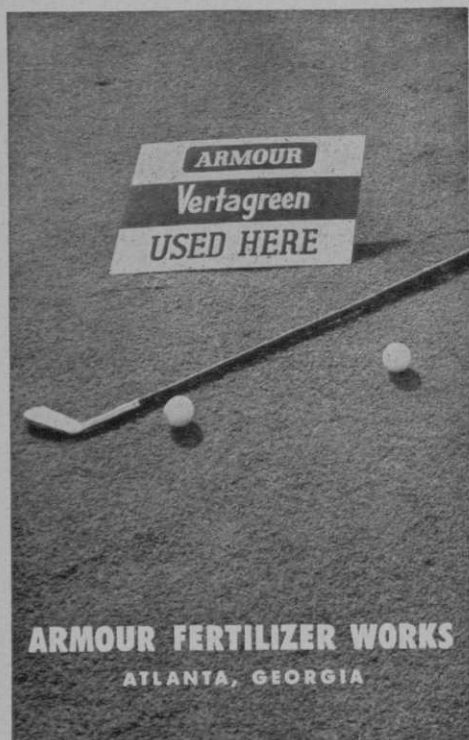


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Washington, D. C., with 35 courses in a comparatively small area, has lost only two courses in more than 50 years; the 9-hole Kirkside which was at Chevy Chase Circle, and the hilly and exclusive Bannockburn at Glen Echo, Md.

Jock Hutchison has shot his age every year since he hit 64 . . . He's now 72 . . . Jackson Park, Seattle, Wash., public course, spending \$4,342 for plastic pipe watering system . . . Freeman Haywood, Jr., from pro job at River Road CC, Louisville, Ky. moves to Cincinnati (O.) CC, succeeding Art Doering who moved to Inwood CC (N. Y. Met dist.).

Coral Ridge CC at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Pompano Beach, Fla., muni course, opened last month . . . Coral Ridge a Robt. Trent Jones job . . . Pompano Beach designed by "Red" Lawrence . . . Both opened with pretty fair turf considering

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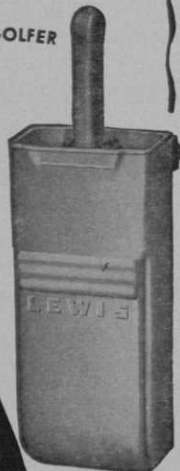
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Andy Macko, Hernian Barron, Willie Goggin and Mike Turnesa taking turns as sea-going pros on the Homeric, providing mighty pleasant spring training in the Caribbean part of the world . . . Karl W. Corby, Jr., 34, is youngest man ever elected pres. of the Maryland State GA . . . Frederick Dean, Cumberland, Md., pres. of group organizing Maplehurst CC which expects to start building course in spring.

R. G. Lynch, sports editor, Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal, in column urging Milwaukee county supervisors to buy Lincoln Hills semi-private course, said that since 1932 the county's population has grown 20 per cent but only addition to public golf facilities is 9-hole par-3 course.

DeLand, Fla., considering building new course . . . College Arms course at DeLand, recently sold, to be subdivided in fall . . . Bob Toski among group planning to build course in Kansas City district . . . Fresno, Calif., muni course to have new clubhouse.

Madera (Calif.) G&CC opens 9 holes . . . Roy King is supt., Danny Montgomery is pro . . . Bob Baldock, Fresno, was archi-

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Reno, Nev. to have new 9-hole course adjoining new \$4,000,000 hotel on old ranch just west of Washoe course . . . Ely, Nev., 9-hole munny course to be opened this summer . . . Grass 9-hole munny course at Winnemucca, Nev., being completed.

Don R. Boyd has taken over lease of Melbourne (Fla.) CC and his brother Mavor is operating the establishment . . . John Handwerger's 27-hole Empire State CC, designed by Orrin Smith, will be opened in April . . . Club is near Spring Valley, N. Y.

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Rockefeller interests planning to have Robt. Trent Jones course on Puerto Rico property they've bought . . . Jones expects Houston (Tex.) CC course he's designed to be completed by summer, 1956 . . . Yardage can be stretched from 5800 to 7,335 . . . Shawnee CC, Topeka Ks., to enlarge and improve clubhouse . . . Belle Plaine (Ia.) CC to build new clubhouse.

Harry Pezzulo, Illinois PGA pres., having biggest winter in his indoor school at Adams St. Health Club, Chicago . . . Tommy Meehan also having record winter in his school at Sears store at State and Van Buren . . . Indoor school pros in several metropolitan areas tell GOLFDOM that winter school interest and business points to big year for golf.

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Montclair (N. J.) CC awarded \$510,000 for loss of 9 holes to Garden State (N. J.) Parkway... A condemnation commission determined the amount... New England PGA will hold its annual spring meeting and dinner at Statler hotel, Boston, April 11... New England pro competence got plaudits from veteran pros from all over the U. S. for the way in which the New England veteran "Skip" Wogan operated the scoreboard at the PGA Seniors... We've never seen a scoreboard at a major tournament any better for gallery and press than the one Skip had going at Dunedin, and we've seen very, very few as good.

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Al French, who gets around a lot as a golf salesman, says at his home club, Oswego (Ore.) CC, the women have the most successful season's opening event he's heard of . . . The Oswego women have a style show, with girls from a model agency, showing the newest in golf fashions, and pro Bob McKendrick is part of the show, presenting and explaining everything new in golf equipment.

Richard J. Fennimore from Seneca Lake CC, Geneva, N. Y., to Meshingomesia CC, Marion, Ind., as mgr. . . . Glenn O. Gunderson to Green Acres CC (Chicago dist.) as mgr. . . . Philip Saporito now mgr., Meadowbrook G&CC, Overland Park, Ks.

Carl Avery, formerly supt. at Bowling Green (O.) CC, now supt., Chippewa CC, Curtice, O. . . . Both clubs are in Toledo dist. . . . Ted Wakely, Chippewa pres., says news that the club wanted a supt. brought some inquiries from fellows who used to be in golf course maintenance . . . Bob Congdon, brother of Chuck and former asst. to Ray Honsberger at Rainier CC, Seattle, appointed pro at Leavenworth CC, Seattle, Wash.

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Woodbridge G&CC, Lodi, Calif., to build new clubhouse . . . Tom Farley now mgr., Winged Foot Club (NY Met dist.) succeeding Carlton Otis who went to manage Westmoreland CC (Pittsburgh dist.) . . . Greenwood, S. C. Oak Hill Park muni course to be site of new junior high school.

Roy Henderson resigns after 16 years as pro at Manito G&CC, Spokane, Wash. . . Says dawn-to-after-dusk schedule, even with "wonderful" people, was getting him down . . . Harold Calderwood, goes from White Lakes CC, Topeka, Ks., to be pro at new Tomahawk Hills CC, Kansas City, Ks. . . Dick Bastian now mgr., Brookview CC, Minneapolis, Minn.

Maury Fitzgerald of Washington, D. C. Post and Times Herald says Gillie Shapiro is considering building an 18-hole public course at Laurel, Md. . . Carroll Boggs now mgr., as well as pro at Cumberland CC (Washington, D. C. dist.) . . . Penino (Tiny) Pedone, former asst. to Johnny Kinder at Plainfield (N. J.) CC, succeeds Bill Leach as pro at Overbrook CC (Philadelphia dist.) . . . Leach has been at Overbrook 33 years and is taking a sick leave.

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Charlie Boren, former sports editor, Lewiston (Wash.) Tribune, has become mgr., Clarkston (Wash.) G&CC . . . Earl W. Sasser now mgr., Gainesville (Fla.) G&CC . . . Delray Beach, Fla., opens new clubhouse at munny course . . . Turf conference to be held in May at Chico, Calif., munny course . . . Dick Knight, Chico pro, made arrangements with Charlie Wilson, USGA Green Section Western director; University of California turfgrass specialists, and H. V. Carter Co.

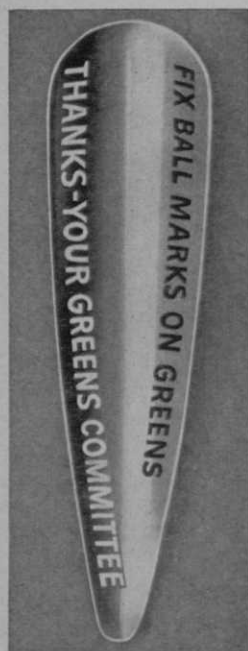
Construction of 18-hole public course at El Cajon, Calif., begun to plans of Wm. Bell . . . Flying Hills, Inc., will finance and operate that course . . . Mt. Pleasant CC, Boylston, Mass., to build new 18-hole course to plans of Wm. Mitchell, and to build new clubhouse . . . Present 9-hole course at Leicester, Mass., will be sold . . . Maplehurst CC, expects to begin building 9-hole course at Frostburg, Md., soon.

Work progressing on first 9 of Meridian, Miss., munny course with Junior Chamber of Commerce spearheading the job . . . Tulsa, Okla., Park Board votes to build new course adjacent to existing 18 at Mohawk Park.

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Augie Boyd and Larry Baynard, Jr., getting good start at their recently opened \$100,000 night-lighted par-3 course at St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . Odell Gore from Warren District CC, Bisbee, Ariz., now pro at newly opened En Tanque par-3 course at Tucson, Ariz. . . . Course is night-lighted . . . Has 18 holes on 26 acres, with artificial lake in middle.

"Fiscal Side of Golf" column by Mac L. Hutchens, St. Louis Globe-Democrat business editorial writer, widely quoted on financial pages of other newspapers . . . Column material was provided by publicity agent employed by GCSA to handle their convention publicity . . . The superintendents' association got good returns on that investment.

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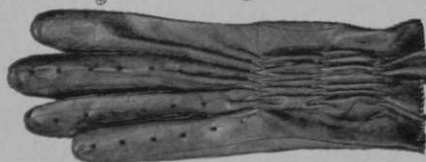
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Gene Shue, basketball star, now pro at Gibson Island (Md.) GC . . . Cleveland District GA Caddy Foundation gave financial assistance to 26 caddies during 1954 . . . Dudley S. Humphrey, Mayfield CC champion for past 4 years, elected Cleveland District GA pres. . . Featured speaker at Cleveland District annual was Tim O'Brien of Wilson's who gave a keenly interesting talk on the theories and "secrets" of golf technique.

Jack Pirie, 68, who came from his native St. Andrews to become pro at Butte (Mont.) CC in 1909, died recently at the East Rockaway (N. Y.) Nursing Home . . . Jack went from Butte to become pro, at Richmond County (N. Y.) CC and in 1917 went to Woodmere (N. Y.) Club from which he retired last year . . . He was a founding member of the PGA and served as president of the Metropolitan PGA . . .



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Copies of the 1954 Midwest Regional Turfgrass conference proceedings are available from W. H. Daniel at Purdue . . . Proceedings transcribed and mimeographed by West Point Products Corp. . . . Midwest conference to be held at Purdue university, West Lafayette, Ind., March 7, 8, 9, has lined up one of the most practical programs ever put on at a turf conference with a flock of successful supts. telling their experiences in solving problems common to course maintenance.

Lawn Clinic sponsored by Akron (O.) Beacon Journal, big event drawing about 1500, will be held in Akron Armory April 5 and 6 . . . Cleveland Dist. supts. again to be on hand to answer lawn-owners' questions . . . Bill Daniels, Richard Davis and Joe Polivka, are station turf experts on program . . . Bill Lyons, Firestone Tire and Rubber golf course, lawn and garden supt., says "Care and Feeding of Garden Plants," published by National Fertilizer Assn., Washington, D. C., is a "must" for the supts. libraries.

Southmoor CC (Chicago dist.) doing fine smooth job of changing over to private membership with Ben F. Hagge as managing director . . . Southmoor, heavy investment of Ben Stevenson, is to be host to Great Lakes invitation amateur, Aug. 16-19 . . . Masters' at Augusta (Ga.) National, April 7, 8, 9, 10, has 68 pros and 35 amateurs on invitation list.

Braving weather that would have kept an Eskimo huddled in his igloo members of the Western Pennsylvania GCSA journeyed to the 24th annual turfgrass conference at Penn State, Feb. 14-17 . . . Fellows report the program Prof. Bert Musser and his teammates put on will pay off big on their courses . . . Musser, among other subjects, described fully the three new grasses, Pennlu and Pencross creeping bents and Pennlawn creeping red fescue.

Pros and amateurs who played in formal opening of new \$110,000 Roanoke CC, Williamston, N. C., unanimously declared the course and clubhouse the finest 9-hole establishment they'd ever seen . . . Course designed by Ellis Maples of Winston-Salem, N. C. . . . 2,843 yds. long, par 35 . . . Watered fairways . . . Maples' son Joe supervised construction and is on the job as pro-supt.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Murray celebrated

25th wedding anniversary Jan. 1, at Natick, Mass. . . . Murrays were married when Stu was pro at Belmont Manor & GC in Bermuda . . . Love is still in bloom although snow at Murray's range last winter wasn't anything like flowers in Bermuda . . . We got thinking at PGA Seniors' tournament how pro golf must mean long and happy hitches at matrimony . . . Considering pros' uncertain and long hours on the job and exposure to plenty of worries it takes a real matrimonial star to keep a pro husband happy and hopeful . . . Pro wives have had far more to do in helping their husbands to make good on jobs and make a living, than the golfing public ever will know.

Another thing about Mike Souchak's hot spell . . . Mike won a lot of driving contests last year and got in the habit of wanting to flatten the ball every time he stepped on a tee . . . Then he saw George Bayer whom 'em so far that Mike decided it might be better to try to hit straight instead of trying to catch up with Bayer . . . Esquire magazine coming out this spring with a piece on Bayer as the guy who hits them far as most golfers wish they could.

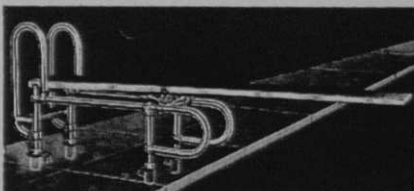
John Leavell, pro-supt., Shenandoah Retreat CC, Berryville, Va., says the club, now in its second year, has such a live bunch and so much golf interest that it's planning to enlarge its 9-hole course to 18 with length from 6500 to 7200 yds. and build a new clubhouse . . . Herman Fiebig, after 21 years as pro at Knollwood CC, Birmingham, Mich., buys Mason City (Mich.) CC and will open it about April 1 . . . Pete Cooper succeeds Fiebig as Knollwood pro.

Patty Berg to do series of 24 newspaper articles on "Better Golf" to be syndicated to newspapers by General Features, Corp., New York . . . Berg material to be slanted for men and women . . . "Quiet" rooms getting to be popular feature in the complete clubhouses . . . East Lake CC at Atlanta, Ga., "quiet" room off lockerroom, gets lots of use from members resting after rounds and prior to evening festivities.

Tommy Armour signed by Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate to do three instruction pieces each week . . . Big response from newspapers grabbing the feature, written in Tommy's lively conversational style . . . The Great Armour's been a busy boy this past winter with lesson applications at Boca Raton far in

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Waco and Opie Turner building 18-hole course at their Ranch Wacopie Lodge . . . May be site of future Ardmore Opens . . . Turners withdrew as Ardmore Open sponsors this year . . . Capital City CC, Atlanta, Ga., has new caddy house and yard that is said to be best in south . . . Few better anywhere . . . Colored caddies keep the place immaculate . . . They'd better—or else—with the watchful, expert supervision of the club's veteran caddymaster Roy Jones on them.

Have you noticed that the golf architects are figuring out how to get practice and lesson tees convenient to the clubhouse now? . . . Takes some skillful planning in use of available ground but the newer courses in this respect are away ahead of some of the otherwise fine older layouts.

Royal Canadian GA and House of Seagram have arranged for 1957 Sponsors' tournament to be played in addition to Canadian Open at Westmont G&CC, Kitchener, Ont. . . . Purse will be \$50,000 with the distillers putting up half . . . Sponsors' tournament, inaugurated at Washington last year to be played at Charles River CC, Boston, Sept. 22-25 with Carling brewers as co-sponsors, for \$50,000 . . . With Miller, Teacher, Seagram, Carling and Labatt sponsoring PGA tournaments the boys are not playing water holes.

Royal Canadian GA, like USGA, worried about misuse of amateur golf championships as a farm system for pro tourney players . . . Kids who think they can make a better living at pro golf than they can at anything else aren't going to stay amateurs . . . And why should they? . . . Probably better for them to turn pro than to stay amateur and get ulcers hustling bets from other hustling amateurs or unsuspecting pros . . . Several proficient amateurs would have been better off if they'd turned pro at their career crests.

Canadian Travel Film Library, 630 5th ave., New York, has 33 minute, 16mm sound and color film of 1953 Canadian Open, for free use of country clubs . . . Some swell hunting and fishing movies also in the Canadian film library . . . Our dear old pal, Fairway Bill Wallace of Miami News yowls in print that Ladies

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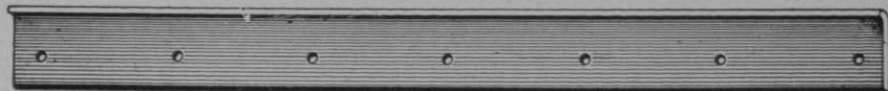
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Marlene Bauer, Alice Bauer Haggie, young Papa Haggie and Pop Dave Bauer making a series of TV shorts with the family angle of golf along with the instruction . . . Allis-Chalmers Co., West Allis, Wis., bought Lincoln Hills CC in Milwaukee dist. as employees' course . . . Lincoln Hills was offered to Milwaukee County but county, notwithstanding pleas of golfers to provide more public facilities, couldn't see the deal.

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by Spalding . . . Betty Jameson returns to Spalding staff . . . British PGA asks R&A to change British Open date from July to Sept. . . . British Open usually played on seaside courses where there are hotel shortages in July.

Golf lost a grand one when Chris Brinke, 52, veteran Detroit amateur died of a heart attack . . . Chris went to Louisville last December to be at Audubon CC party for retiring pro Bobby Craig who started Chris in golf . . . Brinke's survey on golf lessons from the pupils' viewpoint was a feature of the PGA 1953 annual meeting.

Dick Chassee from Hattiesburg (Miss.) CC to pro job at Norwood Hills CC (St. Louis dist.) . . . Sure thing that the USGA's new annual championship, the Seniors' to be played at Belle Meade CC, Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 26-Oct. 1 will have

biggest entry list of any USGA first championship . . . George Smith now pro at Edgewood Valley CC (Chicago dist.) . . . Jim Faltus signed as pro by Southmoor CC (Chicago dist.).

Two courses operated by Hamilton County (Cincinnati dist.) O., had record year in 1954, with Winton Woods getting 42,968 rounds and Sharon Woods, 37,763 . . . Metropolitan (N. Y.) GA adopts USGA Basic system and is reviewing course ratings of its member clubs.

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Verdes, about 20 miles from downtown Los Angeles, and a mile from the Pacific shore, with unobstructed view of the ocean . . . Community to be developed by Palos Verdes Properties.

Country Club of Paducah, Ky., clubhouse burns with \$200,000 estimated loss . . . Members' equipment and pro shop stock destroyed . . . Frank C. True, veteran golf writer, joins staff of USGA . . . Frank covered golf for New York Sun and of recent years has been very successful free-lance writer . . . Paul MacDonald, with interesting qualifications as English and journalism professor and as an assistant pro, also joins Joe Dey's team at Golf House.

Gene Kunes completing a 60-tee range (partly double-decked), 9-hole par-3 course and 18-hole putting course at Aurora and Cannon roads, Bedford (Cleveland suburb), O. . . Gene's son, just out of military service, will be with Pop on

the job . . . Third annual Triangle invitation round-robin tournament for women will be played at Grossinger (N. Y.) CC, June 14-18 . . . John E. McAuliffe, pres. of Triangle, says proceeds again will go to charity . . . Triangle makes a lot of plastic pipe for golf courses . . . Bud Strickland, pro-mgr., Greenville (Tex.) CC says course is in such good condition it's getting the whole community interested in golf.

Fred P. Fuller, 60, who died recently in San Antonio, Tex., was one of the first Acushnet ball salesmen . . . Fred was a fine amateur in New England in the '20s . . . He went to San Antonio 19 years ago, shortly after joining Acushnet and covered that territory until his death . . . He was a personal friend of virtually every pro and golf salesman in the southwest . . . A helpful businessman and a grand companion . . . Interment was at his home, Newington, Mass. . . Fred is survived by his widow, Ruth; three sons, Fred, Jr.; Hayden K.; and Glenn A.; and two daughters; Mrs. Charles L. Wray and Mrs. D. McFarlan.