

# Swinging around Golf

## NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Dothan (Ala.) CC building \$80,000 clubhouse . . . Begin work on new munny course at Cullman, Ala. . . . Coronado (Calif.) new munny 18 gets 500 tons of gypsum, dredged from Glorietta Bay, for soil conditioner . . . Jack Daray designed the course.

Burbank (Calif.) City Council allots \$297,318 to construction of new course . . . City mgr. H. R. Bennett says course will pay its own way . . . John Gertsen, Jr., son of pro at San Francisco CC, is captain of golf team at Brigham Young university, Provo, Ut. . . . Tracy (Calif.) G&CC first 9 opened . . . Cost \$85,000 . . . Building of Tracy second 9 to begin soon . . . Leroy Silva is pro.

Wm. Newton Horne heads group which has raised more than \$110,000 to build golf club at Pulaski, Tenn. . . . W. R. White of Madisonville, Ky., and R. J. Dixon of Maryville, Ky., planning to build 9-hole course at Madisonville . . . To start construction in fall on 18-hole Brown County course near Green Bay, Wis. . . . Packard and Wadsworth, LaGrange, Ill., designed the course.

Florida West Coast Greenkeepers' Assn. tosses Sunshine 18-hole Tarpon Springs, Fla., course back to the city . . . Association was operating course under a lease calling for city cooperation which wasn't forthcoming . . . Course, which has some fine holes, has been allowed to run down . . . Some talk about it being sold for subdividing . . . Tarpon Springs Pro Pete Chuita resigns . . . New 9 in connection



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with de luxe motel being built at Tarpon Springs . . . Will have Homer Herpel, St. Louis pro, heading pro staff of new course which is a few minutes' drive north of PGA National course.

International Business Machines to build course at Oswego, N. Y., where it is building \$12 million plant . . . Augusta (Ga.) Herald carries illustrated feature on classes for

kids of members of the Armed Forces GC where the veteran Mickey Gallagher is pro . . . Gallagher says four years of the classes have brought forth a lot of boys and girls who have learned to play good golf for the next 60 to 70 years.

Brockton, Mass., builds three shelters on D. W. Field munny course after lightning kills golfer dashing to clubhouse during a storm . . . Ralph Leaf, pro at North Hills CC (N.Y. Met. dist.) tells Long Island Star-Journal golf writer, John Brennan, that doctors are most difficult pupils for golf pros to teach . . . They know all about muscles and bones, have analytical minds and expect golf to be made a push-button performance, explains Leaf, who, incidentally has taught some pretty fair doctor golfers.

Some years ago we made a survey of the occupations of state amateur champions . . . More dentists than fellows in any other work . . . Jamestown, N. Y. City Recreation Director James Sharp pushing to get enough money to complete building city's course . . . Carolinas PGA asks North Carolina High School Athletic Assn. to

Front

Cover

Here's an overhead view of Knollwood CC, Lake Forest, Ill. where golf addicts followed the fortunes of the Wards, Venturis, Bisplinghoffs, Robbins and a host of other play-for-fun stars who competed for the USGA's Men's Amateur crown. In the left side of the picture, from top to bottom, are the 5th green, 4th green and clubhouse. In the center, partly obscured by trees, is Knollwood's pool with its cabana. Directly above the pool are the men's locker room and the 9th green. At top right is Jules Platte's pro shop which faces the first tee. In the right foreground is the 3rd green, typical of Knollwood's well trapped carpets.



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put girls' golf on individual and team competitive programs . . . Dugan Aycock, Carolinas PGA pres., says the programs of the section's members in teaching girls in the morning and boys in the afternoon has the kids showing such great progress their parents now are taking many more lessons.

Merrell Whittlesey, Washington Star golf writer, expresses the opinion of other golf writers when he writes that promotion of section events is retarded by "dull, utterly routine announcements including several hundred words instead of a few attractive punch lines." . . . Whittlesey says golf committee heads (men and women) don't pay enough attention to keeping the club bulletin boards bright and up-to-date with tournament announcements . . . Says pros should help in publicizing and getting entries for sectional tournaments.

Five Rohanna brothers — Andy, Kay, Joe, Woody and Ike — open their 9-hole semi-private course near Waynesburg, Pa. . . . Management of a New York state muni course built to a well-operated civic asset by a pro's hard and smart work is sought by small time political hack who is attacking the pro for not having caddies at the course . . . The



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kids don't show because most of the public course players have their own carts and others rent them for considerably less money than caddies get under New York state wage law . . . Funny thing about the pol's squawk is that when the pro did have caddies around and tried to get golfers to hire them, the pol wouldn't take a kid.

Jim Wild, golf writer of the Baltimore Sun, recovering after heart attack which had him in St. Agnes hospital, Baltimore . . . Enlisted Men's GC clubhouse at Fort Bragg, N. C., opened . . . Scranton, Pa., councilman Jerome E. Parker calls on city's present and potential golfers to help him get a muni course for Scranton.

Gene Hamm, supervising construction of Duke university course at Durham, N. C., was a GI student of course maintenance after service in the Navy . . . He worked under Frank Maples at Pinhurst and other experts . . . Hamm has been on course building jobs at New Bern, Kingston and Washington, N. C., before working on the course Robert Trent Jones designed for Duke.

Brainerd Hills G&CC to build 18-hole course at Chattanooga, Tenn. . . . This will be 7th course in the city . . . Redwood Empire GC, near Fortuna, Calif., opens its 9 . . . Watered fairways . . . Eddie Dwyer is pro . . . To have 18-hole course as part of 900 acre real estate development north of Fullerton, Calif., airport.

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and Robert Bruce Harris built, will open this fall near Delray Beach and will have holes named after birds of the area . . . Construction started on Country Club of Morristown, Tenn., 18 . . . Alex McKay is building the course . . . Ralph Doyle is pres. of the new club . . . Lon Mills building the Beaver Brook G&CC new course at Knoxville, Tenn.

Open first 9 of Oak Ridge CC, Farmington, Ut. . . Course owned by Bill Neff and Sid Eliason and leased to Oak Ridge CC members . . . Volunteer workers among members doing noteworthy job of building Ramshorn CC 9-hole course at Fremont, Mich. . . Plan country club at Hays, Ks.

Logansport (Ind.) CC begins building \$60,000 clubhouse to replace one destroyed by fire last winter . . . Samuel Friedland, head of Food Fair grocery chain, plans to build 18-hole course as one feature of development of 350-acre tract at Hallandale, Fla., now being filled . . . Stewart Hedrick heads committee to build 9-hole course on land leased from Olathe, Ks.

New \$200,000 country club planned for Talladega, Ala. . . Organize Marianna (Fla.) CC Assn. with 100 charter members . . . Plan to build course . . . Maurie Luxford, than whom there never was a whomer working in golf promotion in southern California has been promoting Pepsi Cola and Schweppes in that territory since the first of the year when he resigned from all his golf and civic activ-

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ities and began doing some promoting for old age security for the merry Luxfords . . . Maurie signed off when there were six additional public courses on the program for Los Angeles in the next few years.

One of the very best picture and word stories on golf instruction of novices that we've ever seen in a corporation employees' magazine ran in Vol. 7, No. 4 of International Harvester Co.'s Today magazine . . . Tom Walsh, pro at Westgate Valley CC (Chicago dist.) was instructor and Richie Murino and Mary Westlund of Harvester's West Pullman (Ill.) plant were pupils . . . Any pro working with or for an industrial golf course might get some tips the company's advertising department would appreciate by looking at this piece . . . IHC Public Relations dept., 180 N. Michigan, Chicago 1, may have a few copies to spare.

Sixty-three contestants in the Miller's High Life \$35,000 Open at Milwaukee signed an expression of thanks to the Miller Brewing Co. officials and Wally Moynihan, Miller's sports promotion chief for the way the company took care of the fellows playing in the tournament . . . The special tickets (Member, Official, Press, etc.) printed on celluloid and having a clip for edge of pocket, lapel or belt, that were used at the Miller's High Life tournament are great improvements over the stuff usually used . . . Maybe Moynihan has some left and can send you a sample . . . Ask



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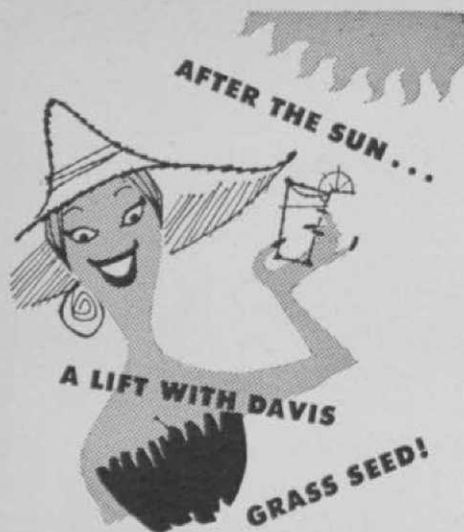


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him at Miller Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis. . . . They can be seen on page 24 of this issue of GOLFDOM.

Allen Stewart, pro-mgr., Rochester (Ind.) CC, resigned because of Mrs. Stewart's illness . . . He and Mrs. Stewart are returning to their home at Boynton Beach, Fla. Pro-wife combination interested in operating the Rochester club next year should write Hugh A. Barnhart, Pres., News-Sentinel, Rochester, Ind.

Maybe there have been larger galleries than that of the last day of George S. May's World's Championship but we've never seen them . . . The announced attendance figure was 61,000. Even if there was poetic license the figure must have been a record . . . Ted Kroll's win was very popular with the gallery and other competitors who, if they couldn't hit keno on the \$100Gs, were glad to see Ted get it . . . George spreads out the payments so the income tax bite is lightened.

Pro athletes with peak years of earning power generally fewer than the big earning years of other businessmen don't get fair treatment on income taxes . . . Tommy Armour and his wife, Estelle, who have the smartest financial minds in pro golf, took the athletes' tax case to the top several years ago but lost the decision . . . However, don't dribble any scalding tears for Tommy and Estelle . . . Fortunate investments made them possibly the wealthiest pair in pro golf . . . Oh, pardon me, I forgot Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Stranahan.

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We wonder how often it occurs to club officials, sports writers and golfers in general that the club pros give far more of their time for free public service, entertainment, charitable causes and promotion of golf than any other people in sports business . . . The majority of club pros donate from 10 to 20 per cent of their time to work that helps others.

Don Strand, supt. Westmoreland CC (Chicago dist.) has resigned as a director of the Golf Course Supts.' Assn. of America and as chairman of the GCSA Educational committee . . . GCSA Pres. Ward Cornwell has appointed Robt. Williams, supt., Beverly CC (Chicago dist.) to succeed Strand as direction and Education committee chmn. . . Williams to appoint the balance of the committee and get it to work on plans for GCSA 28th national

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conference and exhibition at Kentucky hotel, Louisville, Feb. 10-15, 1957.

An English event that we don't believe has a counterpart in the US is the Evergreen Mixed Foursomes which is open to men over 55 and ladies over 50 . . . Tommy Armour and Alec Watson, chatting at Winged Foot during a recent pro-amateur, recalled matches they played in the Scottish Amateur championship in 1914 . . . The championship ended the same day that World War I was declared and Armour, Watson and most of the rest of the field left the course to join the army.

Stampede GC, organized in 1931 at Soda Springs, Ida., reorganized recently as Soda Springs GC, Inc. . . . Dr. Russell Tigert, Jr., is pres. . . . Sec.-treas. is S. E. Matthews . . . Club is 9 holes . . . Changing from sand to grass greens . . . Nearest courses are 70 miles away at Pocatello . . . Evans caddy scholarships of Western Golf Association will have a record 304 ex-caddies from 121 clubs attending 27 colleges and universities this fall.

Ray O'Brien resigns as tournament director of PGA . . . Probably will continue in golf business handling exhibitions and tournament management for sponsors . . . Ray handling group of U. S. pros who will fly from N. Y. Oct. 25 to play in Spanish Open and exhibitions at Rome, Paris and Baden-Baden . . . The Yank pro line-up for the tour will be Chick Harbert, Vic Ghezzi, Jimmy

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Demaret, Jim Turnesa, George Fazio, Bob Toski and Al Besselink . . . Toski and Besselink are going disguised as Auld Tom Morris so they'll fit with the veterans.

J. Edwin Carter newly signed as PGA Tournament Bureau manager says \$20,000 will be minimum pro tournament purse in 1957 . . . Also plans to have schedule a year in advance . . . Lew Waldron, former pro who heads prosperous chemical company in Chicago, out of hospital and recovered from phlebitis.

George T. Sayers, Sr., and Mrs. Sayers fly to Scotland with their granddaughter for combination business and pleasure trip . . . George, doing a flourishing custom clubmaking business here, arranging for importation of some heads from brother Ben, famed clubmaker at North Berwick.

Tee-talk, Women's Metropolitan (NY) Golf Assn. magazine, is exceedingly interesting, informative and influential illustrated magazine . . . Editor Adrienne Higgins and her associates Mrs. Anthony Dreyspool, Miss Nonnie Lann, Mrs. Harold A. Sykes, Jr., Miss Judy Frank and Miss Janet Seagle turn out a job that has no superior among golf association publications.

Dow Finsterwald who made an ace during the Tam O'Shanter All-American tournament was wearing a silver four-leaf clover key ring presented to him by a friend, Bill Wehnes, who made an ace the first time he wore a similar key ring . . . Wehnes also gave key

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## Book Review

**Golf Operators Handbook . . .** Published by the National Golf Foundation, 407 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill. . . . 112 pages, fully illustrated . . . Price \$3, postpaid.

Golf Operators Handbook, a planning, building and operating guide for miniature courses, driving ranges and par-3 courses, is just off the press, Rex McMorris, executive vp of the National Golf Foundation, has announced.

The 112 page book is profusely illustrated with more than 150 photos and plans of these three types of operations and contains up-to-date 'how-to' information collected from all parts of the country by the Foundation staff.

McMorris pointed out that the need for such a book has become acute in recent years because of the constantly growing public interest in all forms of golf. Evidence of this interest, he said, lies in the increasing number of inquiries received by the Foundation from individuals and groups throughout the U. S. who want to invest in such facilities. He added:

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"While the Foundation is primarily concerned with development of more regulation golf courses of all types to fill expanding demand, it recognizes the appeal of other golf facilities and their value as breeding places for new golfers as well as their profit potential as successful businesses.

"The Golf Operators Handbook is designed to assist new operators of miniature courses, driving ranges and par-3 (pitch-and-putt) courses in getting off on the right foot — and to post experienced operators on new ideas and methods developed in various parts of the country during the post war years."

The following partial table of contents highlights information contained in the new book. (Check or money order should accompany all orders for the book.)

#### Miniature Golf Putting Course

Is it profitable? / how to get a miniature golf course / proven designs / prefabricated courses / selecting the site / area required / lighting

boosts play / fencing, routing & signs / equipment / tournaments / insect control / drainage / construction

#### Golf Driving Range

Area required / selecting the site/ location / zoning & licensing / nuisance elements / topography / soil resources / drainage / water / electric power / plan for expansion / safety factors / tee mats / grass tees / earthen tees / automatic tees / sheltered tees / double deck tees / fairways and target greens / turf maintenance / practice sand traps / lighting / range buildings / other facilities / equipment / clubs and balls / ball containers / ball retrievers / club display / club maintenance / the golf shop / promoting the range

#### Par-3 Golf Course

Origin and history / area required / land, construction operation and maintenance costs / appeal to golfers / golf centers / planning the par-3 / is an architect necessary / selection of site / soil factors / power and water / terrain / natural features / designing the par-3 / variety of holes / yardage plans / tees / greens / traps / lighting for night play / how to get a par-3 / the private operator / the municipality / leasing municipal land for a par-3

#### Practice Putting Greens

How to build and maintain a putting green

## Swinging Around Golf

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rings to Walker Inman and Mike Krak . . . Pro Buck White's son, Garrard, who used to go to many tournaments along the circuit with his mother and dad, qualified in the Mississippi section for the National Jaycee tournament.

Betty Dodd with her guitar and repertory of hill-billy and lone prairie songs has raised about \$4000 at women's golf events for the Babe Zaharias Cancer Fund . . . The Ladies PGA has done considerable collecting for the fund, the girls getting \$1700 at Detroit alone.

Very impressive durability record made by Fred Wright this year in losing the Massachusetts Amateur championship final, 6 and 5, to a 19-year-old opponent . . . Fred has won seven of those championships; the first in 1920 and the seventh in 1938 . . . He was Western junior champion in 1917.

Survey on "Kiddieland Operations" made by Billboard magazine shows miniature golf courses ranked sixth in popularity of amusement parks . . . Kiddie rides, refreshment stand, novelty stand, restaurants and penny arcades led the miniature course . . . Golf driving range ranked 12th in popularity.

Golfwear business now accounts for about \$8 million yearly sales volume at pro shops . . . Many older pros remember, not too far back, when golf hosiery imported from relatives in Scotland was the only apparel item pro shops handled . . . Murray Lesser, head of Bartlay, Ltd., which supplies many of the smart shirts sold through pro shops, is the son of the man who first did a big business in the US specializing in sports wear . . . Lesser, Sr., imported British polo shirts and made them basic styling for sports shirts.

Clearing starting this month on 5000 acre tract at Sarasota, Fla., which will have, with



residential sites, rivers and lakes, an 18-hole course designed by Dick Wilson . . . Jimmy Demaret and Jack Burke are officials of the golf development . . . Tom Utterback is sales and promotion mgr. of the project.

Bill Taylor, pro-mgr., Casa Grande (Ariz.) CC says the Uganda Bermuda greens on their 3315 yd., par 36 course are impressively good . . . Fly out and see for yourself; there's a large landing area bordering the course . . . Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., in publicity for National Amateur which will be played there Sept. 10-15, tells of altering borders of fairways and greens by change in mowing lines as only course changes made for the championship . . . Lindo Bernardini is Knollwood grounds supt. . . Jules Platte is the club's pro and Paul C. Frederick its manager . . . James M. Royer, gen. chmn. of the club's organization for the Amateur, prepared a table of organization for conducting the tournament that is by a long way the most practical thing of this kind that's been done . . . If your club is to be host to a big tournament you might write Royer at Knollwood, Lake Forest, Ill., for a copy of the chart.

Tommy Armour instruction records, "How To Play Your Best Golf All the Time," setting new high figures for golf teaching discs . . . Records are long playing, have eight lessons and are made by Grand Award Record Corp., 8-16 Kingsland ave., Harrison, N. J. . . . Clubs looking into all angles of the Calcutta pools might well look into the tax angles set forth by Fraser M. Horn, gen. counsel, USGA, in April 1956 issue of USGA Journal.

One of the best newspaper columns on the club pro that we've ever read was done by Roger Barry in Quincy (Mass.) Patriot-Ledger . . . Barry cites Nick Gianferante and Bob Steill in telling a great story of the club pro's development and service . . . He says New England PGA was first pro organization in this country, founded with Jack Shea as president and Harry Bowler as sec.-treas. . . . Bob White, in August GOLFDOM, had the Illinois group of pros organizing before the New Englanders . . . The national PGA is guilty of a serious and irreparable error of omission if it doesn't take action mighty soon to have a history of pro golf in the United States compiled.

H. B. (Dicky) Martin who wrote the out-of-print classic "Fifty Years of American Golf" is the man who can do the pro history research and writing job . . . Jack Jolly, Bert Way, John Inglis, Jim Roche, Carroll MacMaster, Marty Crombe, Peter Hay, John Miller, Matt Kiernan and a hundred other very keen-minded pioneers still are available, and a fellow such as Otto Probst, owner of the world's largest golf library, and other amateurs would have a lot to contribute . . . The PGA ought to make a substantial allotment to this historical work at its next annual meeting and get the job under way.

Now there's another Pine Valley CC . . . Newest one recently was opened at Wilming-

ton, N. C. . . . It gives Wilmington three courses . . . Johnny Ruedi is pro at the Wilmington Pine Valley . . . Charley Frey resigns as mgr., Inwood CC (NY Met dist.), because of illness . . . Bill Mehlhorn teaching at Garden City (N.Y.) Golf Range.

Mrs. Wayne Bennett, wife of supt. of the Kokomo (Ind.) CC, died recently . . . Added to this grievous loss, Wayne suffered the passing of his father and mother within a week a month prior to Mrs. Bennett's death.

Carleton Blunt, pres., Evans Caddy Scholarship Foundation, recently staged a preview of the new Country Club of Florida course and buildings near Delray Beach, Fla., as a part of his birthday party . . . Course designed by Robert Bruce Harris will be in play soon . . . Emil H. Nielsen, Santa Barbara, Calif., heads board which is restoring old La Cumbre CC at Santa Barbara . . . Bill Bell is designing the new course for the old site.

A new celebrity in Hawaii . . . Walter Butler Mattison arrived July 29 in the family of the Martin E. Mattisons . . . Papa "Grass Hat" Mattison is widely known distributor of golf equipment and promoter of golf on the islands.

First annual Walter Hagen invitation tournament, played at Traverse City (Mich.) G&CC, near Walter's home at Long Lake, a big and merry success with 200 players . . . The Haig donated the two major trophies, one gross, the other, net . . . Walter, jr., was among the contestants and merrymakers . . . Concluded with a lively dinner and a very funny home-made movie based on The Walter Hagen Story.

Atlantic City (N. J.) CC tournament, conducted by committee headed by wife of Leo Fraser, pres., raised \$2000 for cancer funds . . . Money was divided between James E. (Sonny) Fraser Cancer Foundation, Babe Zaharias Cancer Fund and American Cancer Society.

Redwood Empire G&CC, Eureka, Calif., 9-hole course opened . . . Wm. T. Patton, pres., Ed. Dwyer, pro, Ev Luark, mgr. . . . David E. Rainey now mgr., Tuscaloosa (Ala.) CC . . . City Mgr. Phil Minner of Antioch, Calif., investigating cost of enlarging city's present 9-hole course to 18.

Dale Schvaneveldt now pro at Grants Pass (Ore.) GC . . . Brookwood CC, Jackson, Miss., incorporated . . . Jackson now has in play two private club courses and the municipal course . . . Oakridge CC, Farmington, Ut., opens first 9 and plans opening of \$125,000 clubhouse this month . . . Ralph R. Thomas and Steve Asmus head organizers of course to be built on city land at Cedar City, Utah.

Discussing construction of 18-hole public course at South San Gabriel, Calif. . . . Wiregrass Post 3073, Veterans of Foreign Wars, building 9-hole course at Dothan, Ala. . . . Guernsey (Wyo.) GC formed with Jack Blehschmidt as pres. . . . M. H. Guthrie, W. E. Lee of Claremont, Fla., and others in syndicate which bought Floridian CC Inc. . . .

Surry Recreation Associates, Inc., with Bob Allan as acting pres., formed to build 9-hole course at Mount Airy, N. C.

Consider enlarging Key West, Fla., course from 9 to 18 holes and modernizing the whole plant as a tourist attraction . . . Plans submitted by Gulf Securities of Louisiana to Hy Altman, pres., Key West GC . . . James E. Rushin now gen. mgr., Montgomery (Ala.) CC.

Bergen County, N. J., Board of Freeholders allocated \$190,000 for 18-hole course to be in play in Spring, 1957 . . . Frank I. Rose, Boston, Mass., buys Kenilworth Lodge and course at Sebring, Fla. . . Harold "Had" Langdon now pro at Colonia (N. J.) CC . . . Metropolitan (Boston) District Commission new master plan for recreation facilities calls for adding 9 holes to Ponkapoag course at Canton, Mass.

Willie Klein, who has been pro at Wheatley Hills CC (NY Met dist.) summers and La Gorce CC, Miami Beach, winters for more than a quarter century is home following serious operation . . . Wm. Langford, veteran golf architect again on job in good condition after surgery in Chicago hospital . . . Passaic County, N. J., completing another 9 . . . When new 9 is opened in Spring, 1957, the county's Park Commission golf facilities will have 36 holes.

Mountain View CC, Rome, Ga., 9-hole semi-private club expected to open this fall . . . John Lam, Charles Camp and R. T. Burchett are owners . . . Begin work on new Corolla, N. C., \$25 million coastal resort which will have 18-hole course . . . Suburban CC, Pikesville, Md., offered \$2 million for its 135 acres . . . Club considering building new plant elsewhere in suburban Baltimore.

New 9-hole course, added to 9 holes at Aberdeen, Md., Proving Ground . . . Course cost \$49,500 . . . Paid from profits of post exchanges and other special services facilities . . . S. G. Loeffler Co. golf operations in Washington, D. C., increased to 99 holes when second 9 at Langston course recently was opened . . . Fairmont GC, Riverside, Calif., bought by Fairmont Hotel Corp., San Francisco.

Oxford CC, Chicopee Falls, Mass., 9-hole course expected to be sold soon and sellers to build 18-hole course in Agawam . . . Thendara GC, Old Forge, N. Y., to add 9 to its present 9 holes . . . Chuck Lewis, Colma, Calif., range owner and trick shot golfer and his 5-year-old daughter Linda are playing eastern engagements and going big.

San Mateo County, Calif., thinking about building course on San Francisco Water Dept land . . . Fredericktown (Mo.) CC building clubhouse . . . Kalamazoo, Mich., planning second 18-hole muni course . . . Sacramento, Calif., to have 9-hole semi-private course in Franklin Gardens next spring.

Rossville (Ga.) G&CC organized by group which includes city's mayor, Martin Bryan . . . Carter Kirven makes offer to build 9-hole course

at Brea, Calif., subject to City Council approval of land lease . . . Eddie Spitz opens his 18-hole Lakeside GC in Kansas City dist. . . . San Francisco park supervisors vote \$250,000 to build new 9-hole McLaren Park course.

Osage Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., opens first 9 . . . Work started on Spring Valley CC, 18-hole course, to plans of Dick Wilson . . . Miami Springs CC, owned and operated by City of Miami, Fla., may have Baseball Players' tournament next winter played only in afternoons.

Tom Fitzgerald, Boston Globe, was the only golf writer who named Ted Kroll in Golfing Magazine poll as the man who would win George S. May's World's championship . . . By the way, May has done something lately that possibly is more historic than his \$100,000 pro prize for the World's Championship winner . . . He gave his course supt., Elmer Lemke \$800 as a bonus for excellent condition of the course during the All-American and World's championships.

May's World's championship in 1957 will be Aug. 8-11 . . . His All-American will be Aug. 1-4 . . . George set another date when, as host of the Chicago District Golf Assn. president-pro annual tournament and banquet recently, he invited presidents and pros to be his guests Monday, Aug. 19 next year . . . Lou Strong, Tam O'Shanter pro, said pro shop sales during the May tournaments were three times previously recorded high.

Bob Toski conducted clinic for contestants in U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce 11th annual International junior boy's championship . . . The tournament at the Edgewood muni course, Fargo, N. D., and the Fargo CC, had record number of local entries and better qualifying figures than ever before . . . Coca Cola bottlers were co-sponsors.

Next British Walker Cup team to give consideration to candidates from artisan golf clubs, and other British public course players, says Raymond Oppenheimer of the R&A Selection committee . . . Next Walker Cup matches in US next year . . . British have won one, the US 14 . . . Kenya Seniors' team making US tour in late August and September, return engagement of the US-Kenya affair in Africa last year . . . Matches at Baltusrol, Burning Tree, Pine Valley, Old Elm, Oak Hill, Royal Seignior, Royal Ottawa, National Links, Maidstone, Shinnecock Hills and Apawamis.

Ralph Weidenkopf, for 55 years active in pro golf in the Cleveland district, died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Tampa, Fla., in July . . . Prior to his retirement on Jan. 1. he had served as pro at Pepper Pike CC . . . For 20 years he was sec-treas., Cleveland District PGA . . . He was an especially successful teacher and designed several courses.

Another service at Richmond (Calif.) GC: you can get your car washed and lubricated while you're playing your round . . . Busiest golf range in world is Devon Links, 20 acres

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on northwest side of Chicago . . . Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Caryle Seldman . . . Mrs. Seldman's father, Joe Hallner, started the range in 1931 . . . Serves about 60,000 different players in the summer . . . Buys 240,000 top grade balls each year. Big party for Gil Middleton, retiring after 40 years as pro at CC of Pittsfield, Mass. . . . Members gave Gil an automobile . . . He came to U.S. from Montrose, Scotland 44 years ago . . . University of Florida Turf conference at Gainesville, Sept. 25, 26, 27, has program that should draw supts. from all over southeast.

Any of you pros who have women members who want to play in Women's Trans-Mississippi at Monterey Peninsula CC, Pebble Beach, Calif., Oct. 8-14 better tell the girls to get entries in soon . . . Field limited to 200 . . . Mrs. John B. Miller, Box 2357, Carmel, Calif., is chmn. of the tournament . . . Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas, Nev., building new clubhouse adjoining pro shop and makes annual memberships available for residents and non-residents . . . Las Vegas junior golfers give Wilbur Clark grateful testimonial for encouraging kids' golf at the Desert Inn course . . . We'd like to see more of these testimonial affairs for fellows who encourage young golfers.

Marco Marinello, owner of Wyckoff Park G&CC, Holyoke, Mass. gives reduced rates to city fireman and policemen . . . Rain check idea is growing in popularity at semi-private courses . . . Brings out people who might be kept away by threatening weather . . . Walnut Hills CC, new private 18 at Columbus, O., opened with course in remarkably good condition for first year . . . Jim Harrison, architect . . . Steven Gabay, pres. . . . Fairways seeding was 60 per cent creeping red fescue and 40 per cent Colonial bent . . . Wm. Pritchard's Maplehurst CC., Frostburg, Md., another Harrison job, also recently opened.

Other courses designed by James G. Harrison on which work is in progress are: Center Hills CC, State College, Pa., to build 18 next year . . . Clearing site for 18 hole private club headed by Oscar Heflin at Webster, N. Y. . . . Remodeling present 9 and building addition 9 at Brookside CC, Pottstown, Pa. . . . Finishing 18 for Bridgeport (W. Va.) CC to open in Spring, 1957 . . . C. G. Moorehead is Bridgeport pres. . . . Warwick Hills CC, Flint, Mich., to have new 18 open next spring . . . Lakeview CC, Morgantown, Pa. 18 to be in play in Spring, 1957 . . . New layout of 18 for Ithaca (N.Y.) CC.

Walter Schimmer Co. hour TV "All Star Golf" film for release in 1957 started at Coghill CC (Chicago dist.) semi-private owned by Joe Jemsek . . . Snead beat Middlecoff in first match of program that will stage many star competitions for total prize money of \$100,000, according to Schimmer announcement . . . Dave Mose, professional at Calu-

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Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., where National Amateur will be played Sept. 10-15, making interesting use of rough around greens and in narrowing and outlining fairways in preparing the course for the tournament . . . The work is an impressive demonstration of what can be done by rough as golf architectural element that doesn't involve great expense and permanent alteration of a course.

Harry Obtiz, in his 11th year as head pro at Fred Waring's Shawnee Inn & CCC, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., now has a shop better than the great establishment he had before last fall's flood ruined Harry's place of business and his home . . . Harry's got give assistants: Dick Farley, Ronnie Ward, John Chementi, Stan Mushensky and Carl Watkins . . . The Obtiz weekly show for Shawnee guests "The Swing's the Thing" again is a big feature.

San Clemente, Calif., munny course now 18 holes with opening of second 9 designed and built by Wm. F. Bell . . . Bill's dad, the late Wm. P. Bell, laid out the first 9 in 1928 and had the course in play the next year . . . He roughed-in the additional 9 in a design that his son followed with the exception of one hole where a street runs where Bell, Sr., had a fairway in his plans.

Mondak Brothers building semi-private 18 at Middleburgh Heights, Cleveland, O., suburb . . . An 18-hole semi-private course being planned for Mayfield Heights, another Cleveland suburb . . . Jim Langford is leader in campaign to get 9-hole course built at Willard, O. . . Construction being pushed on Brown's Run CC, Middletown, O. . . Bill and Dave Gordon are architects . . . The Gordons also are architects of Whitford CC, now being built near Dowingtown on Philadelphia's Main Line . . . It's fifth new club built in Philadelphia dist. since World War II.

Charley Smith, gen. mgr., Guadalajara (Mex.) advises that the annual Guadalajara invitation tournament will be played Oct. 10-14 . . . This affair is tremendously enjoyed by American guests fortunate enough to get invitations and to be able to accept them . . . The club will be in its extensively remodelled clubhouse then . . . Charley, known by his teammates South of the Border as Carlos, also is building a course at Mazatlan, a seaside resort and great fishing headquarters on the Pacific about 300 miles north of Guadalajara.

USGA Green Section has shifted Jim Latham from work as asst. to B.P. Robinson, Southeastern director, to be asst. to Al Radko, Northeastern director . . . John R. Van Kleek, architect of 18-hole course at Paradise Hotel and Villas, Crystal River, Fla. . . John Beharrell, British Amateur champion, is a nephew of Sir George Beharrell, head of the Dunlop organization in Britain and a fine golfer himself . . . Vinnie Richards, Dunlop sports department head, is trying to get young Beharrell to play in U. S. Amateur.

Trans-Mississippi's 53rd annual tournament

had no Calcutta this year . . . The Trans assn. never officially sanctioned a Calcutta but one was conducted by each club which was host to the tournament . . . Bob Bodington now pro at Farmington (Conn.) CC . . . Joe Flemming is his asst . . . Bob Kay, pro at Wampanoag CC, Hartford, Conn., has Mike Portik as asst. Bob and Mike started together as caddies at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Wm. Diddle is architect of Hidden Valley Club 9-hole course at Gaylord, Mich., which will open for play next spring . . . Almaden GC, San Jose, Calif., and 378 acres adjoining sold for "well over \$1 million" to Thomas J. Culligan of San Mateo, Calif., and Dr. Sol J. Leider who owns Pajaro G&CC, Watsonville, Calif., and La Rinconda GC, near Los Gatos . . . Almaden will continue in operation . . . Tracy (Calif.) GC 9-hole course recently opened . . . Second 9 of Spring Valley GC, near Milpitas, Calif. opened.

Mildred Grady, wife of Steve, pro at Brookside CC, Pottstown, Pa., says she came into Steve's shop one day 5 years ago to help in an emergency and has been bookkeeper, shop boy, head of the "soft goods dept.", display manager and advertising manager for Steve ever since . . . Lot of interesting fun but Steve won't pay her union scale, Mildred laughs.

Laramie, Wyo., to vote on \$250,000 bond issue for recreation facilities including 18-hole course . . . Lewis "Tommy" Bean now pro at Jekyll Island (Ga.) State Park 9-hole course

Building new clubhouse at Memphis Naval Air Station Course, Millinton, Tenn. Construction begun on first 9 of Beaver Ridge CC, Knoxville, Tenn. . . Eugene M. Howerd opens his Sapphire Valley GC, Sapphire, N. C. . . George Cobb designed the course which has holes named after prominent pros . . . Organizing club to build 9-hole course at James Jones "\$100,000 Resort" at Geneva, Ala. . . George Von Elm architect of course being built at Airport Park, Blackfoot, Ida.

Massachusetts Dept. of Labor and Industries sets new minimum wage scale for caddies: 75 cents single 9 holes; \$1.25 double, 9 holes; for 18 holes, \$1.50 single and \$2.50 double . . . Begin construction of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., muni 18 . . . Work under direction of L. N. "Buddy" Clark, supt. of parks and sec-treas. Georgia-Florida Turf Assn.

Garner Shriver, Wichita, Ks., attorney one of organizers of Riverview CC, to build 18-hole course at Wichita . . . Wm. Mitchell designing course to be built near East Hampton, L. I., N. Y. . . Prospect Point 18-hole course designed by Jack Daray for city of Coronado, Calif., to be in play July 1, 1957 . . . In conditioning soil 1000 tons of gypsum are to be used.

The Jackie Burkes are expecting another champion in the family in November . . . Summary of Clinic Sessions and Seminars at PGA National Golf Club conducted by PGA Teaching and Education and Dunedin committees of PGA now being distributed by PGA

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... PGA also circulating among its member pros invitations to visit the Dunedin course ... Invitations are to be passed along to those who belong to the PGA pros' clubs.

Paul Coates architect of new 18 being built at Keller course, St. Paul and new 9 Stillwater (Minn.) CC ... Coates has drawn plans for new 18 for Bloomington (Minn.) CC ... Course to be designed and site for new clubhouse located in plans being made for Midland Hills CC, St. Paul, Minn. ... Evanston (Ill.) GC has on its paper table "linen" the box score spaces devised by Charles Bartlett, Chicago Tribune golf writer and Golf Writers' Assn. sec. ... Members fill in their own box scores while playing the 19th.

Bill Gressick, pro at Cobleskill (N.Y.) CC, writes that first ace in the club's 29 year history was made July 17 by visitor, Hardie Miller of Raleigh, N. C. ... Hole is 180 yds. uphill with blind green ... Bill says at recent ladies' invitation tournament which he sponsored women's course record of 75 was set by Mrs. G. Hallenbeck, pres. Ladies' Northeastern N. Y. Golf Assn. ... Earl Ross, former pres., Metropolitan (N. Y.) Golf Assn., told Lincoln Werden, N.Y. Times golf writer, that golf instruction in high school and extension of cadet training programs would need of youth programs in many cities.

Only surprise about increase in top grade 8-iron sets from \$125 to \$130 and sets of 4 woods from \$90 to \$95 was the increase wasn't greater because of higher manufacturing and distributing costs during the past year ... Many pros say used club business has been big factor in getting new golfers educated to pro-quality clubs and making a lively market for top grade new clubs ... In some sections demand for used clubs is strong enough to help maintain reasonable trade-in allowances, but generally trade-in allowances are dangerously close for pro profits.

Win Treadway selling very good course and golf plant he developed at Slippery Rock, Pa., to American Rolling Mills for its employees' use ... New club near Chancellor, Ala., named Twin Lakes CC by winner of naming contest ... Gene Sarazen and Walker Cup captain Bill Campbell headlined instruction and information program for USGA junior boys' championship contestants at Taconic GC, Williamstown, Mass.

Mrs. Bob Grant, wife of pro at Kokomo (Ind.) CC seriously injured in collision while driving to Indianapolis ... Unconscious for two weeks and now recovering from concussion and broken bones ... The Grants were married at Dunedin, Fla., last winter ... The charming Mrs. Grant was warmly welcomed into the busy and pleasant program of the professionals' wives at PGA National course at Dunedin.