where he had as many as 14 pros working for him at one time. One of his assistants there was a young carpenter turned golfer, Gene Sarazen.

While in Florida, the Indianapolis veteran helped design the Bayshore course at Miami Beach and the original Hollywood Hotel layout.

## Works With Brother

Lee returned to Indianapolis after World War II and became head pro at Coffin CC, formerly Highland. For the last nine years, he has been assisting his younger brother, Wallie (age 71), at Riverside where both carry a big teaching load and still shoot in the low 70s.

Besides Lee Nelson, other holders of life memberships at Riverside are: Russell Stonehouse, Wallie Nelson, Stanley Graves, former supt. of Indianapolis muny courses and now at Westmont CC in Cleveland, and the late Charles Wishmeier.

## Orrin Smith, Veteran Architect, Dies in Connecticut

Orrin E. Smith, 75, one of the pioneer American course architects and builders, died at New Britain, Conn., July 22, after



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several months illness.

He was born in Southington, Conn., and got into course work in 1916 supervising building of Shuttle Meadow GC, New Britain, Conn., to the design of Willie Parks. He stayed with Shuttle Meadow three

years as course supt. In 1919 he went with Donald Ross and supervised building of seven courses and assisted in the design and construction of several more. In 1924 he went into business for himself designing and building courses and was responsible for design or remodeling of 40 courses. The Westover Air Base course at Chicopee Falls, Mass., and an addition to the Stanley course in New Britain were his last jobs.

James G. Harrison of Pittsburgh and Wm. F. Mitchell of N. Sutton, N. H. are among prominent architects who received training from Mr. Smith. Harrison was his supt. for some years. Mr. Smith's son, Edward, later became his supt., and in recent years Albert Zakorus, Bethel, Conn., was his supt. and associate.

Mr. Smith is survived by his widow, Letty, to whom he'd been married for 54 years, two sons and three daughters.

## Cooper, Penn State Agronomist, Dies of Heart Attack

Albert E. Cooper, extension agronomist on the Pennsylvania State University staff for more than 20 years, died suddenly in

June in Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. Death came two hours after he suffered a heart attack while at work on campus. He was 53 years old.

Mr. Cooper was graduated from Trinity Vocational School, Hickory, Pa., and attended Geneva College for one year be-



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fore transferring to Penn State where he was graduated in 1928 with a bachelor of science degree. He majored in horticulture. Prior to his appointment as assistant professor of agronomy extension at Penn State in 1937, he held positions as propagator with Jackson and Perkins Nurseries, Newark, N. Y.; orchardist with Thorn Hill School, Allegheny county; orchardist and assistant farm manager with Hillcrest Farms, Chester, W. Va.; supervisor with Farm Security Administration, and conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

In recent years Mr. Cooper devoted full time to fine turf management and was the author of two popular agricultural Extension circulars, "Establishing a New Lawn" and "Lawn Management."

Survivors are the widow, Helen, a son, Albert G., and two sisters.

## \$5,000 Goes A Long Way at Lakehurst Station

The appropriation for building the 9hole course at the Lakehurst (N. J.) Naval Air Station was only \$5,000 but with all kinds of donated labor available and free use of machinery, it was possible to complete the layout within a year after it was started in the summer of 1956. Now, with golf having proved to be the favorite diversion of station personnel and everyone again willing to chip in with a large variety of skills, a second 9 will be built with construction starting this month.

Four Navy officers served as members of the construction committee for the first 9 with Capt. R. F. Tuma as chmn. A total of 3,278 hours were expended in getting