

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 many 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 several months illness.



O. E. Smith

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.



A. E. Cooper

Mr. Cooper was graduated from Trinity Vocational School, Hickory, Pa., and attended Geneva College for one year before 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 9-hole 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

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fairways, tees and greens in shape and the sailors lived within their budget, completing the project for slightly less than \$4,650.

Here is a breakdown of expenditures:

Soil Conditioner	8 tons	\$ 146
Pulverized Limestone	40 tons	198
Poultry manure	800 tons	65
Fertilizer	19 tons	936
Bentgrass seed	275 lbs.	385
Kentucky 31 seed	4 tons	1480
Chewings Red		
Fescue seed	2200 lbs.	968
Perennial rye seed	600 lbs.	96
Misc. fittings, valves, faucets		176
Rental, manure spreader		95
Rental, bulldozer rake		95

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In May of this year a new clubhouse, including a snackbar, lounge, lockerrooms and pro shop, was opened. Officers, enlisted personnel, civilians and their dependents have golfing rights at Lakehurst. Fees are nominal, ranging from 50 to 75 cents for daily play and from \$2 to \$5 on a monthly basis. Clubs and golf carts may be rented for 25 cents a day. The course is open 12 hours a day. During the first

month it was in play, Lakehurst attracted 600 golfers.

## Settle San Francisco Course Workers Strike

Course workers in the San Francisco area went on strike recently. Three clubs settled quickly. Other clubs held out and word is that there soon will be an overall compromise.

The clubs that met the union demands granted an increase of 27½ cents an hour, plus \$5 a month for health and welfare for the employee's family. The contract was for one year.

Rates under the new scale are: Greensman, \$403 per month; mechanic, \$441; bus driver, \$335 plus room and board; watchman, \$335; working foreman, \$441.

The rates are for a 40 hour week — Monday through Friday and time and one-half for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. There are seven paid holidays, two weeks vacation with pay, seven days sick leave with pay in the contract. The employer pays for \$13.65 per month for health and