

First "Practice Class" Suggested by Woman Reader of Pro's Book

Jules Platte, pro at Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., is getting unexpected returns on his new book "Better Golf Through Better Practice."

His membership, naturally, went strong in buying his book and in applying its recommendations on the Knollwood practice tees.

One of the Knollwood women golfers, Mrs. Mel Barker, said to Platte: "In your book you say golfers should practice under pro supervision when possible. There are 12 of us girls who want to practice while you are supervising us. What will that cost us?"

Platte promptly made an arrangement with the practice class. He believes that the practice class is the first one ever formed in golf. He says that the results of the supervised practice, as shown by the scores of the class members, have been extraordinarily good. He feels that his woman member's idea is one that could be extensively used to the mutual profit of women golfers and their pros.

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as pro at Willow Oaks CC which now is being built . . . Bird, for 6 years on pro staff of Darrell Napier at CC of Virginia, will continue as Napier's asst. until January.

Grady Shumate, named pro at Tanglewood Park 18-hole course being built at Winston-Salem, N.C. for Forsyth County park system . . . Course to be opened in spring, 1959 . . . Record play on public courses in Pittsburgh dist. indicates need of another course to add to the County's North and South courses . . . Al McBride, pro at South which has an 18 and a 9-hole course, reports that on a Thursday in June the 18-hole course had 413 players and the 9 had 401 players . . . Francis Barrett, North Park's pro for the past 18 years, says the course had a record 67,000 last year . . . South courses had 112,000 in 1957.

An extraordinarily practical series, "A Tip from Home Pro," featuring instruction help from home pros at N.Y. Met district clubs, drew golfers to NY Herald-Tribune's sports section . . . Bud Trumbull, pro at Framingham (Mass.) CC, heads committee of New England PGA collecting putters for Vet Hospital courses which were installed at Bedford and Brockton by combined efforts of the NE PGA, the GCSA of New England and the Swing Club . . . The pros have given 800 balls to the hospitals.

Oak Hills CC, Richmond, Va., constructing its first 9 and hopes to have it in play by spring, 1959 . . . Begin work on 18-hole course at new location of the Outdoor CC, York,

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