

# Swinging around Golf

## NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

New golf clubs opening or having their first full year in 1958 give golf business a buffer against the readjustment, deflation or recession or whatever financial experts prefer to call the cagier spending expected for the first six months. . . . Some officials believe bar business at country clubs will drop if business tightens a bit and expense accounts are cut while politicians and bureaucrats continue to toss away taxpayers' money.

Any pro who wants a reminder that there's a lot of money that might be spent in his shop might compare his income and profits with his club's bar gross and net revenue last year . . . Playing is the cheapest part of golf.

Among new courses to open this year are the \$1½ million Moon Valley course at Phoenix, Ariz. . . . Rockleigh, Bergen County (N. J.), first county-owned course (construction and equipment cost about \$500,000) . . . Louisiana State university's course at Baton Rouge which will cost, equipped, about \$200,000 . . . The \$335,000 Frank Burke memorial course at Whitter Narrows, Los Angeles county . . . First 9 of the North Kern (Calif.) Golf Assn. course . . . Selva Marina CC \$400,000 club at Atlantic Beach, near Jacksonville, Fla.

This will be first full year for Antelope Valley CC, near Lancaster, Calif. . . . And for the Salinas (Calif.) Fairways \$100,000 course, first 9 of which was



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opened last summer . . . Also for the Columbia Hotel's 9 at Hurleyville, N. Y., which is one of several new resort courses in the area . . . The Michigan State university course at East Lansing, Mich., will be in play this spring . . . Adobe Creek Lodge in northern Santa Clara County, Calif., will open its new 9 in mid-summer.

The \$30,000 9-hole course Alex McKay is building for Camp Glen-rochie CC, Abingdon, Va., is to be ready for play in May . . . New Ridgewood G&CC in Agawam, Mass. to open this spring . . . Spring Hill Park, only many course in Mobile, Ala., is a new \$200,000 project getting big play in its first year . . . Grifton (N. C.) CC opening new 9-hole course this spring.

New 9-hole course at Payson, Ariz., designed by Frank Hughes, to open this spring . . . Henry M. Moore and J. R. Richardson have their Jefferson Hills CC 9-hole course going into its first full year. . . . First full year, also, for Vista (Calif.) G&CC with its 9-hole course.

Jack Wallace of Upper Montclair (N. J.) CC is new pres., Metropolitan (N. Y.) Golf Assn. . . . Clarence W. Benedict is vp, Gordon M. Hill is sec., and James E. Shields is treas. . . . Harlan Will from Lebanon (Pa.) CC to pro post at South Meadows Development Corp. 18-hole course now being built near Quentin . . . Will will teach and do promotion while course is being built this year . . . Johnny

Nothing was overlooked in the planning and construction of the new Diplomat CC, located in Hollywood, Fla. Architects and construction men were at their best here, putting just about everything you can conceive of in a country club into this beautiful South Florida layout. In the cover photo, taken opposite the sixth tee, the huge clubhouse can be seen in the background. Just beyond the tee, but not shown in the photo, is one of two large rest rooms located on the course. Cary Middlecoff's spacious golf shop is the kind most pros dream of but rarely see in this life. And the same thing probably can be said of the superintendent's equipment building. To build a course such as the Diplomat costs \$2 million. Diplomat is one of the many fine course now operated as a hub of resorts or housing subdivisions.

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Joe Balnis going into his first year as pro at the new Pinecrest CC, Pelham, Ga. . . . First 9 of Ellington GC, Manchester, Conn. course designed by Geoffrey Cornish, to be in play in late summer . . . Paul Bell back to Naples, Fla., Beach CC for 12th year with staff of Dick Roberts, Al Davis, George Maxwell and Ralph Bache . . . The Naples resort has 50 golf cars helping to speed play on a course beautifully groomed by Supt. Turner Barnes.

Erie Shores GC, North Madison, O., 9-hole course designed by Ben W. Zink, to open in June . . . Cobb County (Ga.) Recreation Board building 18-hole course. . . . Siler City, N. C., in campaign to build course and country club as civic asset attracting desirable industries.

Hope to have Tanglewood Park 18 designed by Robert Trent Jones for Winston-Salem, N. C., Park Board ready for play this fall . . . Look for more of the big name pros to be in winter resort

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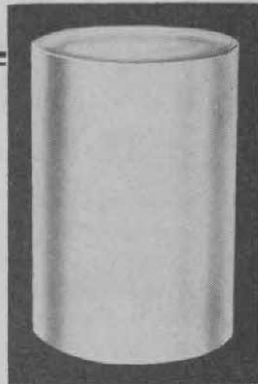
Department of Agriculture cancelled a \$4,000 payment to an Arizona golf club for not growing cotton under the 1957 soil bank program . . . The way some so-called golfers want courses softened you'd think all courses would have to be covered with cotton.

Tom Scott, editor, *Golf Illustrated* of London, sees bright sign for future of British golf in the increasing number of British kids caddying . . . A goodly percentage of the boys are barely into their teens . . . They wheel the bags on carts that the British call trolleys.

New 9-hole munny course at Cullman, Ala., now in its first full year, cost about \$125,000 in donated time, money, material and equipment . . . New Iberia (La.) G&CC building \$88,000 clubhouse . . . Clubhouse at Rockleigh, new course of Bergen County (N. J.) Park Commission to cost \$206,000.

Bob Laswell, leaves amateur ranks to be pro at Meadow Brooks CC, Centralia, Ill. . . . Taxes and assessments forcing some Minneapolis area clubs to sell . . . Westwood Hills GC to be acquired by St. Louis Park, Minn., as 9-hole munny course and park . . . Suburb of Golden Valley is

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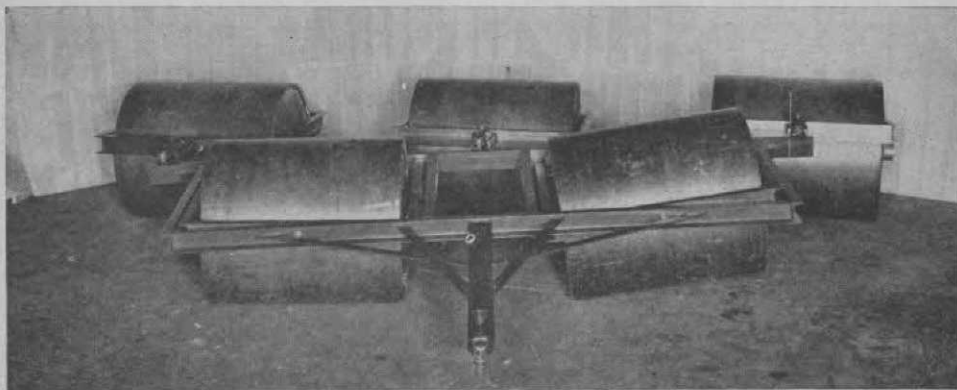
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Hesperia (Calif.) CC opened last fall with a \$15,000 tournament, has a Joshua tree in a trap close to the 16th green . . . Course designed by Bill Bell . . . Skyline 18-hole course, part of \$5,500,000 airport expansion program at Long Beach, Calif., to start building soon.

Talk about a new 9-hole course in Jefferson County (Louisville), Ky., Jefferson-town area . . . Henie Hills CC 18-hole course and community development now under construction in Los Angeles area being publicized as "Palm Springs" of the summer . . . Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission approves plan for building 27 holes in Norwood area, with first unit to be a 9-hole course.

Golfers of Festus and De Soto, Mo., organize new club to have 9-hole course. . . . Boone, N. C., to get 18-hole private course designed by Ellis Maples . . . Highland Hills CC, new Dallas club expects to have construction completed this year . . . Architect's sketch of "hyperbolic paraboloid" design for clubhouse with ball room ceiling 30 ft. high makes us eager to look at the architect's plan of a golf club bar to fit . . . The hyperbolic

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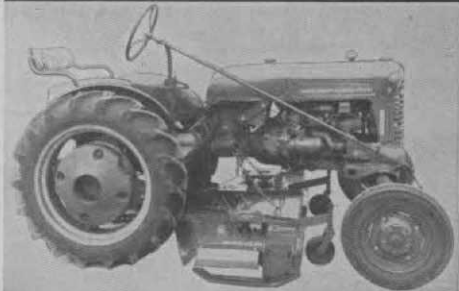
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paraboloid picture makes an old-fashioned golfer think it's time to quit drinking.

Woodland G&CC, organizing at Iowa City, Ia., has plans by David Gill, St. Charles, Ill., for 18 of which first 9 is expected to be built this year . . . Bar-scott Builders, Inc., to have 18-hole course as feature of \$15 million community development at Phoenix, Ariz. . . Southdale G&CC, semi-private 18, at Scottsdale, Ariz., planned for early construction.

Union City, Pa., working on golf club with course construction job under direction of Robert Morrison . . . Pushing for new muni course at Emporia, Ks. . . Las Posas CC, Oxnard, Calif., expected to be in play this spring . . . Albert M. Alfredo, Bronxville, N. Y., nurseryman to build 18-hole course near New Castle, N. Y.

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Fairland CC, Roanoke, Va., leases Fairland Lake Club Inc. resort and to build 9-hole course . . . Williston (S. C.) CC, 9-hole club coming into its first spring in attractive condition . . . Bacon Park, Savannah, Ga., to get an additional 9-hole course, a new 18, a par 3 course and a miniature course for kids.

Grimes Foundation, Urbana, O., buys Delray Beach, Fla., 18-hole club and under terms of referendum approved by Delray Beach voters, must use the land for 50 years for a golf course . . . Purchase price was \$350,000 . . . Clinton (Conn.) CC to be on new 9-hole course by June. . . . New course to design of Geoffrey Cornish, partially financed by sale of former club site to residential development.



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Phoenix, Ariz., city council budgets \$165,000 for building 9-hole course on 67 acres (estimated value, \$200,000) donated by real estate man, John F. Long, who will build \$20,000-\$25,000 homes around the course . . . G. M. T. Jenks has offered 120 acres near Cocoa Beach, Fla., to members of Rockledge CC if they'll build a course on it . . . Jenks owns land adjoining proposed course and value of this land as residential property will be greatly increased if offer is taken . . . Site isn't in neighborhood of Cape Canaveral missile test center.

Venice, Fla., city council signs one year lease on Venice G&CC with Artists Guild Foundation, Chicago, then subleases to Jim Duncan, pro who operates the course. . . . Lou Ringe has done most of the work in building a 9-hole course at American Falls, Ida. . . . It started out to be a com-



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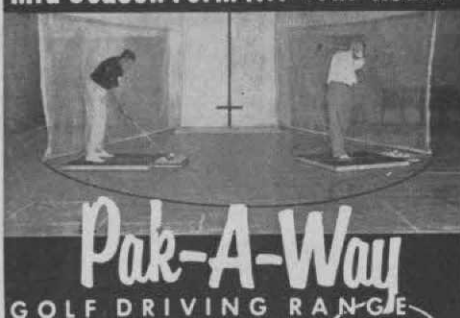
Hancock, N. Y. to complete 9-hole course where one was begun as a WPA project in the '30s . . . August Teacia of Sidney (N. Y.) CC in charge of construction . . . Phoenixville (Pa.) CC figuring on enlarging from 9 to 18 . . . Springfield CC near Royersford, Pa., expects to be playing on its second 9 this summer.

Vancouver (Wash.) building first 9 of the municipal 18 to plans of Fred Feder-spell of Oswego, Wash. . . . Carolinas CC, Loris, S. C., on its new 9-hole course . . . Preston Hennis is pro . . . Planning 9-hole course and range near Lincoln (Neb.) Air Force Base . . . Ivan Delevante hopes to have nine countries in Caribbean winter tournament circuit.

Walker Cup matches in 1959 will be at Muirfield, May 15 and 16 . . . This will be first time Walker Cup matches have been awarded to Muirfield . . . Of the eight Walker Cup matches held in Britain, all have been played at St. Andrews.

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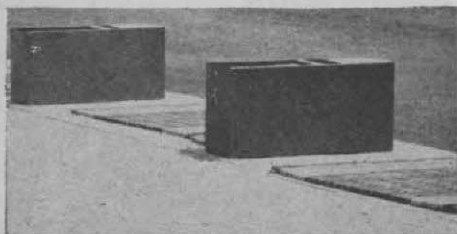
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Country Club of Ithaca, N. Y., building new clubhouse and to have new course designed by James Harrison, Turtle Creek, Pa. . . . Old clubhouse and 64 acres sold by club to Cornell university . . . Green Hills CC, Millbrae, Calif., completes \$175,000 clubhouse improvement and pool program.

One of best promotion ideas we heard of last year was that of Willie Kidd, jr., pro at Interlachen, Minneapolis . . . He got in touch with club officials in the Twin Cities about entering teams, each

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made up of three lads of high school age whose parents belong to the clubs, in a league . . . Thirteen teams from St. Paul and seven from Minneapolis played in the league.

Despite cold spells that damaged Florida courses, Dave Hendry, PGA National supt., had his course in such good condition for Seniors-Juniors match play event and the Seniors championship that bellyaching about the course was at a minimum.

Mrs. George Sargent, wife of the first pres. of the PGA Seniors (1937-38) fell down steps at the Fort Harrison hotel during the Seniors' meeting . . . Friends were very much concerned about her but she got to her feet, walked upstairs to the lobby, then went with George to their room where they watched a fight on TV . . . After looking at the pugs belt each other for several rounds she remarked to George, "If they can take that I don't think falling down a few steps will knock me out."

Ernest Edwards from Greensboro, N.C., to new Rio Pinar CC, Orlando, Fla., as pro . . . Course designed and built by Mark Mahannah now has first 9 in play and will have second 9 open May 1 . . . Its 18 will stretch to 7000 yds . . . It is center of fine real estate project of firm headed by Jack Jennings . . . On the

opening day of the course \$387,000 in lots were sold . . . Club expects 600 members.

Mike Bonetate, pro at American Brass CC, Naugatuck, Conn., said to Frank Gilholm, Attleboro (Mass.) CC pro, at Dunedin, "I was born in Glasgow . . . Frank began asking Mike about old Scotch families and lively spots at the Gilholm birthplace . . . Mike stopped him: "You got me wrong, Frank, I meant Glasgow, Italy."

Work started Jan. 10 on 18-hole City of Long Beach, Calif. municipal course designed by Bill Bell . . . Bill also recently designed two 18-hole courses for the Ft. Douglas Club, Salt Lake City . . . Construction on first of these to start Mar. 1 . . . Bella Vista CC, 7100 yd. course recently opened in Dominican Republic, has world's longest 18th hole . . . It's practically an all-day drive, 660 yards, and is named after Ben Hogan . . . Alfred H. Tull designed Bella Vista.

H. O. Heeland, who was mgr. at several Pa. clubs from 1926 until 1941, died recently at his home in Northfield, N. J. . . . Jerry Roche, former Sands Point, L. I. club mgr., recently toured the Nassau County (N. Y.) Blue course in 100 minutes and shot a 68 in doing so . . . Dave Eisenberg, N. Y. Journal American golf writer, says New York City could use at least a half dozen Par 3 courses, but too much red tape has to be cut to get clearances for building them.

Clifford Ann Creed, the 19-year old who won

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last year's women's amateur All-American, already has more than 100 tournaments behind her . . . 80 electric golf cars are in use at Naples (Fla.) Golf & Beach club where Paul Bell is pro . . . Less Ward has been named to head pro job at Glen Ridge (N. J.) CC, succeeding Jack Fox who retired . . . Les was Jack's asst. for two years.

New Yellowstone CC, Billings, Mont., will be in play sometime this year . . . The 7,000 yard layout was designed by Robert Trent Jones . . . Another Jones project is the revamping of the 18-hole Stowe (Vt.) CC course which is being brought up to date to complement the city's ski resort . . . The idea is to make Stowe a year-around sports center . . . Jones also has recently completed the Dorado (P. R.) course; revamped Tulsa's Southern Hills for the Open; put the Air Force Academy course at Colorado Springs into construction; and designed the Bellerive CC course in St. Louis . . . It will be built in '58.

Caddies at new Diplomat CC, Hollywood, Fla., have to shave before they get into their caddy uniforms . . . Fine lockerroom, lockers, showers, provided for the nomadic caddies . . . If they don't keep themselves and caddie quarters neat they're out on Highway No. 1 pronto . . . Peter Hay, famed veteran pro at Pebble Beach, now joins Bobby Jones in having a course named after him . . . The 761 yd., par 3 course near Del Monte Lodge, opened last

fall, bears the name of the colorful Scot who has presided at Pebble Beach for 42 years.

Indication that salaries will have to be boosted to correct growing shortage of qualified supts. seen in decisions of graduates golf course maintenance courses . . . Of 18 recent graduates, 14 went with commercial firms instead of with courses that offered them jobs . . . Pros in the San Francisco district say they've got two likely candidates for the National Open title this year, Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi . . . Venturi has been practicing like Hogan used to and Ward is 25 yards longer off the tee than when he won 1955 and 1956 National Amateur titles.

There's a new young man, Gregory, in the Shreve family at San Francisco . . . His daddy, Virgil, is pro at Harding Park . . . California pros' junior instruction program continues to grow . . . Many pros say their kids have such sound foundations and good games the handicap average in California by 1965 should be four or five strokes better than now . . . Northern California Junior Golf Assn. championship, played during Easter week, has a field of about 260 boys between 10 and 18 . . . And a big pro-junior curtain-raiser.

Bill Hardy, pro at Chevy Chase Club (Washington dist.) became a PGA member when George Sargent, once a pro at Chevy Chase, was PGA president . . . Now he's got another PGA card signed by George's son, Harold, as pro head man . . . St. Petersburg (Fla.) City

Managers' Golf committee plans first annual Bill Cody Memorial baseball players' tournament, reviving an affair that the late E. P. (Bill) Cody and baseball player, Jimmy Foxx, who was recently in the news, put on in 1941 at Jungle CC, St. Pete . . . The annual baseball players' tournament in the Miami sector started by George Jacobus and still conducted by the Ridgewood (N. J.) CC going stronger than ever.

Jim Entwistle, now pro at Tuscarora CC, Marcellus, N. Y., succeeding his dad, Bill, who died last Thanksgiving after being Tuscarora's pro for the last 10 years of a fine career . . . Betsy Rawls told Ralph Warner, Tampa Tribune sports columnist, that her expenses on the Ladies PGA tour last year were \$7000 . . . Betsy won \$9651 . . . To that sum was added a nice roll from Wilson as staff member and for exhibitions . . . Girl pro's expenses for making the circuit usually run about \$5000 a year and that calls for thrifty management.

Bob Anderson from CC of Cleveland, O., to be supt. at Corpus Christi, Tex., CC . . . Glade Montgomery, pro at Liberty (Ind.) CC 9-hole course has made some kind of a record . . . Annual dues at his club are only \$30 . . . This is the lowest dues figure we've heard at a club that has a pro . . . And young Montgomery is an excellent pro.

Just when things were nice and quiet among the elder pros at Dunedin prior to Senior's Week, Jimmy Lawson came in with a copy of the Glasgow Sunday Post carrying a feature about the battle of Bannockburn where the Scots defeated the English and Welsh . . . It happened Monday, June 24, 1314 but the Sunday Post retold the tale with as much detail as Sandy Armour telling about his last round before leaving Edinburgh to go out to the States . . . Jimmy said the Sunday Post reported that in the Scotch force of 10,000 under Robert the Bruce that beat the 30,000 English there were 15 men from Carnoustie, one fat boy from St. Andrews and nobody at all from Monifieth. . . . Then the fight began again.

Otto Hardt's de luxe motel, Hardt's Desire, at Dunedin on Alt. 19 and the PGA National entrance road, is packed to the roof by pros and their wives for weeks around the PGA Seniors' gathering . . . Better reserve a year in advance . . . The Eddie Williams' and Mike Bradys are among the new homeowners at Dunedin . . . Charlo Manor, beautiful new motel at Clearwater Beach and home of several pro families down for Dunedin activities, owned by brother of Bob Brumby, formerly NY News golf writer.

Jimmy Crichton from Port Huron (Mich.) CC to pro appointment at Fox Hills CC, Plymouth, Mich. . . . Bill Netter, formerly asst. to Emil Beck at Black River CC, Port Huron, Mich., and a graduate of the first PGA Assistants' School, succeeds Crichton at Port Huron CC . . . Charley Strack, out of Army to sign as pro at Red Lion (Pa.) CC . . . Strack at PGA Assistants' School this year.

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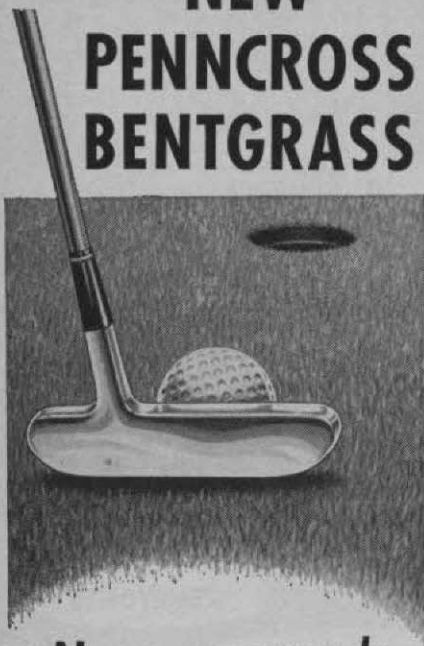
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Ed Hunt, mgr., Ft. Harrison hotel, Clearwater, has offered PGA use of the hotel's ballroom for the 1959 PGA Assistants' School which probably will outgrow facilities available at Dunedin... John Inglis told at Dunedin how in 1907 he came from Larchmont (N. Y.) Yacht and GC where he was pro to build 9-hole course at Ft. Myers, Fla., near Royal Palm hotel... Course site long ago built up with homes... Fort Myers CC 18-hole course, where Roland and Kay Wingate preside, was built out past the Thomas A. Edison winter home after the first course was subdivided.

Robert Trent Jones has located 6 new fairway bunkers at Southern Hills, Tulsa, site of this year's Open, put new tee on 5th extending it to 595, on 12th to stretch it to 465, on 14th to make it 209 and on 16th to make it 538... Supt. John Price has alteration program worked out so next June players and gallery will think Southern Hills always looked as it will then.

Better make hotel or motel reservations for the Open early as Tulsa will be packed with visitors... In the southwest the folks drive 500 miles with no more concern than northern and eastern big town sissies take a cab.

Good job done in rearranging the very small shop at PGA National course... Frank Sprogell, pro-mgr. of the club, wanted to get some room for moving around in the tiny shop... Les Cottrell, asst. pro in charge of sales, has various manufacturers' lines displayed on pegboard wall fixtures with the respective manufacturers' names behind the group displays... Bob Lee, Leo Anderson and Bob Shoemaker also are on Sprogell's staff... Tom Raklett is starter at Dunedin.

Ben Yasko, active in New Jersey pro work for years, now is operating a busy golf club repair service at 480 E. 25th st., Hialeah, Fla., half block east of the race track... Ben left the pro job at Homestead CC, Spring Lake, N. J., to go south and start the repairing service that has been helpful to pros and their customers in south Florida.

The Burke brothers, Billy, Pete and now Eddie, are the first three brothers to compete in the same PGA Seniors' championship... Pete was winner two years ago... This is 1931 National Open champion Billy's 25th year as pro at CC of Cleveland, O... This is Billy's 11th year as winter pro at Clearwater (Fla.) CC... Billy has been in golf business at Clearwater since 1924, starting as caddiemaster at Bellaire-Biltmore, then becoming asst. to Alex Smith, then pro with George Low, prior to going to Clearwater CC.

There's talk of extending the pro-and-three-members invitation foursome tournament idea from Bermuda so it will present events at Pinehurst, Sea Island and possibly Point Clear on a tournament-a-month basis for a select group... Sports Turf Bulletin of British Sports Turf Research Institute comments on frequency of "complete inadequacy of documents relating to expensive construction work for new sports grounds" and adds that complete specifications

for new courses, although difficult to prepare, make it easier, cheaper and better in getting the job done right the first time.

Dick Hudson, sports ed of Charleston, W. Va., Mail, says if course at city's Coonskin Park doesn't develop, "we may never have a course in this area for the average Joe." . . . Des Moines (Ia.) city park board planning third municipal course . . . New half-million dollar clubhouse to be completed at Washington G & CC, Arlington, Va., this spring . . . Third municipal course to be constructed in Erie, Pa., this spring if Municipal Golf Commission can sell city council on the idea . . . On the other hand, Greenwich, Conn., golfers have been trying to get a munny course for 29 years.

Wenatchee (Wash.) G & CC acquires 50 additional acres for adding a second 9 to present 9 . . . Complete 18 will be ready for play in 1959 . . . Pineway GC, Sweet Home, Ore., to be ready for play this spring . . . Clarkston (Wash.) CC clubhouse destroyed by fire . . . Loss estimated at \$100,000 . . . Hutchinson, Kans., city commissioner recommends hiring supt. to manage and improve municipal course.

New pres. of the Northern Ohio GCSA is Bob Fannin of Kirtland . . . Earl Yesberger of North Olmsted is vp, and Herman Dietz, Manakiki Municipal, Cleveland, is secy-treas. . . . Dave Mancour succeeds Jim Wright, who resigned, as pro at Silverado CC, Napa, Calif. . . . Bill Wright named pro at new Brookwood CC, Jackson, Miss. . . . First 9 here completed with work soon to start on second 9 and clubhouse.

Houston's new mayor, Lewis Cutrer, abolishes city golf director's job and puts three munny course, The Champions, will be ready for play Robie Williams at Memorial, J. P. Hutchens, Hermann, and Nat Johnson, Glenbrook . . . They, in turn, work under the supervision of the City Parks and Recreation Dept. . . . Williams' new asst. is Roy Moulder . . . New Riverbend CC in Houston informally opened for play in mid-January . . . Course was designed by Press Maxwell.

The Jimmy Demaret-Jack Burke Houston course. The Champions, will be ready for play by late June . . . Construction just starting on the club's \$400,000 clubhouse . . . Bill and Dave Gordon start clearing ground for new Willow Oaks CC they designed . . . It's located on James river near Richmond, Va.

New clubhouse at Paradise Valley CC, Phoenix, to get occupancy permit around Mar. 1 . . . Al Zimmerman's pro shop will be located in new building and old shop will be torn down to provide more room around the first tee . . . For this year's Phoenix Open, Supt. Bob Ervine of Phoenix CC has replaced old, compacted sand and replaced it with new so the pros will have to blast out instead of roll the ball out with their putters.

Reggie Spencer now pro at Morgantown (W. Va.) G & CC, having gone there from similar job at Preston (W. Va.) CC . . . Walsenburg, Colo. council okays 5-year lease on 115-acre tract north of city for purpose of building a 9-

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hole course . . . East Ridge CC, Shreveport, La., opens spacious new clubhouse, two years after club was founded . . . Fordyce (Ark.) G & CC reorganized with revenue from new membership and sale of bonds being applied to club's debts and an improvement program.

Iowa City group incorporates for purpose of buying 140-acre tract north of city and building a \$250,000 18-hole course . . . Fred Brown, pro at newly opened Bartow (Fla.) Air Base GC,



Torrey Pines GC, which Bill Bell designed for the City of San Diego (Calif.), is one of the most popular recreation spots in that area. It was opened last summer. The No. 4 green is in the foreground and right behind it is No. 3 green.

*San Diego Tourist Bureau photo*

not only designed the course but supervised its construction . . . Art Marks has moved from Lakewood CC to Rumson (N. J.) CC where he is taking over pro duties . . . Shrewsbury, N. J. borough council approves construction of 9-hole course on city property.

Plan to have 9-hole course at Norton, Va., ready for play in June . . . Construction to start in March . . . Clinton (Conn.) CC expects to have opening day ceremonies on Memorial Day. . . . Westchester County, N. Y., claims to be "golffingest county in U. S." with 42 courses . . . Any challengers? . . . Cleveland Planning Commission gets information on new 18-hole course which John S. Nagy, recreation commissioner hopes to build near Hopkins airport . . . It's cost would be around \$425,000.

New York City keeps four courses open during the winter: Dyker Beach, Clearview, Moshulu and Silver Lake . . . Town of Fallsburg, N. Y., proceeding with plans for construction of 18-hole course after it was temporarily blocked by a citizen who claimed town board was acting beyond its scope in planning a course . . . State supreme court, however, dismissed the citizen's petition.

Northern California Golf Assn. has a liason committee at each of its member clubs . . . Sec. Bob Hannah says the plan of having direct and immediate connection between the association and its associates works out very well when campaigning for equitable taxation, and in other legislative matters . . . Hazel Thompson of the association's office testifies that the liason com-

mittee is good for getting clubs to answer association mail.

A golf course equipment dealer with a good memory of the early '30s advises caution on the course — subdivision promotions . . . The idea of building communities around courses is sound, he declares, but unless the promoters are experienced and established men there is a risk they may run out leaving the course and club without any operating plan and money if, as and when lot sales get slow.

Mike McDonough, supt. Haggin Oaks, Sacramento, Calif. municipal course, was in charge of the construction of the course when it was built to the design of the late Dr. Alister Mackenzie who, with Bob Jones, designed the Augusta National course . . . Alvin Victorson, beginning his 11th year at Newberry (Mich.) CC, says the new Newberry clubhouse will be completed by summer . . . Newberry and all other clubs in the upper peninsula of Michigan expect to get more play this year because of traffic across the new Mackinaw Straits bridge.

Tommy LoPresti's range and Par 3 course at Sacramento, Calif., said to be best designs for profitable operation on the Pacific Coast . . . His par 3 course has no specially built tees . . . Tee markers are frequently moved on the grass fairways . . . Gives players better conditions and tee areas don't get chewed up . . . The range is 280 yds. square and has a watering system.

Country Club of Florida course in village of Golf on the northern edge of Delray Beach, Fla., lengthened to 7200 yds. for Western Amateur, April 10-15 . . . Supt. Norman Johnson has the course in grand condition despite cold weather and deluges that plagued Florida.



Newly opened is Valley Hi CC in Colorado Springs. Pool, clubhouse and 9 of 18 holes are fully completed with second 9 to come. Henry Hughes of Denver designed the course. Art Stewart is pro and Lee Stottern, supt. Course commands fine view of Pikes Peak.

Graeme D. Nicholl, one of the premier and most pleasant golf enthusiasts, retiring as S.E. Asia mgr. at Singapore of Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. to become secretary of Mid-Ocean Club, Tucker's Town, Bermuda, beginning next March . . . Graeme supplied some photographs for Hagen's book . . . He was playmate of Walter and Joe Kirkwood on their historic trip to the Orient . . . If you've got members figur-

ing on going to Bermuda, write Nicholl . . . They couldn't be in better company.

**A pro on the Pacific Coast** — I forget who — was talking about the big increase in women's golf and said: "Women made the cigarette business very big and they're going to do the same thing for golf." . . . Clever idea in club grill rooms is that in Coral Ridge clubhouse at Ft. Lauderdale . . . Bar is in front of picture window that is practically one wall of the room and which opens onto view of 18th green, 1st and 18th tees and 1st green in distance . . . Because bartenders aren't transparent their working platform is lowered so you can see a lot of the course picture over them.

A smart New England pro tells me he likes to start new golfers, especially women golfers, with well fitted used clubs upon which he has spent a little time getting them into good condition . . . He says it's not only the bargain price that appeals but it is the idea of giving the



Cary Middlecoff and staff examine a green at the new Diplomat CC, Hollywood, Fla. Diplomat 18-hole course is part of largest resort built in southern Florida in 30 years. With Middlecoff are (l to r): Roy Weir, caddymaster; Nick Bersan, asst. pro; Buck White, assoc. pro, Bur Anders, starter; John Porazinski, shop attendant. Frank Sarro, teaching pro, wasn't present when picture was taken.

women more attention while fitting them . . . The plan keeps them away from cut-price stores and brings them back to him when they are playing a lot of golf and want a brand new set of clubs.

There's a lot to be said for the plan at the new Diplomat CC at Hollywood, Fla., where a membership costs \$600 for the first year but nobody's eligible for regular membership in the club until after the first year . . . Gives the members and the club management a good chance to look everybody over and see if they're the right sort of people.

M. D. Thom, Glasgow Evening Citizen golf writer, says new crop of amateurs is most promising that Scotland has had in years and the Scotch pro youngsters, headed by Eric Brown, look very good . . . Brown will be at the

## Turf Conferences

Feb. 2-7—GCSA National Turfgrass Conference & Show, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Feb. 4-6—U. of Calif. Turf Conference, Davis.

Feb. 17-20—Pennsylvania State University Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park.

Feb. 24-25—Southern Turf Conference, Chickasaw CC, Memphis, Tenn.

Feb. 24-28—Cornell Conference, Ithaca, N. Y.

Mar. 3-4—Midwest Regional Turf Conference, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Mar. 6-7—U. of Massachusetts Turf Conference, Amherst.

Mar. 10-12—Iowa GCSA Short Course, Iowa State College, Ames.

Mar. 13-14—Royal Canadian Turf Conference, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Apr. 7-8—Southeastern Turf Conference, Tifton, Ga.

Masters . . . Jimmy Walker, 36, three-time winner of British Police championship, is among Scotland's better amateurs . . . He was a speed cop in Ayrshire . . . He is fast traffic on a course, playing 18 holes usually in less than 2 hours.

Northeast GCSA raising fund to help Al Bosbach, one of its members who lost a leg as result of an automobile accident this winter . . . Al was returning from a Central N. Y. association meeting when the mishap occurred . . . Contributions for the fund have been coming in from supts. and others all over the U. S., according to Larry Mattei, supt. at Kingsboro GC, Gloversville, N. Y., who is in charge of collections.

Utica, N. Y. group has organized Highby Hills CC and expect to have first 9, swimming pool and clubhouse ready by this summer . . . Geoffrey Cornish is the course architect and Joseph Bader is supt. . . Second 9 to be built later on 300-acre tract . . . Tom Mascaro, pres. of West Point Products Corp., West Point, Pa., recently married to Dorothy R. Heathman of Lawndale, Pa.

George Lake, pro at Recreation Park GC, Long Beach, Calif., takes over pro concession at Los Alamitos Race Track GC . . . John Beekman, who handles public relations for the race track, is mgr. of the 9-hole course . . . Los Coyotes CC, Buena Park, Calif., publishes Vol. 1, No. 1 of a house organ for members in January . . . It's very nicely turned out and appropriately named "The Lost Coyotes."

Pre-Xmas sale of season's tickets for USGA Open topped \$100,000, according to Philip Taber, general chmn., Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, where the '58 event will be played . . . Previous high mark was \$73,000 in 1956 when the Open was played at Oak Hill CC in Rochester.

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### Swinging Around Golf

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... 18th baseball players golf championship to be played at Miami Springs, Feb. 13-16 with Al Dark as defending titleholder ... Prizes for third Southeastern Pro-Am, to be played in Moultrie, Ga., Feb. 15-16, increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Arthur E. Asplund, 55, who was supt., Northland CC, Duluth, Minn., for 30 years, died in a Duluth hospital late in December ... He survived a boating accident in 1953 in which his friend, Harold Clasen, Northland pro, was drowned ... Mr. Asplund was active in the Minnesota GCSA for many years ... He is survived by his widow, Elsa; a son, Arthur E., jr., a brother and two sisters.

United States Rubber Co's annual dinner for the PGA Seniors and their friends, the first major social affair of Seniors' Week this year, was the biggest party US has put on ... This, the 8th of these affairs, had 525 guests ... John Sproul, US Rubber golf ball sales mgr. spoke on the company's 1958 sales plans and products and showed slides of the staff now playing US balls ... George McCarthy was the m.c.

Jack Daray, 76, died at Coronado (Calif.) Hospital, Jan. 28, following an operation ... He had been a resident of California for five years, designing the 27-holes at San Diego naval base and Coronado CC course which was

put into play Dec. 16 ... For many years Mr. Daray was pro at Olympic Fields CC, Chicago, then went into course architecture ... He was associated with Charles Nash in the Mission Hills CC, Chicago dist. fee course ... He is survived by his widow and his sons, Cmdr. Jack, jr., and Robert ... Joe Warburton, for past three years asst. to Willie Figeira at Rio Hondo CC, Downey, Calif., now pro at new 9-hole Los Alamitos (Calif.) CC.

Cal Kovens and Charles Gertler have bought Rockledge CC, Cocoa, Fla. ... County Recreation dept. urges that county build 18-hole course near San Jose, Calif. ... Don Enockson and wife now operating Atlantic (Ia.) G&CC clubhouse ... Carol Cty, 3000 acre suburb being built in Dade County, Fla., to start building 18-hole course soon ... Lloyd Mangrum and Newt Bass figuring on bulding course near Apple Valley (Calif.) CC to design of Bill Bell.

Hillcrest CC in Detroit dist., owned by Woodrow W. Woody, turned into private club ... Morey's CC and Plymouth CC, also in Detroit dist., changed from semi-private to private operation last year ... Abe Arnowitz, starting 18th season as pro at Flagler Hotel & CC, Fallsburg, N. Y., to be in a new pro shop this spring ... Joe Mayo now supt., Oamont CC, Glendale, Calif. ... He came back to mainland after being supt. at Army-Navy-Marine course at Pearl Harbor which he built for the late Billy Bell.