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once between May and Aug. 1 . . . On the other hand, Richmond (Calif.) GC has spent \$7,500 in recent months trying to improve its wells and sprinkling equipment.

John Coghill, owner of the 36-hole Silver Lake course, on which this year's USGA public links championship was contested, estimated that the championship week cost him \$25,000 . . . There was no paid play on the North course used for the championship and those who might have played Silver Lake's South course came over and watched the Publix championship at which there was no gallery fee . . . Coghill and the McNultys one of whose two Gleneagles 18s were used for the Chicago Open had a total tournament cost of in excess of \$40,000.

Bill and Dave Gordon design 18 holes, feature of real estate development at Williamsburg, Va. . . . Gordon also designed the new 18 Hermitage CC is building at Richmond, Va. . . . Atlantic City (N. J.) CC putting on second annual Seniors' invitation 54-hole open, Oct. 21, 22, 23.

Joe Whitehead says south Florida supts. are talking about great job Hans Schmeisser has done as supt., Ft. Lauderdale CC . . . Hans also supervising construction of par 3 course at Vinoy Park Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla., to design of David Gill, St. Charles, Ill. . . . Schmeisser recently elected pres., Florida Assn. of Golf Course Supts., succeeding Norman Johnson of CC of Florida.

James R. Ireland, for two years in the New York office of the MacGregor Co., now MacGregor pro salesman in New York . . . He will do O.K.; he is a protege of Tom "Meatcutter" Robbins . . . Roy E. Canedy, owner of the Brookdale and Meadow Park courses at Tacoma, Wash. got a surprise out of the larger cups he used for his annual Brookdale tournament . . . Playing conditions were perfect yet winner was 5 strokes higher than last year . . . But Canedy is keeping the larger cups for Brookdale and for his par 31 9-hole course at Meadow Park.

PGA and potential sponsors working on deal to establish PGA match championship for \$30-35,000 purse . . . Some hope of getting event underway at Dunedin, this winter and making it annual affair . . . Hillcrest of L.A. said to be interested in tournament of this kind for 1960 . . . The match play championship would fill in for PGA Championship, abandoned this year in favor of 72-hole medal play competition . . . 1958 stroke play event was artistic success and did large gross at Philadelphia's Llanerch CC . . . But net profit to PGA was less than \$100 . . . PGA will retain the 72-hole medal play competition on summer circuit schedule . . . It's scheduled for Minneapolis in '59 and Akron, O., in 1960.

Duncan M. Barr, pro at East Orange (N.J.) GC, died recently of cancer . . . He was 62 . . . Mr. Barr came to U.S. from Scotland in 1921 . . . He served at Essex CC, West Orange, N. J., Rye (N.Y.) CC, Colonial in Ft. Worth in addition to East Orange . . . He is survived by the widow, Joan, and two daughters, one of whom, Mrs. William E. Tracy was N.J. women's amateur champion in 1950 and 1957.