

New Course Construction Sets Postwar Record

The 178 new regulation golf courses and additions to courses opened for play in 1958 brings the nation's total to 5,718 courses, a new postwar high, according to the annual report of the National Golf Foundation, recently released by Joe Graf-fis, pres. New highs in construction and planning activity also were recorded with 301 courses under construction (vs. 289 in 1957) and 960 in the planning stage, 202 more than last year.

California leads all states for the third consecutive year with 31 courses opened for play. Texas is second with 15, Florida,

third, with 14 and New York, fourth, with 13.

California also heads the list in courses under construction with 25. New York and Ohio each has 20 and Pennsylvania, 16. Over 10 per cent of the regulation courses opened for play in 1958 fall into the golf course-real estate combination category.

The 38 new Par-3s opened for play in 1958 brings the total number of short courses to 249, an increase of 19 per cent over the 211 in play in 1957. An additional 32 Par-3s are under construction.

The growing popularity of the short course is underlined by the fact that, in 1955, the National Golf Foundation reported only 120, or less than half the number of Par-3s in existence today.

Writes, Illustrates Golf Book

Willard (Bud) Gaskill, pro-supt. of the University of Pittsburgh's Wildwood CC, is artist and author of "Golf At A Glance" a 128 page book of golf instruction in cartoons. The book sells for \$1 and is published by Arco Pub. Co., 480 Lexington ave., New York 17.

Gaskill studied commercial art for six

years. He has served as pro at Hornell (N. Y.) CC, Seneca Lake CC, Geneva, N. Y., Bolivar (N. Y.) CC and Nemacolin CC at Pittsburgh where he was golf coach at Washington and Jefferson college. He has done a good job of picturing the fundamentals in this little book and it is understandable and particularly useful for newcomers to the game.

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