

## How Ternyei, Volpe Brought Golf to Roosevelt School

Jerry Volpe, pro at Englewood (N.J.) CC, and his new teaching assistant, Alex Ternyei, were the subjects of an interesting article by Golf Writer Larry Robinson in a recent Magazine section issue of the New York World-Telegram and Sun.

Robinson told how Alex, restless after a week or two of sitting in the golf shop looking out at ice, snow and sleet, decided it was time he busied himself teaching golf somewhere. So, he walked over to nearby Roosevelt public school and offered to teach an indoor golf class. Ternyei expected about a dozen kids to turn out, but when word travelled around for a day or two that Junior classes were going to be held in the school gym, Alex was swamped with about 70 applicants. The youngsters ranged from eight to 14 years of age. There were as many girls as boys interested in playing.

### Cuts Down Clubs

With all those kids clamoring to learn how to swing a club, Alex had to retreat hastily to Englewood CC and round up and cut down all the old clubs he could find. Jerry Volpe, noting Ternyei's feverish tailoring work, asked what was going on and upon finding out, volunteered his services. So, at the opening class session, the team of Ternyei and Volpe divided the instruction. It continued every week right through the winter.

Now, Volpe has worked out a plan whereby all the kids who stuck with the golf course through the winter months will get a chance to play at Englewood CC each Monday this summer. Both he and Alex feel that now that the youngsters have learned something about swinging a club it is only proper they should get a chance to regularly test their knowledge under playing conditions.

The Ternyei-Volpe program worked so well at Roosevelt that other schools in the city have asked the two pros to work out a Junior golf plan for their students.

### Northwest Turf Officers

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1959 officers of the American Society of Golf Course Architects are (left to right): J. Press Maxwell, vp; David W. Gordon, pres.; and William B. Langford, secy-treas. They were elected at recent annual meeting of architects held at the Grand Hotel in Pt. Clear, Ala.

## Par 3 Owner Gives Clinics to Revive Industrial Golf

Industrial league golf at Floyd March's Par 3 course in Lima, Ohio, suffered a setback in 1958 due to the recession and poor weather. But that hasn't discouraged March, a veteran pro who came out of retirement a few years ago to build and operate the short course along with a driving range.

During the past winter, March gave weekly clinics at several plants in and around Lima to revive interest in the leagues that boomed in 1957. At one plant he had more than 50 people interested in learning how to play golf and at another nearly that many showed up week in and week out to learn something about the game. All told, Floyd conducted clinics five nights a week in a promotion effort for his golf center.

In 1957, March's Par 3 was overrun with industrial golfers. Three large companies kept very active leagues running and there also was a league sponsored by local business establishments. Play at the center was nearly twice what it had been in 1956 when league play was introduced.

But in 1958 Lima, an industrial city, was hard hit by the recession and company sponsored golf folded. The business loop continued to operate but poor weather in June and July resulted in a large number of postponed matches and league play never really got off the ground.

This year, though, plants in and around Lima are back in full production, and everyone is optimistic. Particularly so is March who is sure he has hundreds of golfers itching to play after attending those clinic sessions this winter.