

PGA, Burke Clarify Merchandise Status

Clarification of the tieup between the Professional Golfers' Foundation and Burke Golf Sales, Inc., Newark, O. has been made with the announcement that both PGA and Burke equipment will be available this year and that effective July 1, 1959, a new agreement between the two will go into effect. However, on that date, National PGA Distributors, a new company in which Burke has a financial interest, becomes the sole distributor for golf equipment bearing the brand of the PGA.

Burke Golf Sales has announced that on Nov. 1, 1958, it purchased the contract of and will replace Jack Moone who, since 1956, had been marketing agent for the PGA merchandising program.

Pete Bullis, Veteran Golf Salesman, Dies Suddenly

C. G. (Pete) Bullis, one of the best known golf salesmen in the Midwest, died suddenly at his home in Crystal Lake, Ill., early in December. Pete, who covered Wis., Minn., and N. D. for The MacGregor Co., had completed his fall sales trip only a day before his death. He had worked for MacGregor since 1948 and before that had been employed by Burke Golf Sales, Inc. for about 25 years.

A Navy veteran of World War I, Pete was 60 years old. He is survived by his widow, Claire.

Bob Kennedy, Veteran Golf Salesman, Dies in East

Robert F. Kennedy, the oldest active golf salesman covering the New England and Eastern states, died at his home in Boston in December at the age of 81. Identified with the golf business for more than a half century, Bob's introduction to the game came when he went to work as a salesman for Wilson. Later he was a golf ball salesman for U. S. Rubber Co. In more recent years he worked for Golf Associates of Boston and was active with this firm until the time of his death.

He is survived by a son, Robert F.

Midwest Spring Conference

The Midwest Regional spring turf conference will be held in the new Memorial Center at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 2-4. Theme of the conference will be "Modern Turf Practices."

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ained as pro-supt.

Semple, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, came to U. S. in 1926 . . . He was a leading Scottish amateur star and was headed for Canada to work as a salesman when the late John G. Anderson of Winged Foot, a leading U. S. amateur, persuaded him to turn pro . . . He first worked for Bill Green at Rumson CC and spent a lot of time in clubmaking . . . Jack started numbering irons from 1 to 9 and, as far as he knows, was the first to do so . . . Shortly after this, Semple went to Rock Spring to start his 30-year tenure.

"Turf Traffic Tolerance" was theme of fall meeting of Southern Calif. Turf Institute held at Riviera CC in Pacific Palisades . . . An all-star cast took over the rostrum as speakers and panel experts and included John J. Stark, Tom Mascaro, O. J. Noer, Russell Perry, Victor B. Youngner, O. R. Lunt, Marston Kimball, William Benguefield, V. T. Stoutmeyer, Tosh Fuchigami, Jack P. Bockes, Bill Beresford, Frank Stewart, Carl Bloomfield, Charles Wenger and John Coogan.

John C. Harper, II, a 1948 agronomy graduate, has been appointed to the Penn State University faculty as associate professor in agronomy extension . . . He's a World War II combat vet, former Penn State golf captain and member of both the Minnesota and Mid-Atlantic GCSAs . . . Second Irish Hospitals \$15,000 Open to be played July 10-12 in Dublin . . . Carl E. Dilsaver, new supt. of PGA National GC course, formerly was at Dorado Beach GC in Puerto Rico . . . He replaces David Henry who was at Dunedin for about two years.

Calif. Left Handed Golfers Assn. shooting for membership of 600 . . . It is outgrowth of No. Calif. Lefties organization and covers entire state . . . A. A. Douglas of Napa is pres. . . . Ralph Plummer kept busy working out plans for second 18 at Houston's Atascocita CC last fall . . . He'll design a second 18 for Concord Hotel, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y., this winter . . . Jim Thompson and Bob Dedman, Dallas, form Golf Courses, Inc., to design and build courses . . . It's outgrowth of their management concern, Country Clubs, Inc.

Leon Howard & Assoc. is new firm of golf architects . . . It's located in Bryan, Tex. . . . 1959 National Am mixed foursome championship returning to Tequesta CC, Jupiter, Fla., Feb. 10-14 for second straight year, according to John E. McAuliffe, tourney chmn. . . . Four day Rutgers turfgrass conference will be held Jan. 12-15 in New Brunswick . . . Bob Hamrick goes from Fremont (O.) CC to Champaign (Ill.) as pro.

More than 200 San Diego residents recently gave Mickey Wright, winner of the 1958 LPGA Championship and Women's Open, a "night" . . . Among those helping to salute Mickey was her first pro, Fred Sherman . . . 14th annual meeting of Midwest Chapter of National Shade Tree Conference to be held Feb. 18-20 in La Salle Hotel, Chicago . . . Third Men's Amateur