

puff a bit. "But we'll have electric carts," promises Coconino Pres. C. C. Chesire, a car dealer-rancher who is the dynamo behind the club.

Building Coconino posed some special problems for Baldock and his construction crew, headed by Tom Caranci.

Water, or lack of it, was one. The annual average precipitation at Flagstaff is 25.65 ins. Yuma gets only 2.84. This is the highest for any measuring station in Arizona. But the nature of Flagstaff's soil permits little to percolate into the soil and thus be recovered for future use. There is precious little to waste.

The present Flagstaff CC of 9 holes has cottonseed greens; the fairways are of volunteer grass — rather dusty at times.

"It was a case of using sewer water — or no golf course," explains Baldock. "This is not as bad as it sounds. The disposal water is 85 per cent pure by the time it is pumped to the fairways and greens from a 5-acre reservoir we bulldozed in one corner of the course."

This same pool also serves as a water hazard around the second, sixth and eighth holes.

There were two other problems, common to mountain courses: One, the short growing season (about three months) when



Ivan Gantz (center) and Joe Curtin (r) each get checks of \$250 from Frank Sproggell, pro-mgr. of PGA National GC, for winning the Senior-Junior tournament held in conjunction with the PGA Senior Championship. The Senior-Junior event, played for the third time, is sponsored by Fawick Flexi-Grip Co., maker of Golf Pride Grips.

Astoria bent on the fairways and the delicate Seaside bent for the greens will thrive.

Another was the lack of topsoil. Tons of it had to be hauled in to cover the Coconino fairways to 4 or 5 ins. in depth.

The course alone cost about \$160,000. Clubhouse and other facilities will boost the total to nearly a half million. What justifies such confidence in a community whose population was listed as only 7,663 in 1950? Flagstaff, like big brother Phoenix, is a boom town. The chamber of commerce claims 22,000 in the metropolitan area today. The city is the railhead for the huge Glen Canyon Dam, now being constructed on the Colorado River by an army which soon will total 3,000.

Agriculture, lumber, cattle and sheep ranching are a part of the city's economy. Perhaps more important, however, is the mild climate — offering pleasant escape for vacationers.

Jack Morrison, pro at the Phoenix CC in the winter months, is taking over the new Coconino. Morrison is the son of Alex Morrison, one of the greats among pros of the Hagen-Sarazen era.

Kansas City GA Opens Office

Kansas City (Mo.) Golf Association recently opened an office at 4528 Main st., in Kansas City. It has been established as a clearing center for all golf activity in the metropolitan area and to avoid conflicts in tournament dates.

Loren Lamberth is the Association's executive secy. Officers are: John Thorpe, pres.; Bill Hare and Irl Oliver, vps; George Sinderson, secy., and Bob Mallin, treas.

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