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### Swinging Around Golf

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Turf Management school, now is supt., North Jersey CC, Paterson, N. J. . . . You'll not see any better jobs of organizing and conducting a program than was done at the PGA Business School for Assistants at Clearwater, Fla. . . . Details were handled by four student secretaries: James D. Netter, Port Huron, Mich.; Eugene H. Moyer, Macungie, Pa.; Allen J. Johnson, Conway, Ark., and Morris Denno, Toledo, O.

Alan Bisset is planning to add another 9 to his Copper Hill course in East Granby, Conn. . . . Work underway at Pequabuck in Terryville and Chippance in Bristol . . . They are adjacent courses . . . Doug Ford spoke at the Willie Whalen memorial dinner held recently at Shuttle Meadow in New Britain in conjunction with a member-member tourney . . . Dick Burkarth replaced Willie, who was a Conn. PGA officer for nearly two decades . . . Wampamoag, site of the 1960 New England Men's Am, has installed a new watering system.

The Titleholders is the only big tournament Besty Rawls hasn't won, but she's been runner-up in it three times . . . Fred L. Riffin of the National Golf Fund was recently honored by officials of the Mueller Brass Co. on the occasion of his 55th anniversary with that firm . . . He was presented a 20 by 30 in. bronze plaque . . . Riffin started with Mueller in 1904 as a clerk . . . In 1936 he was named pres. of the company . . . Cameron Henderson of CC of Buffalo has installed a lunch room

for his crew in the maintenance bldg . . . Carl Bretzlaff, supt. at Meridian Hills, Indianapolis, has been there 37 years.

Wes Ellis, Jr. named head pro at Mountain Ridge CC, West Caldwell, N. J., succeeding Jim Taylor, who becomes pro emeritus . . . Ellis is deserting the circuit and will play only in major tournaments . . . Ocean View CC, Norfolk, Va., planning new clubhouse in \$80,000 class . . . Arnold Palmer stayed off the tour 10 weeks last fall in an effort to pull out of a putting slump . . . Says poor putting was due to being overgolfered . . . When that happens, says Arnold, you don't take that extra second to concentrate.

W. Bruce Matthews, course architect of Newaygo, Mich., working on design for second 9 at Sunnybrook in Grandville, Mich. . . . He's also been busy helping to rebuild greens at several clubs in Mich. that went sour because of faulty soil mixtures . . . Matthews designed Willowood CC, Flint, Mich., that will be put in play this year . . . Kyran Nitchelson, who left Ramshorn CC, Fremont, Mich., to supervise building of Willowood, will stay on as supt. . . . They say there are nearly 3,000 dunked balls in Dorado Beach's (P. R.) tidal-lagoon on the 13th hole.

Group headed by Jerome H. Lorber buys Suburban CC, Waukegan, Ill. and have renamed it Orchard Hills . . . Plan to renovate course . . . American Seniors GA tourney to be played at Ponce de Leon GC, St. Augustine, Fla., Mar. 19-26 . . . Leon R. Sikes is defending champion.