

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

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Elgin (Ill.) CC, in its 64th year, recently air conditioned and renovated its clubhouse . . . It's part of \$250,000 improvement program that's going on at the club . . . Fifth annual Carling Cup matches between U. S. and Canadian golfers will be played June 20 at Old Warson CC for benefit of St. Louis Children's Hospital . . . Eight pros and amateurs from each country will compete . . . Both teams have two victories to their credit . . . When the Berkshire Hills golf-o-rama was held this spring to kick off the 1961 season, Dick Baxter, pro at Taconic CC in Williamstown, Mass., and Williams College coach, and John L. Hawkins, Pittsfield, were cited for outstanding contributions to the game . . . Baxter has been pres. of both the Northeast PGA and Northeast GCSA and has done much to boost collegiate golf . . . Hawkins has been extremely active in bringing tournament golf to the Berkshires.

New 9-hole course opened May 11 at the Veterans' Hospital in Downey, Ill., was two years in construction . . . Funds contributed by Chicagoland golfers made it possible . . . It was designed and built by Ray Didier of Mundelein, Ill. . . . Pat Romano, formerly of Apawamis in Rye, N. Y., is head pro at new Somers (N. Y.) CC . . . Including his days as a caddie, Pat put in 35 years at Apawamis . . . Calendar of 1961 tournaments of Metropolitan GA shows more than 150 golf dates between May and October . . . At the urging of H. N. Young, dir. of the experiment station at Virginia Poly, VPI is providing more funds in next year's budget

for turf research . . . Third Mid-America Junior Open to be played June 19-23 at Possum Run GC, Mansfield, O. . . . Medal play round on the 19th will determine the 64 players who will play at match for the title . . . Added feature is special tourney for youngsters 12 and under.

After winning the 1955 Open at Olympic in San Francisco in 1955, Jack Fleck failed to survive the 36-hole cut in 1956 . . . Same fate befell Johnny Farrell, the

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Fourteen year-old Charlie McDowell, who handles that wedge so beautifully on the cover, and Roberta Albers (left, inset) and DeDe Cason were the most talked about golfers in last year's Pee Wee tournament in Orlando, Fla. McDowell shot final round 70 to win 13-15 boys' class; Roberta set a girls' competitive record in winning in her 13-15 age division; and DeDe was the best player in the girls' 3-5 year-old class. Tournament is being renewed this month. For story on Junior golfers, see page 34.

1928 champion, in 1929 . . . According to a release from sponsors of the American Golf Classic (Akron, O.-Aug. 24-27) Firestone CC, site of the tourney, was the only course on which the pros didn't crack par in their 1960 joustings.

Four Aberdeen university students tried to hit a golf ball to the peak of Ben Nevis, western Scotland mountain that is 4,406 ft. high . . . Lads lost 63 balls and broke a club in three hours getting the ball up