

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

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Teenage clubhouses and teenage locker-rooms in main clubhouses, for boy and girl golfers and swimmers are no longer novelties... Kid officers and committees seem to be handling their affairs with good judgment and class.

James Lundberg, St. George, Utah., is pres., St. George CC, soon to start building first 9 of its 18... Open first 9 of Twin Lakes GC seven miles from Chapel Hill, N. C. . . . It is owned by John K. Watkins, Chapel Hill . . . Open fourth 9 at Woodmont CC . . . This 9 was enlarged from Par 3 9-hole course by Leo Treudberg, Woodmont's veteran green chmn., and Supt. Bob Shields.

Maury Fitzgerald, veteran golf writer of Washington Post & Times Herald, comments on tourney pros complaining about courses: "Some day the sponsors are going to quit babysitting and a lot of guys who couldn't hold club jobs will have to go into some other business."

George Ferrier, former PGA Seniors chief, and his wife, Chris, back in Danbury, Conn., after spending most of the summer in Scotland and England... George saw Paul Runyan win Ronald Teacher's International PGA Seniors trophy... He also saw Palmer win British Open after forecasting Palmer's victory... George Smith who retired last year after years as pro at Onwentsia Club, (Chicago dist.) and his wife, Mary, return to U.S. after summer abroad.

John Stobbs, writing in London (Eng.) Sunday Observer, says England (pop, 45,000,000; area 58,000 sq. mi.) has so much unused land suitable for golf courses it is "absurd" to limit public course golf to "an almost infinitesimal part of the

population." . . . Of England's 974 courses only 75 are municipal . . . Glasgow, Scotland (pop. 1,080,000) has eight municipal courses which had about 280,000 rounds the past 12 months.

Pinehurst opens its 5th course . . . All the Pinehurst courses run from and to the clubhouse, making the layout of the world's biggest concentration of courses

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Some of the facts and figures about Ocean Reef CC, North Key Largo, Fla., are almost as impressive as those you see on the cover. There are thousands of palm, maderia mahogany, gumbo-limbo and other tropical trees on the course. On four of the first nine holes trees are located in the middle of the fairways. But No. 8, the hole you are looking at, has none of these obstacles, probably because it is only 130 yards long.

. . . John Shorey, pro at Allentown (Pa.) muni course, each year conducts one of the most popular of public golf course educational programs, the working girls' golf Clinic . . . Many secretaries, students, mothers take lessons . . . Shorey says, "Once women learn to play they play faster than men . . . They plan, do things quickly, efficiently and are speedier than men in making decisions."

Village of North Palm Beach, Fla., approves bond issue which, in part, will buy North Palm Beach CC 18 and clubhouse . . . Paul S. Godfrey & Associates, Albuquerque, N. M., to develop 3700 acre community with two courses . . . Frear Park, Troy, N. Y., municipal 9-hole course