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Swinging Around Golf

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Cincinnati 29, . . . His business telephone number is 531-0711 . . . His home number is 931-1468 . . . Wirtz working on three new tournaments and a couple of TV programs . . . The girls now are moving into the spotlight . . . Popularity of Par 3 courses is giving girl pros tournament possibilities they haven't had in previous years.

Bill Parker, pro-supt, El Toro Marine Corps course, Tustin, Calif., for past eight years, goes to Los Coyotes CC, Buena Park, Calif., succeeding Ben King, who resigned . . . USGA inquiries about "centralizing" district golf assn. handicapping and issuing handicap cards at so much per card have received a polite, gentlemanly "what the hell's the big idea?" reception from district association officials . . . Most district associations have their handicap card take as their main source of operating revenue . . . They haven't "unappropriated surplus at end of year" of \$351,919 such as the USGA reported at its 67th annual meeting, Jan. 28, 1961.

PGA Business School at Clearwater next winter will draw a record roster of assistants and master pros on the basis of the instruction program alone . . . Tommy Armour and Al Watrous will instruct in instruction . . . Armour is sched-

uled for Jan. 24, 25, 26 . . . Emil Beck, Black River CC, Huron, Mich. pro and originator of the PGA Assistants Training and Business School program, got Armour to go for the PGA assignment although Tommy has turned down two big money TV offers this year.

Willie Macfarlane, 72, who won the National Open in 1925 after two 18-hole playoffs with Bob Jones, died of a heart attack at Miami Beach, Aug. 15 . . . After a tie at 291 and another at 75, Macfarlane's 73 beat Jones by a stroke . . . Willie then was pro at Oak Ridge CC (NY Met dist.) . . . He was a native of Scotland and taught school in Scotland before coming to the U. S. . . . In his later years he taught at a range in Miami Beach . . . A few years ago he was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

Ed Brandt, sports editor Norfolk, Virginia-Pilot, says pros may have cried themselves out of the Eastern Open by complaining about condition of Baltimore's Pine Ridge many course greens in practice rounds . . . Baltimore Park Board officials retorted, "We're putting up \$35,000 and losing money on the tournament . . . We do the best we can . . . The high scores do the complaining." . . . Brandt, commenting on the poor publicity PGA tournaments have had in recent years, said, "Somewhere in the near future the pros will have to look at their program and correct it."