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PAR FOR THE COURSE. An anthology edited by Robert Cromie. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York. Price \$6.95.

Cromie, former sports writer for the Chicago Tribune and now its book editor, has chosen interesting samples of moderately long and short prose and short verse on golf. There is very little instruction material but plenty of the pleasant sort of golf talk you hear now and then as fluent, well educated golfers start "remembering when." For years Cromie has been a golf book collector. This anthology exhibits gems from his collection. His all-star team includes such experts as Bernard Darwin, P. G. Wodehouse, John Lardner, Jr., Francis Ouimet, Arthur Daley, Grantland Rice and O. B. Keeler.

The Encyclopedia of Golf . . . By Nevin H. Gibson . . . 1964 Edition . . . Published by A. S. Barnes & Co., 8 E. 36 St., New York 10016 . . . Price \$3.50.

The revised edition of the history and record book that Major Gibson first published in 1958 now has records through 1962. Although in smaller page size than the first edition, the revision has about 50 more pages and is a reference work that should be in every golf library. Anybody who has to talk or write on golf history and the game's great players will find most of the material needed for a script in Gibson's Encyclopedia. Leading U.S. amateur and professional, men and women, national and regional championships are covered, as are British Open and Amateur and international events involving U.S. golfers.

Australian "Provident Fund"

The Australian PGA's "provident fund" for aid of members amounts to approximately \$250,000. It has been built from a 10 per cent assessment on professional tournaments. The Australians manufacture more than 400,000 golf clubs a year and another 60,000 are imported.