



Herb Klontz (r), who retired as supt. at Cedar Rapids CC last December, was awarded Iowa GCSA's distinguished service plaque for 1965 at recent turf conference held at Iowa State U. in Ames. Richard A. Bruns, Jr., president of the Iowa supts' organization, made the presentation.

### Supt. Builds Sturdy But Inexpensive Bridges

Dean Robertson, supt. at Bradford (Mass.) CC, has a brook that runs through or touches seven of his course's nine holes. This year he had to construct three bridges to handle increased traffic. However, the brook was thirty feet wide where the bridges were to be built and Robertson did not want to obstruct the flow of water with bridge supports.

How did he solve the problem? Rather ingeniously, by having the local utility company leave discarded utility poles at the course. Robertson says, "I used these poles to carry the span across the brook."

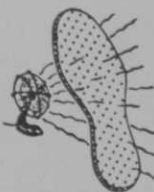
#### Concrete Block Used

In building the bridges, Robertson's crew dug down on both sides of the brook and built a wall of concrete blocks. Spaces were left in the wall to insert three poles. Leaving three feet on either side of the center pole, Robertson's bridge was about six feet wide.

After the poles were secured, a floor of 2- x 10-inch hard pine, purchased second hand from a local wrecking company was laid. The 2 x 10's were spaced a half inch apart and then spiked with 30 penny spikes. The 2 x 10's were cut in seven foot lengths so that they extend six inches over the bridge support poles. A member gave the supt. some heavy rubber conveyor belting that was nailed to the bridge surface.

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To insure safety, a curbing of 4 x 6's was bolted to the edge of the bridge. Robertson, in writing about his bridge building in the New England GCSA Newsletter, says: "I have a bridge that is inexpensive to build, takes abuse of golf spikes, can carry the golf cars and needs little or no maintenance."

### **Play PGA Exhibition Under Lights As Part of Texas Open**

The first PGA-sanctioned night-time golf exhibition to be staged in the U. S. was played April 19 at the Pecan Valley GC's 9-hole Par-38 course in San Antonio, Tex. The exhibition was part of the inaugural activities for the annual Texas Open championships, April 18-25. The Open itself was won by Frank Beard, with Gardner Dickinson second. Winner of the Pecan Valley pro-am tourney preceding the Open was Jim Black.

Some 70 leading pros and amateur golfers competed for \$2,500 in prizes at the outdoor exhibition at Pecan Valley on the 19th under 150,000 watts of electricity furnished by Westinghouse mercury vapor lamps. Mounted on 40-foot-high poles or

affixed to the famous pecan trees, the 168 light fixtures bathe the course's fairways, tees, traps and putting greens in a flood of natural colors. A gallery of 3,000 watched four teams tie for first, with four under par 34s.

The Pecan Valley nine is rated as the world's longest electrically lighted regulation course at 3,821 yards. It has the longest single artificially lighted hole, a 550-yard, par-five. The cost of lighting the Pecan Valley course is estimated at \$3 an hour. The club's second nine is not lighted.

### **New Booklet For Course Planners**

The "Guide for Preparation of Specifications for Golf Course Construction" prepared by H. B. Musser, J. M. Duich and J. C. Harper, all of Penn. State University, has been published by the National Golf Foundation. Organized in 10 sections, the manual is designed to direct those planning construction of a course from the ground up. Presented is a complete set of contract specifications. The book may be obtained from the National Golf Foundation, 804 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654, for 50 cents.