

Swinging around golf

By **HERB GRAFFIS**

News of the Golf World in brief



Clarance Yarn, owner and operator of the Woodside course at Des Moines, and maker of the widely used ball dent repair tool, is up and around after two months' hospitalization following an automobile crash . . . Miami Lakes (Fla.) CC opens its lighted par-54 "Executive" course south of the club's regulation course . . . Pro shops of **Vince Lombard** at Liverpool (N.Y.) G&CC and **Hugh Blair** at Craig Wood G&CC, Lake Placid, N. Y., cleaned out by parties who were professionals in robbery, observed **Bert Purvis**, veteran pro salesman on that beat . . . Any pro shop built without burglar protection isn't a modern one.

Danny Galasso of Toro Power House, Inc., White Plains, N. Y., and his wife are home after European tour . . . Danny says that the beauties of European landscape gardening don't include grass that is up to the U.S. golf course standard . . . **Cy Foster** Par-CC, 300 NW 25th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is chairman of committee organizing the Florida PGA Seniors and conducting the 36-hole tourney.

Bob Ostaff, superintendent at Mountain Ridge CC, West Caldwell, N. J., did one of those thoughtful little things that are greatly appreciated when he used potted plants as tee markers during the Garden State Women's Championship . . . The caddie is a long way from becoming extinct, according to reports from clubs about their annual caddie days . . . Hundreds of parties and a fortune in prizes . . . At Innis Arden CC, Old Greenwich, Conn., members donated \$1,000 in prizes for the club's fifth annual Member-Caddie tournament.

Bobby Cruickshank honored by his members, his associates and other golfers, amateur and pro, at Chartiers CC, Pittsburgh, where he has been summer pro for years . . . Wee Bobbie has developed many great golfers, came close to winning the Big Ones (and never alibied or bellyached when he lost), and with his wife, Nellie, who died recently, contributed immensely to the merriment of golf . . . Cruicky deserves all the tributes paid him and more . . . He is pro at Gulf Stream Club, Delray Beach, Fla., in the winter.

Southern California GCSA is serious about its members having the "executive look." . . . A member who attends a supts. meeting sans coat and tie is fined \$2 . . . The organization made its image bright in the eyes of officials, pros and managers of 50 of the area's clubs who attended its 1965 invitational tournament and field day.

Gordon K. Waldespuhl now pro at Shelby Oaks GC, Sidney, O., coming from assistant post at Wyoming GC, Cincinnati . . . **Steve Zappe** figuring on retiring next year after 45 years as pro at Springfield (O.) CC . . . Golf Society of Great Britain reports that one of its investigators, C. B. Daish of Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, has found that grooved markings on the face of iron clubs do little or nothing in applying backspin or stop to a ball . . . Daish says only effect is to damage the ball . . . USGA tests several years ago also disclosed that markings on faces of iron clubs are virtually futile in helping to do tricks with ball spin . . . Yet look at pages 63, 64, 65 and 66 of the 1965

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USGA Rules of Golf book . . . Maybe that stuff is as amusingly useless as the R&A edicts on iron club marking issued after Jock Hutchison won the British Open at St. Andrews in 1921 and made his mashie do things that the holy fathers of the R & A feared must have been done by Auld Hornie, Satan, Nick, Clottie, or the De'il.

It's easy to remember birthdays in the family of **Massie (Maurie) Miller**, pro at Chemung Hills CC, Howell, Mich. . . . Massie was born on Christmas . . . So was his mother . . . His son, **Dave**, who is asst. to **Jack Ortman** at Sycamore Creek CC, Springboro, O., also was born on Christmas . . . Massie's daughter was born on the Fourth of July . . . The Millers' son Steve was born in January on a day that hasn't yet been declared a legal holiday . . . **Angelo Buzzuto**, pro at Deerfield Beach (Fla.) G&CC, has another busy fall program of women's and kids' class lessons in cooperation with Deerfield Recreation Commission and those of Boca City and Broward County . . . Fall golf classes are rather unusual but Angelo says the authorities in that part of the country make golf one of the top community assets . . . The Deerfield Beach pro says several women from 73 to 78 years old who take several lessons a week and play a par 64 course of 4,800 yards often, pull their bag carts and keep their places in briskly-moving traffic.

Harry Adams, MacGregor salesman, given plaque by Illinois PGA Seniors for his work in financing their championship . . . Errie Ball, Oak Park (Ill.) CC pro, won the Illinois PGA seniors this year . . . Sunderland Golf Center, nine-hole par-3 course at Seaburn, England, is the only night-lighted course in Europe . . . **Ralph W. Miller**, Los Angeles attorney and member of USGA Junior Championship committee, got very much "shook up" on one of his recent tours promoting junior golf . . . Miller went to Mexico City with a team of juniors from Southern California to play Mexican juniors . . . The U. S. kids won by the last putt of the last match . . . The

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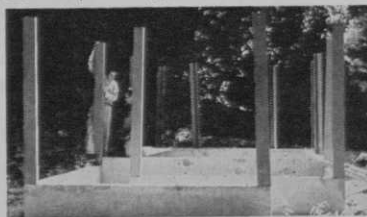
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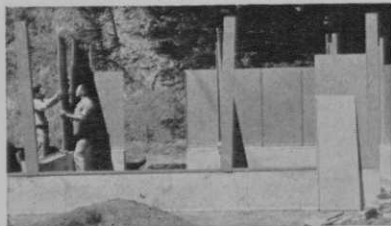
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kids and Miller were jiggled severely and showered with plaster during an earthquake that lasted 89 seconds.

Ken Venturi was guest of honor at "Italian Open" championships played annually by pros and amateurs of Italian ancestry at Tuckaway CC, Milwaukee . . . The event raised \$11,000 for Boys Towns of Italy and U. S. and for Evans caddie scholarships . . . Harry Pezzullo, Illinois PGA president, with 68 (two under par) won the affair for the second time. Al Favelli, Lou Esposito and Mike Benciscutto tied for second at 69 . . . Norman G. Norman switches from manager post at Brynwood CC, Milwaukee, to same position at Milwaukee CC.

American Broadcasting Co. to televise USGA Open, Amateur and Women's Open in 1966, 1967 and 1968 and will televise one of the USGA's other six national and international championships each of the next three years. . . . There are 60 municipal courses in Scotland, England and Northern Ireland, according to the (British) National Association of Public Golf Courses.

Turf management classes are held weekly at Pierce College, Woodland Hills, and Mt. San Antonio college . . . Classes are from 7 to 10 p.m. and are in beginning and advanced units . . . Advanced classes start in February . . . Classes are for people working in the turfgrass industry or preparing for employment in that field.

Donald Cross now pro at Glen Ellen CC, Millis, Mass. . . . He comes from asst. spot at Thomson Club, North Reading, Mass . . . While he was in the Marines he won the club championship at Quantico . . . Middle Atlantic GCSA recent survey among 24 private clubs reported average of 144 acres for 18 holes and average budget of \$48,000.

James G. Harrison of Turtle Creek, Pa. and Ferdinand Garbin, Export, Pa., are teamed together in a lively program of course design and construction . . . They're building 18 for Rittswood CC, Cooperstown, Pa., to open next year, adding second nine at Chippewa CC, Bentleyville, Pa., at Blueberry Hill CC, Warren, Pa., and for Bradford (Pa.)

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Area Golf Assn . . . They're also building the 18 they designed for Chippewa CC, at Barberton, O. It will open next year . . . Harrison and Garbin also are completing 18 for Peter Wallace and Harry Orlick at their Pleasant View CC, Leesburg, O. . . . They've started a new 18 for Pennsylvania State College . . . That eventually will have two 18s . . . They're starting on Blacksburg (Va.) CC 18 and on 18 Tamarack CC in Mount Lebanon area of suburban Pittsburgh . . . Tamarack is a men-only club of executives.

Nineteenth annual joint meeting of Golf Association of Philadelphia and Philadelphia GCSA at Aronimink GC was featured by a talk, illustrated by slides, by Tom Mascaro, of West Point Products Corp. on golf cars and fairway watering . . . Paul Weiss, Jr., E. R. Steinger, Henry Bartholomew, Harry McSloy and William H. White planned the program with cooperation of Ernest L. Ransome III and Sydney K. Allman, Jr., of the Golf Association . . . Parker Biery, Eagle Lodge, and Bill Straub, Melrose CC, finished one-two in the tournament. . . . H. Craig, Jr., and John Dolphin drew third-place prizes after a six-way tie.

Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Ass'n has recommended that head greenkeepers should be described as golf course superintendents . . . "Golf course superintendents" is the term that GOLFDOM proposed be adopted by greenkeepers in the U. S. . . . After strenuous campaigning and with the cooperation of progressive men in golf course management, the GOLFDOM suggestion was adopted. . . . Greenkeepers associations changed their names to proclaim the supts. status and got substantial benefits in recognition, materially and in professional prestige . . . Inevitably and soon the name of the Green Section of the USGA will be modernized to the "Golf Course Section." . . . "Green Section" is a label that belongs to the pre-2, 4-D period . . . It isn't at all surprising that millions of golfers have only a dim idea of what "Green Section" means.

The 11-11 tie in the Walker Cup matches was a good thing for American

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golf . . . It reminded us that we've got much work to do to keep ahead in amateur golf, too . . . There is a record enrollment of 562 Evans caddie scholars from 204 Western GA clubs in 26 colleges and universities . . . That's one phase in which no other nation or sport comes close to U. S. golf . . . Members of Bryn Mawr CC (Chicago dist.) sitting in the locker room, having a few drinks and talking about a playmate who recently died, began raising a fund for Evans scholar medical scholarships and before easing up had raised \$60,000 for the Howard N. Plotkin Memorial medical scholarship fund . . . Dave Marr had to cancel plans to head up the American President Lines' golf cruise through the Orient when his PGA victory made him a member of the Ryder Cup team.

Chuck Herring signs as pro at Thomson CC, Thomson, Ga. . . He's building new reference files of catalogs of playing equipment; supplies sold through the pro shop and used in its operation; course equipment and supplies . . . Herring wants latest catalogs from the manufacturers . . . Playboy Clubs may build a course near Lake Geneva, Wis. . . . Harry Offutt, for past 12 years pro at Green Hill Yacht & CC, Quantico, Md. is retiring . . . He has a home at Fort Myers Beach, Fla. where a lively corps of veteran pros will be his playmates in golf and at fishing . . . More than 50 per cent of PGA Class A membership is 50 or older.

John Patrick Cotter, at five pounds no giant yet but all quality, arrived Aug. 28 to bless the household of Jim and Pat Cotter . . . Papa Jim is pro at Mountain Shadows CC, Scottsdale, Ariz. . . Al Huske, pro at Glen Oak CC (Chicago dist.) staged his 19th parent-junior tournament in which fathers play with other members' sons and mothers team with other members' daughters, but never their own . . . This year's field was 60 teams.

Supertinendents now have one of their own to sing in the same class as the pros' Don Cherry . . . The singing supt. is Fred Harris, Los Coyotes CC, Buena Park, Calif. . . . Among other

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vocal starring jobs Harris was one of the "Balladeers" who won the Elks' National Barbershop Championship in 1952.

N. Y. Taconic State Park's Dinsmore course to get \$290,000 clubhouse . . . Aspen, Colo., considering "Recreation District" including golf course . . . Present course may be sold . . . Tom Lambie building nine-hole Coronado course in Scottsdale, Ariz. area . . . Jack Snyder is architect . . . Ken Jones, formerly of Sun City course, will be pro . . . Sugar Bush GC 18 recently opened at Garrettsville, O., owned by Rudolph and Amelia Kelker is getting numerous compliments on the way Harold Paddock, Sr. designed the layout so the course looks as though it's been there forever . . . Second 18 of the University of Illinois completed at Champaign . . . University courses have been getting tremendous play this summer . . . Girl play is nearly 50 per cent at many of the courses . . . Ellen Griffin's promotion for National Golf Foundation has been immensely successful, especially among co-eds . . . I must have been told by 200 private club pros (by ear or letter) this past summer that women's play was 40 per cent or more of total rounds.

Southern Ohio PGA party at conclusion of their championship at Troy CC, which made an honorary member of Bob Rickey, MacGregor pro golf, was not only one of the merriest affairs in a long time but was significant in golf merchandising . . . The PGA section's president, Bill Hook, said "You don't hear of store golf goods buyers thanking and praising the men who sell to them as pros do the salesmen who work with them. Bob Rickey is an exhibit of the pro-manufacturer mutually profitable relationship that is due for serious examination by anyone who desires to make money out of selling golf clubs."

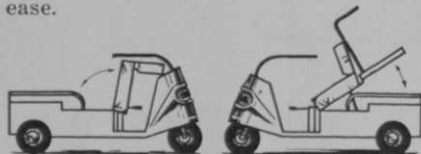
East Bay (Oakland, Calif.) Regional Park District to build 18 near Lake Chabot . . . James Wann heads Moccasin Bend GC, Inc., which is to build 18 on county and city property near Chattanooga, Tenn. . . . Don Klages and Dr. Kermit Peterson of Spokane building Avondale GC 18 near Hayden Lake,

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Ida . . . Pine Knoll, Inc., headed by Winifred Shaw, building 18 near Sanford, N. C. . . . Fred Ginn and Albert Fish of Caldwell, O., building Beaver Brook GC nine.

Braidwood (Ill.) Recreation Club nine being built to plans of Homer Fieldhouse and Associates . . . Planning on building 18 at Ozarks Paradise Club near Carthage, Mo. . . . It is a scenic spot that will delight your eyes and now is great for golf since the 1°#%+& chiggers have been brought under control . . . Military golf courses are getting a heavy play and solving leisure-time problems for the young men at service installations . . . South Weymouth (Mass.) Naval Air Station to get \$200,000 course soon, financed from ship's stores exchange profits . . . Hamilton Air Force Base, near Novato, Calif., plans to build nine . . . Novato, Calif., Advance reporter wrote of the proposed course. "It will be built with 'non-appropriated' or non-public funds, a Hamilton spokesman was careful to explain. These are not military construction funds, but come from the profits generated from the base exchange and motion pictures."

Georgetown, Del. talking about country club to be financed by FHA . . . Casement Golf, Inc., building nine near Painesville, O. . . . This has been a busy year for adding extra nines . . . Braemar G&CC at Milton, N. Y., enlarging to 18 . . . That's been done lately at Grand Island, Neb., Riverside GC . . . Meadow Greens CC, Leaksville, N. C., spending \$150,000 to grow from nine to 18 . . . Chardon Lakes (O.) GC goes from nine to 18 . . . Don Tincher is pro there . . . Fred Schwab, formerly Corry County Club supt., hired to supervise building of Corry (Pa.) muny course.

L. A. and Sylvia Lee, Schoolcraft, Mich., buy St. Joe Valley GC, Schoolcraft, from Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Persons . . . Terry Van Gorder, General Manager, Valencia GC, Newhall, Calif. . . . He formerly was gen. mgr. of the Peacock Gap CC, San Rafael, Calif. . . . William F. Krouse now mgr. Champaign (Ill.) CC, succeeding the late John Chalet to whom he was assistant.

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Plans for Club Managers Ass'n of America national conference at Detroit's Statler Hilton, Feb. 8-12, include an Old Timers' luncheon Thursday, Feb. 10 prior to the Country Club Round Table . . . What great national publicity there'd be for the managers' organization if some of the veterans would tell of the epic epicurean dinners that used to be served at the distinguished private clubs . . . Shortage of good chefs and limited gastronomic education of younger members, men and women, rather than economics, have switched too much of the business of the contemporaneous bon vivants from private clubs (country and city) to select restaurants where the club members are big-paying but satisfied customers.

Nobody who knows what the score really is can criticize the hotel-restaurant-club school graduates for dull character of so much club cuisine . . . What can be done for customers whose boundaries are steak, hamburger, hot dogs and barbecue?

Al Ciuci's 40th year with Fresh Meadow CC, Great Neck, N. Y., celebrated by a big party at the club where the admirable Al is pro . . . Fresh Meadow also had parties for Al on his 25th and 40th anniversaries . . . Fresh Meadow was founded in 1921 and Al became its pro in 1925 . . . Al came to Fresh Meadow from pro job at Mill River (Conn.) GC . . . He did much to help build the PGA . . . He was Long Island PGA president for 18 years, vp of the Metropolitan section and a PGA national official for years.

Joe Yuzzi, supt. Biltmore and Granada courses for the City of Coral Gables, Fla., writes a column on course maintenance for a south Florida newspaper that does a valuable job of educating golfers in what a supt. is up against . . . Joe explains “Heavy play makes maintenance and special jobs more difficult for the workers and can cause considerable inconvenience to the players. These are, none the less, necessary evils . . . Public courses must remain open under extremely adverse conditions when they

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should be closed to play and car traffic."

Emil Beck, pro at Black River CC, Port Huron, Mich., and the PGA official who developed the association's Business School plan, has designed a course that will be built for B. J. Ver Hoven of Detroit . . . Beck will supervise construction . . .

Edgewater GC, some 10 miles from Chicago's Loop, members voted 207 to 73 to sell the club's 94 acres for \$7,600,000 . . . New owners plan to take over in November, 1966, and build apartments on the site . . . Last year Edgewater members were offered a trade for Tam o' Shanter CC, owned by estate of the late George S. May . . . Tam o' Shanter in Chicago northwest suburb of Niles sold early this year for \$3,200,000 . . . Niles Park Board has filed a condemnation suit because of Tam's owners planning to reduce the course to nine holes and locate industrial buildings on the rest of the site . . . Park Board hopes to

retain 18 holes and pay for property with revenue bonds . . . Talk about Chicago buying the Edgewater site and converting it into a park.

Doug Jabaay, supt., Cross Creek CC, Naperville, Ill., now editor Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supt. "Bull Sheet," succeeding Ted Woehrle, Beverly CC supt., who resigned after four years as the publication's editor . . . Ted made the Bull Sheet a working tool for midwest supts. as well as a bright periodical of association gossip . . . Typical of Woehrle's practical handling was an item on John Coutre, supt., Itasca (Ill.) CC, suspecting his water supply was the source of considerable turf difficulty . . . Water analysis confirmed John's hunch and purification treatment settled the problem . . . Along with this case history Woehrle ran a technical piece by A. H. Smith on removal of caronate salts in water and soil.

American Medical Assn. News brags (with good reason) that Jean Ashley, 1955 USGA Women's Amateur champion, is daughter of G. L. Ashley, MD,

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Chanute, Ks. . . . Jean is a protege of Mike Murra, veteran Kansas pro who also developed Marilyn Smith into champion status . . . Joe Sarro, for 15 years at Southampton (L. I., N. Y.) CC now is pro at Beden's Brook Club, recently opened near Princeton, N. J.

Ray Didier and his son "Buzz" are a father and son team of supts. who've done very well on their own . . . Ray was supt. at the late George S. May's Tam o' Shanter back when he had to work out techniques for handling heavy play and big crowds at the worst possible time of the golf turf year . . . The job almost killed Ray and a heart attack sidelined him for a while . . . Now the Didiers have their own course "Village Green CC" at Mundelein, Ill. . . . It's going fine . . . They've got Don (Jack) Smith, formerly supt. Calumet CC (Chicago dist.) as supt. . . . Buzz is doing the construction jobs . . . He'd finished the new holes for Northmoor CC, building several greens at Butterfield and Silver Lake, also in the Chicago district,

and is building a par-3 nine for O'Hare Inn near Chicago's airport similar to the great par-3 he built at the Flying Carpet motel in the airport area.

Open Cedar Rock GC 18 near Lenoir, N. C. . . . Talk about building 36—maybe —72—at Van Nuys, Calif., airport. . . . Costa Mesa, Calif., to build 27-hole munny course . . . Lytton Savings and Loan Assn. to build 18 at Cucamonga, Calif. . . . Kansas City (Mo.) Park board building 18 at Minor Park . . . Open Lake Anne CC nine near Monroe, N. Y. . . . Al Tull designed it . . . Marvin Greene owns it.

Two 18-hole courses, one 6,800 yds. and the other slightly shorter than 6,000 yds., both lighted, will be built as Golden Eagle CC at Inver Grove Heights, in Minnesota Twin Cities area . . . Cleadis Schlieff of Schlieff's Little City heads the project . . . Open River Valley CC nine at Westfield, Pa. . . . Hugo A. Forster building par-3 nine at San Clemente, Calif. . . . Dr. Sidney Wexler heads group building Leawood CC at Lexington, Mo. . . . Open Husum Hills GC at Bingen, Wash.



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