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Check the condition of storm shelters on your course. This summer there will be deaths of golfers by lightning, which could have been prevented.

Greenville (S.C.) CC course is said by Carolinas' superintendents to be one of the best built newer courses. Greens are Penncross bent and fairways are Tifdwarf, overseeded with red fescue. Construction of the course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, was completely supervised by superintendent *Whitney Wright*.

Club Managers Assn. of America already far into plans for their 1973 annual meeting in Honolulu, February 13 to 17. *George Burton*, manager, Oak Ridge CC, Hopkins, Minn., appointed to CMAA board by president L.T. Hall, succeeding Nicholas J. McGowan Jr., who resigned as manager of the Lancaster (Pa.) CC to enter the restaurant business. Burton previously was manager of Indian Hills CC, Prairie Village, Kan., and Memphis CC.

James L. Noletti now manager at Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y., after being at nearby Wykagyl CC as manager for six years.

Smart thing I've noticed about a lot of the plans for fully automatic irrigation systems is that the clubs also are completely modernizing their drainage systems.

Many valuable repercussions to the talk by *Robert Balfour* of Club Car, Inc., at the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America's annual meeting. Balfour's reference to the mounting car accident rates, bad location and construction of car paths and bridges and defective cars exposing clubs and fee courses to personal injury suits

were warnings that adept shysters will promote litigation for cuts of the haul. Superintendents seem to be more interested in getting the car situation corrected than are club officials. Some car paths I've seen absolutely invite injuries.

Superintendents began the Beautify America program when they first heard citizens saying, "I wish we had a lawn like our golf course." Their successors are concerned about dwindling interest in flower shows. They echo the observation of *Paul Voykin*, president, Midwest Assn. GCSA, that flower shows are being killed because exhibit prices are too high. Voykin and other superintendents forecast that women green committee members will be usual before long.

Interesting to note how many superintendents are commenting on golf course shrubs and trees as valuable as natural beauty instead of being manicured like a park or a graveyard.

John Krutilla switches to Stevens Point (Wis.) CC from superintendent job at Kankakee (Ill.) Elks CC... *Al Dorband*, superintendent of Plum Tree National GC, now building near Woodstock, Ill. Dorband was from Mission Hills CC, Northbrook, Ill., which becomes a housing development... *Paul Feit* now superintendent Lost Nation GC, Dixon, Ill. Feit was assistant to Jim Miles, Joliet (Ill.) CC.

Sioux City (Iowa) GCSA formed, with *Don Williams* of Newell (Iowa) elected president.

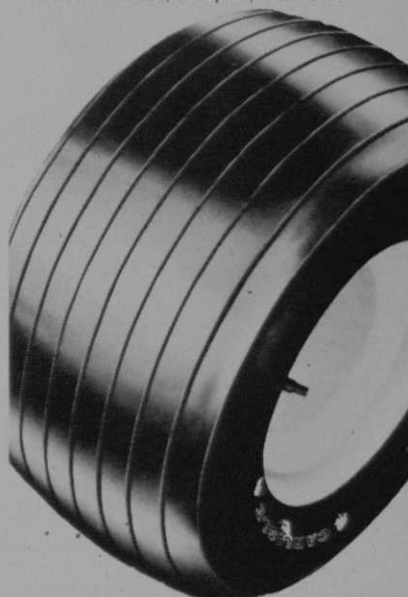
Lower than usual percentage of job changes bringing new professionals, superintendents and managers to new locations in 1972. Many of the changes are chain

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reactions after veteran superintendents, professionals and managers retire. Clubs are wiser than they used to be about retirement plans—maybe because so many members are not too remote from their own retirement and see sensible plans for retirement and because a club that turns a good man loose after long faithful service and hasn't considered a retirement plan isn't going to attract first-class replacements.

Changing of the guard from veterans to sound, well-schooled younger men with the veterans continuing in consulting capacities has been especially well done in the Chicago district where, to cite a few cases, at Knollwood, Glenview and Glen Oak, teamwork of the retiring veteran and the new man in command has been a fine break for the clubs.

Have you noticed that almost every time you get a chance to study tournament scoring statistics it

is performance on the par three hole that determines the winner? For example, at the Masters Jack Nicklaus was three under par on the par three holes and other contenders were over par. Nicklaus was seven under par on the par five holes, but other close competitors also were well under par on those long holes. On the par four holes Nicklaus was plus eight, Tom Weiskopf and Bobby Mitchell were plus two and Bruce Crampton was two under par.

So why do people who pay for building the courses get so many long par fives and par fours when it is the par threes that ultimately grade the architecture? Perry Maxwell, who designed fine courses with many outstanding holes, used to say that any number of architects could design good par four and par five holes, but the tough test was to design exceptionally good par three holes.

James Murphy, now manager, Brook Lea CC, Rochester, N.Y. . . . *Karl Hollerberg* now is manager Bryn Mawr CC, Chicago. He previously managed North Shore in the Chicago district . . . *Owen Griffith*, for years the golf editor of the Hartford Courant until his retirement, has returned to action with a Sunday golf column in the Cape Cod Standard.

Carol McCue, who has been secretary of the Chicago District Golf Assn. for more years than you'd guess by looking at her, has been named the first woman board member of the United States Golf Assn. Green Section committee by Edward Meister Jr., now chairman of the Green Section. Meister succeeded Henry Russell, who retired after 11 years of substantial service. Russell's work as a member of the USGA Executive Committee and Green Committee chairman must have cost him at least \$75,000. The value of his competent and cheerful contribution to golf course management and to golf in general is beyond anybody's guessing. Meister used to be a top-rated amateur. Arnold Palmer in winning his only National Amateur championship, that of 1954, at the Country Club of Detroit, had to go 89 holes in a semi-final round to beat Meister. □

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