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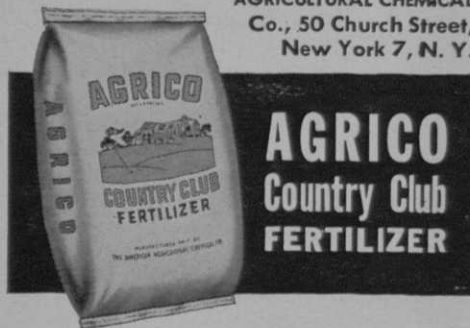
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among friends and by the golf hustlers who take the chumps . . . USGA frown on Calcuttas is a good thing . . . Some players might fall for the big money temptation . . . Even at Hot Springs where many of the gambling joint operators go, their golf gambling is almost altogether between themselves . . . Around Miami there was talk for several winters about pro golfers being too palsy-walsy with notorious gamblers . . . That warning took effect on all but the dumbest of the pros who were hungry for a fast buck.

When the Capone regime was brazen in Chicago quite a number of the most undesirable gorillas were golf nutty . . . Capone had a picture of himself in golf knickers in his office, flanked by pictures of Washington and Lincoln . . . One of the gorillas, active in the mob's gambling operations, used to team with an amateur who made a precarious career as a golf hustler . . . The amateur once missed a 3-foot putt on the 18th of a big-money match . . . The gorilla reached in his golf bag, took out a revolver and shot the putt-misser in a leg.

Frank Costello, rated by the Kefauver investigators the nation's gorilla czar, got into a reputable New York district club through some accident that didn't make the membership committee look good . . . Costello was asked to resign and got out without a fuss . . . Frank Erickson, boss

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gambler, now doing a slight stretch in the clink, also was a New York Met district golf club member until members became somewhat more discriminating.

Interesting annual event at Tilden Park course, Oakland, Calif., is that of pro Earl Nagle opposing the entire women's club membership in an eclectic tournament . . . Nagle lost, 3 down, this year . . . El Toro (Calif.) Marine base adding 9-hole pitch and putt course to its 18-hole, 6,674 yd. course . . . Pro Bill Foley designing new course.

Jim Wilson, 71, died July 23 at Gulfport, Miss., where he had been pro at the Great Southern GC for many years . . . He first went there for winter seasons but since 1943 had been there the year around . . . Prior to his Gulfport engagement Wilson was at the Park Ridge CC for 11 years and before that at Ravisloe GC, also in Chicago district, for 10 years . . . He served at Michigan clubs between his arrival and his connection with Ravisloe . . . He was one of the finest gentlemen in golf, an excellent teacher and player . . . Jim's grooming always was immaculate and his example did much to establish standards among pros . . . He was active in PGA affairs when the association was being established firmly . . . This beloved pioneer is survived by his widow.

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starts a junior golf tournament . . . Expects to send players to US Jaycees' big annual junior championship . . . Club event that stirs up keen interest is the Bel-Air CC (Los Angeles) annual Derby . . . "Col. Duffer's Derby Dope" is printed on Racing Form style of sheet and is very amusing . . . If you want to stir up excitement at your club with something like this write Bel-Air's pro, Joe Novak, and see if he has a spare form sheet he can mail you.

Oakland Hills gate for 1951 National Open was \$110,892 . . . It was the record . . . Almost \$39,000 ahead of previous gate record set in 1950 at Merion . . . USGA gate cut of 60% was \$54,711 . . . Oakland Hills got \$32,826 after federal taxes . . . That plus program, concessions, parking and house net revenue made 1951 National Open financially the greatest tournament in golf history so far.

Oakland Hills sold 6,118 season tickets at \$10 . . . Saturday's gate sale was 4,836 at \$5 . . . Oakland Hills 550 members got two tickets each . . . Press, guest and staff tickets totalled 1,400 . . . If all the tickets were used Saturday the gallery would have been 13,454 . . . So the press references to a 15,000 gallery wasn't as far off as major tournament gallery figures usually are.

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team . . . Cmdr. Roe of the British PGA will not accompany the team . . . Floods in central states have badly damaged some courses . . . George Lake has another one of his big programs for juniors going at Long Beach (Calif.) Recreation Park course . . . Program begins with evening movies, discussion and refreshments.

Western Seniors championship at Edgewater GC, Chicago, drew 222 entries from 19 states . . . The vets (from 50 to 81 years old) played much faster than younger contestants in Open tournaments . . . Starter Frank Mitchell sent the first 3-some away at 8 a.m. . . . By 6:15 p.m. the entire field had finished . . . James McAlvin won with 72-72-144 . . . He was in 50-55 age bracket . . . Chick Evans and Leo (Gabby) Hartnett tied for second at 147 . . . Ray Jones was re-elected pres., and Wm. V. Kingdon was re-elected sec.-treas. . . . Chick was elected honorary president . . . Detroit, St. Louis and Tampa bid for 1952 Western Seniors championship . . . Event will return to Edgewater . . . Western Seniors, now in third year, has 450 members.

Jack Sabol's 25 years as pro at Westchester Hills CC (NY Met dist.) celebrated at party given Jack by club's members . . . Wilford Wehrle's amateur status restored by USGA . . . Joe Lawkins switches as pro from Forest Park to Island Shores (NY Met dist.) . . . Another veteran, Pat Cos-

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Max Faulkner, new British Open champion, has no club connection so probably will cash in as free lance on tournament tours and exhibitions . . . British complain about "impolite non-appearance" of some Americans at 1951 British Open . . . With heavy tournament schedule on this side and steady demand for exhibition dates it's tough enough to get full array of American stars for American tournaments outside USGA National Open and the Masters . . . The Glory Road program of American pro golf stars of the low income tax days has ended . . . The pros have to play where the purses are handiest and expenses lowest . . . The tax man needs their money for the Marshall Plan and other urgent items.

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Willie Low, Phoenix (Ariz.) CC pro, back on the job after an operation . . . Aubrey Lavender now pro at Riverwood CC, Portland, Ore. . . Niagara Parks Commission opens new course at Niagara Falls, Ont. . . Middle Atlantic PGA nominates Horton Smith as president of national PGA, Harold Sargent as sec., and Harry Moffett as treas. . . Skip Alexander recovered enough to shoot 69 at Lexington (N. C.) CC.

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president of the Minot CC., he officiated at the formal opening of the club's new nine July 1st. Ready last year, the added nine was withheld from play to permit unhampered turf growth. Entire layout is watered due to foresight of officials who had Buckner's engineer C. E. Stewart provide watering for second nine when system was installed on original nine some years ago . . . C. L. Hornung of Pro Golf Sales Co., Fond du Lac, Wisc., is recovering from an operation for acute appendicitis and will be back in harness soon.

Bruno Minkley of Acushnet recovering in Detroit hospital after several months' illness . . . Minnesota's 29th annual public links championship played Aug. 4 and 5 at Nemadji GC, Superior, Wis., where Barney Carlson is pro . . . That's the first time we can recall that a state championship was played out of the state . . . Willie Barber, brother of Jerry, leaves amateur ranks to become pro at San Fernando (Calif.) CC.

Livingston Platt elected pres., U.S. Seniors' Golf Assn. . . Ellis Knowles elected 1st vp and Frederick H. Haggerson, 2nd vp . . . Sherill Sherman, perennial sec-treas. of U.S. Seniors re-elected at meeting during the veterans' traditionally fine annual championship at Apawamis . . . Tom Robbins of Winged Foot, won the US Seniors with 73-67-140 . . . Tom is 58 . . . Comes by golf naturally; he's a Texan . . .

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