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Firestone CC, Akron, O., completes 10 acre golf range including 8000 sq. ft. practice green and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of sodded bent tees . . . Supt. Bill Lyons has nursery of Hoffer's bent at range . . . Lyons recently in hospital for leg operation . . . Midwest supts. report there was more play last winter than they ever had before on their courses . . . say they don't expect it will mean any



HERB GRAFFIS

pro at Connersville (Ind.) CC

 Bob Macdonald had opulent winter at his golf school in deluxe Algiers hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.
 S. Junior Chamber of Commerce will have young golfers from several countries at its 8th annual National Junior tournament at University of Michigan course, Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 17-22.

Bob Harlow again handling national

Charley Wagner from Snow

Hill CC, Wilmington, O. to be

golf campaign for United Cerebral Palsy Fund . . . Alvin Handmacher repeating 1952 policy of his Weathervane four crosscountry women's Open proceeds going to Cerebral Palsy Fund . . . Initial Weathervane at Boca Raton (Fla.) Club brought \$25,000 to CP Fund.

Mavor Boyd plans construction of 18 hole course to be called Canvon Creek G&CC, 7 miles west of Billings, Mont. . . . Blythefield CC, Grand Rapids, Mich., to have Western Golf Assn. 51st Amateur championship, Aug. 17-23 . . . Western expects nation-wide representation at its first Caddie Masters' forum, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Monday, April 20 . . . Westsubstituting money clip bearing ern contestants' emblem for old-type badges in its championships . . . Amateurs and excepted to supply their own pros money.

Lot of valuable help on clover problem in NY State Turf Assn. bulletins 39 and 40, edited by John F. Cornman, NY State College of Agriculture (Box 27, Ithaca, N. Y.) . . . Bulletin gives reports of 1952 endothal trials for clover control conducted by Cornman and John A. Jagschitz, and of 2,4,5-T clover control tests made by W. H. Daniel of Purdue and by Cornman and Jagschitz . . . Cornman and Jagschitz report: "If 2,4,5-T continues to perform as well as it has at Purdue and in our single trial, it will be much more desirable material for most clover control work."

maintenance troubles if they can keep the courses closed during spring thaws.

Harvey Branigar, sr., 78, real estate man who was early and successful in establishing golf courses in Chicago and Mississippi as profitable factor in real estate selling, died recently at his home at Gulf Hills, near Biloxi, Miss., where he'd had a course built and had resided for 30 years.

Joe Mayo, supt., Navy-Marine course at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, says 1952 play at the course was 80,356 rounds and green fees of \$38,764... Enlisted men pay 50 cents a day; \$3 a month ... Officers pay \$1 a day or \$5 a month ... Cart rental 25 cents a day ... Income of \$5,150.50 for rental of 2 woods, 5 irons and putter set all day ... 7 minute starting time because of much beginners' play ... Rangers keep play going at rate of $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours for 9 holes and $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours for $18 \ldots 10\%$ of play women.

Dave Bauer giving some lessons to sonin-law Bob, the fine big-hitting blond lad who married Alice . . . Bob is son of mgr. at Lake Hills G&CC, St. John, Ind. . . . Bob looks like he's got tournament circuit possibilities . . . The talk about the curiously favorable handicaps given amateurs in some big money Calcuttas may educate suckers enough to reduce heavy gambling in these events . . . Each year there's increasing complaint about "syndicates" of sharp gamblers buying so many foursomes only the long shots are left for the hopeful chumps.



H. C. May, 88, father of George S., noted golf tournament promoter, died March 4 at St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . He is survived by his widow to whom he was married for 64 years, sons George S. and Truman and daughter, Mrs. R. C. Mader. Bulletin of the Northern-Calif. Pro-Amateur Golf League is a fine job of pro public relations . . . It's mimeographed . . . Carries scores and lots of chat . . . Flock of names in each bulletin . . . Few small ads carry the cost.

Cary Middlecoff is only pro to be in two five-way ties for tournament leads... Middlecoff, Oliver, Fred Haas, jr., Charley Congdon and Vic Ghezzi tied at 274 in Tacoma Invitation at Fircrest CC, Sept. 16-19, 1948 with Oliver winning the playoff ... Middlecoff won the play-off after tying with Bill Nary, Jim Ferrier, Shelley Mayfield and Earl Stewart, Jr. in Houston (Tex.) Open at Memorial Park course in March.

O. B. Fitts, Reg Giddings, Rueben Hines, Bob Scott, sr., Dick Scott and Dick Watson, 6 of the 14 members who founded the Mid-Atlantic Assn. of Golf Course Supts., attended the 25th annual confer-



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ence of the organization held this year at Lord Baltimore hotel, Baltimore, Md., in cooperation with U of Maryland . . . "Unusual" gale does heavy damage to trees on Wilshire, Los Angeles CC and Riviera in LA dist. . . Wilshire suffered 65 ft. acacia uprooted and topped across 18th green . . LACC lost about 59 trees . . . Los Angeles cleared ground for 36-hole muny course in San Fernando valley . . . No further work on the layout.

Horton Smith been getting around a lot this winter on PGA business despite his mother's illness at Springfield, Mo. which kept him from making winter tour ... Horton at Toronto representing U. S. pros at Sports Dinner for Crippled Children's society ... British Golf Writers voted Elizabeth Price "Golfer of the Year" for 1952 ... Miss Price's decisive victory in Curtis Cup matches figured in the voting ... Women golfers got the first three places in British scribes' poll.

Jack O'Brien given placque by PGA for organizing Texas Open, one of the first winter circuit big money events... Sheraton-Cadillac hotel, Detroit, to be headquarters for PGA championship ... This



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year's annual meeting of PGA likely to be in Detroit at Sheraton-Cadillac . . .

Attendance at Cornell university 6th annual turf conference more than 106 . . . Midwest Turf conference at Purdue drew its biggest attendance; more than 300 . . . First Illinois Turf Conference, at U of Illinois horticulture and drug experiment station, Downers Grove, Ill., sponsored by Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts., drew crowd of 200, March 14 . . . Golf specialists on program were Wm. H. Daniel, director, Midwest Regional Turf Foundation at Purdue; Bert Rost, supt., Park Ridge (Ill.) CC, and Al Agrimonti, chmn., Green committee, Chicago District GA.

Ross Sobel, winter pro at Westview CC, Miami, Fla., gives pupils written "prescription" of points brought out in each lesson which should be especially heeded . . . Deepdale Club (NY Met dist.) undecided whether to sell property or rebuild course that will have 8 of present 18 eliminated by express highway to be constructed in 1955 . . . Highway will leave Deepdale 140 acres and architect Dick Wilson has planned fine new course on that acreage.



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OB Fitts recovers from several months' illness . . . Fitts retired as supt. Columbia CC (Washington DC dist.), to go into turf consultant work . . . Succeeded at Columbia by Ernest Morgal who was his asst. for several years . . . Whitemarsh CC (Philadelphia dist.) puts on second annual meeting of Whitemarsh Hot Stove League in clubhouse early in Feb. and drew 150 members with films, refreshments and home pro Morrie Talman and Cedarbrook pro Bill Weber, and amateurs Woodie Platt and Bud Crass hotstoving and showing the boys playing pointers that will have everybody breaking par-in the lockerroom anyway.

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