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# Swinging around Golf

## NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Frank W. Baker, formerly pro-mgr. Pampa (Tex.) CC and pro at Boulder (Colo.) CC, now pro at New Mexico Tech course at Socorro, N. M. . . . Baker was a Wilson salesman for 1½ years . . . Harold Mathisen succeeds Jim Noonon as pro at Mt. Hawley CC, Peoria, Ill. . . . Jim retired to devote full time to his golf glove, headcover and other golf accessory business.

Zell Eaton, Jack Kramer and W. Cranston take 40-year lease on Los Seranos GC, Chino, Calif. . . . Harry Todd, Lloyd Mangrum, Doc Middlecoff, Lew Worsham, Lawson Little, Al Besselink, and Jim Turnesa now oil magnates . . . Suppose the boys after they get rich on their oil money will sponsor a Million Dollar Open? . . . Charles Timm to Odessa (Tex.) CC as pro . . . Frank Danner now pro at McKinney (Tex.) CC.

After Texas amateurs beat Texas pros 14½ to 6½ in annual Texas Cup matches pros are hoping the ams won't turn pro and play for money . . . A. E. (Ted) Cadman of Portland (Ore.) CC now managing Tamarisk CC, Palm Springs, Calif. . . . Charles P. Burgess, 68 Blackburn Rd., Summit, N. J., gen. chm., 1954 National Open committee at Baltusrol, has announced appointment of departmental committee heads.

Noble E. Chalfant, Park Hill CC, Denver, Colo., elected pres., Rocky Mountain Section, PGA . . . Vps: Alex McCafferty, Nibley Park GC, Salt Lake City, Ut.; Paul Jopes, Lincoln Park GC, Grand Junction, Colo.; Jimmy Thompson, Greeley (Colo.) CC; Mickey Riley, Meadowbrook GC, Salt Lake City, Ut. . . . Bill Brown, Ft. Collins (Colo.) was elected sec.-treas.

George Calderwood, South Hills CC, Fond du Lac, Wis., re-elected pres., Wisconsin Section, PGA, for 9th time . . . Vps elected: Ade Jensen, Racine CC; Helmer Gothe, Janesville CC; Jimmy Milward, Oneida Club, Green Bay . . . Manuel De La Torre, Milwaukee CC, was elected sec.-treas., and Bill Beveridge, Bluemound Golf Range, was elected a director.



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Al Zimmerman gets pro spot at new Paradise Valley CC, Phoenix, Ariz., which is expected to be ready for play soon . . . Jimmy Thompson from Greeley (Colo.) CC to pro job at Stockdale (Calif.) CC succeeding Al Seanor, retired on pension after 20 years as club's pro . . . Dick Boggs now head pro at Willowick GC (LA dist.) . . . Chet Coleman appointed pro at Inglewood (Calif.) CC . . . Ed DeBaufre at Wildwood CC (Philadelphia dist.) succeeding veteran Harry Arvey, who resigned.

Golf suffered lamentable losses in the latter part of last year . . . Art Andrews, jr., splendid youngster who was pro at Aurora (Ill.) CC died a day after being stricken while playing in a tournament at Peoria, Ill. . . . He was son of a widely known veteran pro whose brothers also were U. S. pro pioneers.

David Ross Valentine, a pioneer member of the PGA and a charter member of Golf Course Supts. Assn. died in Chicago after a 7 years' illness . . . Dave was pro at Beaumont, Tex. for 10 years . . . Built many golf courses, among them one in Puerto Rico in 1940 for the army . . . A young-minded old-timer he was one of the strong early advocates of golf turf research . . . He was widely-known and greatly admired . . . He is survived by his widow who with Dave made one of the most delightful teams in golf.

Middle Atlantic Section, PGA, re-elected Al Houghton, Prince George's CC, pres. for 5th consecutive term . . . John Flattery, Green Spring Valley CC, was re-elected sec.-treas. . . . Vps: Walter Romans (Baltimore); Al Jamison (Va.); Bill Hardy (Wash.)

Bill Gordon, Tam O'Shanter CC, re-elected pres. Illinois PGA for 7th consecutive term . . . Also re-elected were Harry Pezulo, Mission Hills, vp; and Lou Strong, Park Ridge, sec.-treas.

We've been hearing of several cases in different parts of the country lately where pro accounts due from members at private

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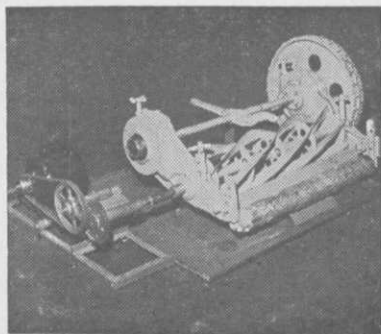
clubs are unpaid and in strong totals . . . Makes us wonder (1) if not collecting accounts thru the club is wise, and (2) why clubs that want to boast of character of membership as free from deadbeats don't toss out members who hold out on the pros because the slow pay guys think the pros don't dare force collection.

M. J. Dickinson heads Albertville (Ala.) G&CC now building course . . . H. H. Rock heads committee to get munny course built at Aberdeen, Ida. . . Loveland, Colo. Chamber of Commerce in campaign to finance proposed course . . . Decatur County CC, Greensburg, Ind., modernizing course . . . Considering reducing Mt. Tom GC, Holyoke, Mass., from 18 to 9 holes with scenic sites to be sold for residences.

Bob Toski of the tournament circuit and Miss Jacqueline Lee Stewart married at Coconut Grove, Fla. . . Jacqueline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stewart, Bedford, O., after graduating from Miami U, Oxford, O., became prominent in young business women's organizations.

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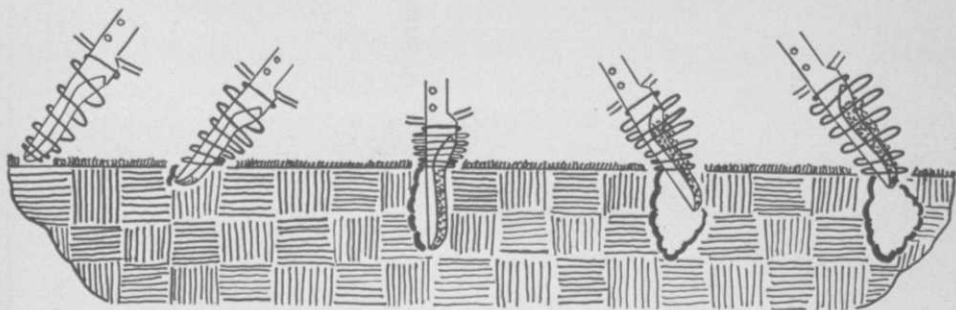
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Larry Curtola, owner of Castlewood CC, Pleasanton, Calif., constructing 18-hole championship course and 1100-yd. pitch-and-putt to enlarge Castlewood's golf facilities to 45 holes, largest in California . . . George Hjelte, Los Angeles Recreation Dept. mgr., studying plans for construction of new 18-hole many course in Rose Hills section.

The usual big difference between estimates of golf galleries and the actual attendance again is shown by figures released on paid gates for 1953 Ryder Cup matches . . . Total, including four practice rounds paid gate, was 14,531 . . . Paid gate for Saturday was about 5,500, and it was a big gallery . . . (newspaper estimates: 15,000) . . . There were almost 1000 marshals (stewards, the British call them) . . . Ryder Cup total paid gate at Ganton in 1949 was 17,366, including practice rounds.

Pete Cooper apparently doesn't take the threat of younger tournament players too



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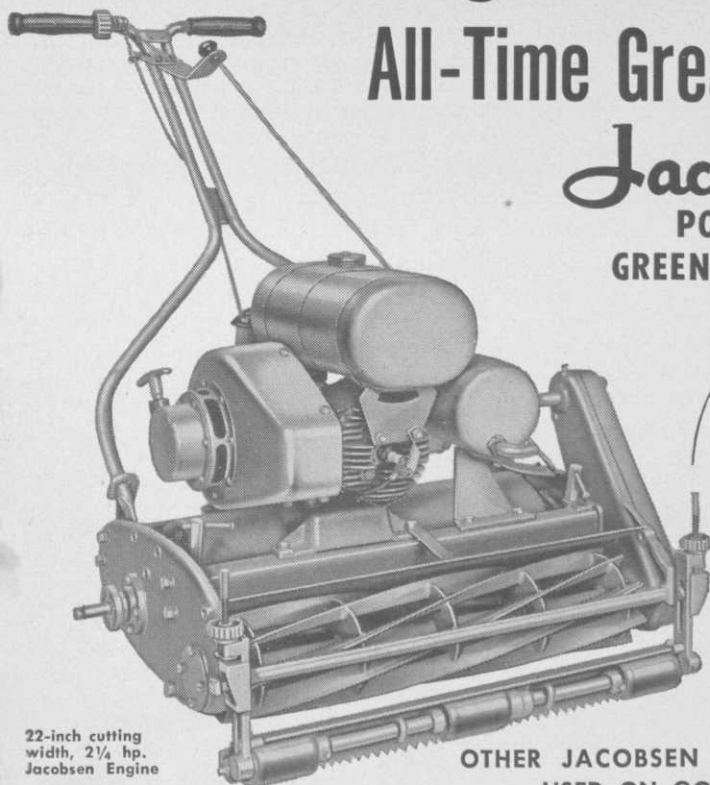
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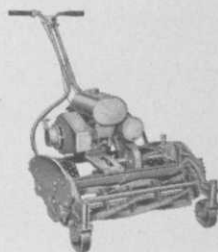
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seriously . . . At 39 Pete quit as pro at Century CC (NY Met dist.) and will spend next two years on the circuit . . . For a fellow with a wife and four youngsters that's confidence . . . Cooper succeeded at Century by Joe Moore, jr. . . Bob O'Link GC, famed men-only club in Chicago district, already has property and plans for new holes when highway widening cuts off part of present course.

Probably a busy year of exhibitions for Byron Nelson . . . Pros at PGA convention talked a lot about Byron's money-making draw and in addition to his sparkling golf his shotmaking demonstration and lecture that goes great with spectators and the home pro . . . Dick Chassee now pro at Hattiesburg (Miss.) CC.

Montecito CC, one of two courses in Santa Barbara, Calif., reported to be offered for sale by owner Avery Brundage for \$650,000 . . . Table Mountain GC plans course in Oroville, Calif., area . . . Fillmore, Calif., citizens considering building many course in Ojai Valley site.

Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas, Nev., will have its Tournament of Champions April 22-25 with \$10,000 for winner and \$1000 guarantee to all starters . . . Calcutta, if any, will

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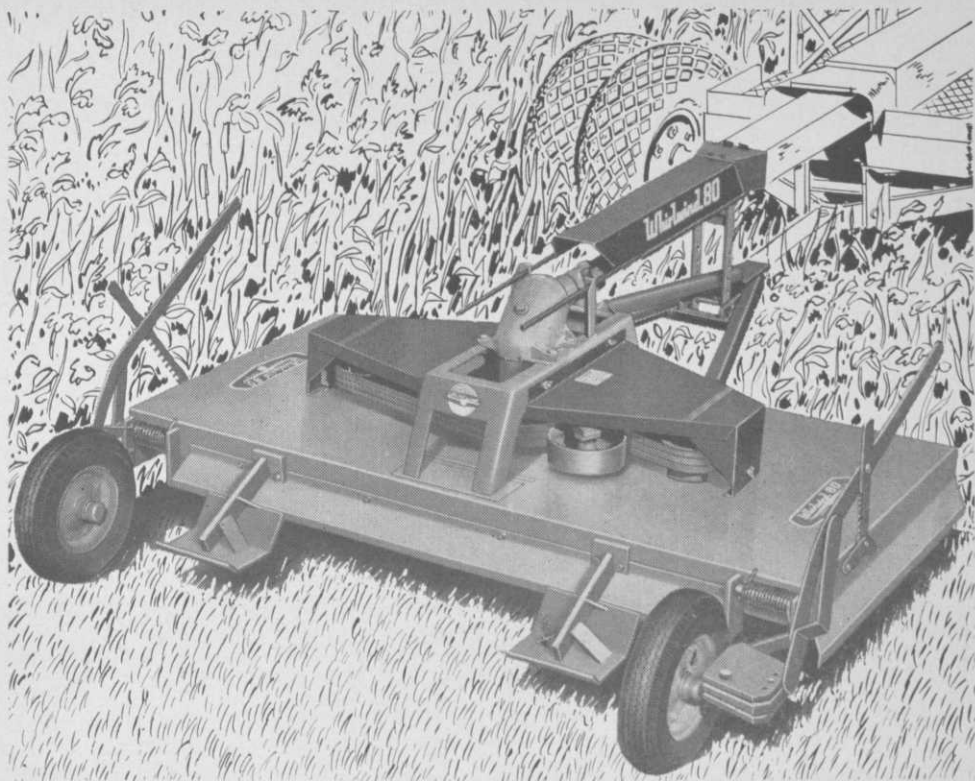
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be casual affair and not try to compete with high-rolling events at private clubs ostensibly not run by pro gamblers . . . Tournament pros liked Desert Inn event last year but the gambling angle caused much suspicious sniffing about all big money calcuttas.

J. C. Parker, Mobile, Ala., heads Skyline CC which proposes to build 18-hole course on new US 90 . . . Metropolitan Golf Writers' Assn. second annual dinner to be held in Sert Room, Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, Jan. 21 . . . John Inglis, Fairview CC pro, has been pres., Metropolitan (NY) section PGA for more than 20 consecutive terms . . . Royal and Ancient has elected a Lt.-Col. named John Inglis as its captain but he won't be re-elected as often as our Johnnie.

Eddie Hoblit to Ventura (Calif.) many course as pro-mgr. . . Course formerly was Montalvo GC, private . . . Course completely renovated and new pro shop built . . . Horace Glover on job as course supt. . . Eddie formerly on George Heaney's pro staff at Brookside Park, Pasadena, Calif. . . Before that pro at Bloomington (Ill.) CC . . . He brought Arnold (Smokey) Morrison to Ventura from Brookside, as asst.



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