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Edward P. Brady, New York City Department of Parks golf director, says landfill operations at site where Marine Park course is to be built are nearly completed . . . It will be 1959 or 1960 before course can be constructed and put into play . . . Army Navy CC considering several sites in Washington area suitable for another 18 holes . . . Present club at Arlington will be

kept in operation . . . Club has about 1,850

resident members.

Venerable Freddie McLeod, Columbia CC (Washington, DC dist.), pro recently shot a 73, one stroke less than his age . . . Yuma (Ariz.) Sun noting opening of first 9 of Prescott, Ariz., muny course, comments editorially on how much Yuma needs a public course.

Wm. Winders is pres. of group planning to build 18-hole Willowhaven CC course and residential development at Durham, N. C. . . . Houston (Miss.) Exchange Club considering building 9-hole course . . . Open first 9 of new muny course at Alameda, Calif. . . . Second 9 being built and will be opened in early summer, 1957.

Ralph Lomeli is pro at new Tulare (Calif.) CC which opened its 9-hole course in August . . . John Peters, Jr., building and will operate 9-hole course for Winnfield (La.) Golf Assn. . . . Fred Davis signed as pro at James Baird State Park, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Open first 18 of Indian Spring CC in



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Washington, D. C., dist. . . . Second 18 and new clubhouse to be open in April, 1957 . . . Oklahoma State Park board asked to install golf course at Roman Nose State Park . . . Hillcrest CC begins building course at Pulaski, Tenn. . . . Lions Club sponsoring formation of Dayton (Tenn.) G&CC.

Eddie Serrano, second baseman of Reno (Nev.) Silver

Sox is in golf course management work at Presido Hills CC, San Diego, Calif., when he's not playing ball . . . Ben Cooper of Kings Bay subdivision near Homestead, Fla., got tentative OK from County commission for building 18-hole course near old Cutler plant of Florida Power & Light

Capital City CC takes over 18-hole Tallahassee, Fla., muny course . . . Chuck Rea, formerly assistant at Lakeland, now is Tallahassee pro . . . Tequesta, Inc., buys 350 acres at Jupiter, Palm Beach County, Fla., and will build 18-hole course and homes bordering course and natural waterways . . . Wm. H. Cook is sec., Jupiter Inlet Beach Colony, Inc., which will direct the program.

Open Belmont CC, 12 miles east of downtown Fresno, Calif. . . . First private club built in Fresno area since Ft. Washington club opened in 1923 . . . Frank J. Sanders is Belmont CC pres. . . . Bert Stamps is pro . . . Golf architect Bob Baldock is directing maintenance with Maynard Steinmetz, the supt.

Front

Cover

One of the 155 new courses built in the United States during 1956 was the 18-hole layout constructed at Ft. Meade, Md. under the watchful eye of Lt. General Floyd Parks, sometimes described as "the most enthusiastic golfer in the Army." With him is George Cobb, architect. Of the \$10,000,000 this year that has gone into new construction and additions to courses already in existence, a large part of it has been spent by the armed services in providing golfing facilities for men and women in uniform.

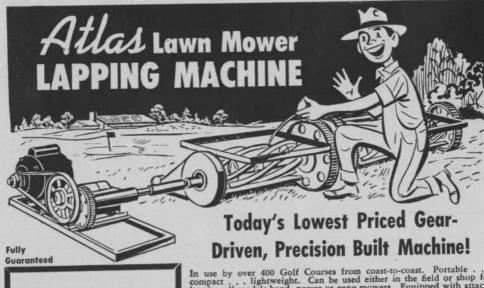


Hal Buroker named pres. of group to establish golf club at Murfreesboro, Tenn. . . . Plan to rehabilitate golf course and swimming pool which have been out of operation for some years . . . Jack Bell, formerly asst. to Bill Ogden at North Shore CC (Chicago dist.) signed as pro by River Forest (Ill.) CC.

Myrl G. Hanmore, 50, died from an accident at Riviera CC (LA dist.) apparently caused when he lost control of a golf car on a steep incline and was crushed between the vehicle he was driving and one he was towing from the first tee to a storage barn.

Bill McKenney pro at Natchez, Miss., Duncan Park course gets fine picture story in Natchez Democrat on his job of cutting down donated golf clubs for use by kids . . . Bill's junior promotion with these clubs is bringing some highly promising and very active kid talent into play . . . A high school lad won Natchez city championship recently.

One of the many curious customs of golfers is that observed at the 12th hole at Wannamoisett CC, Providence, R. I. . . . There a certain foursome has the last one to hole out obligated to buy a round of drinks . . . The foursome: Walter C. Mc-



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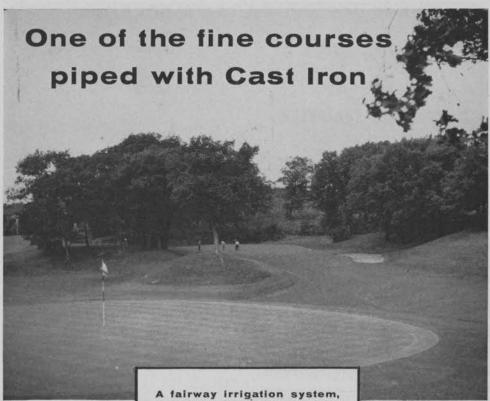
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Open new clubhouse at Wyckoff Park G&CC, Holyoke, Mass. . . . Women and children get free rounds on Mondays and Tuesdays at Shamrock Park course, Burlington, N. C., as part of pro Calvin Walker's plan to increase women's and kids' play . . . Swell illustrated piece on George Jacobus in Hillsdale (N. J.) Herald . . . Jacobus, in 40th year as pro at Ridgewood CC, was born in a farmhouse located on what now is first tee of the Upper Montclair course.

Armand C. Chapeau, gen. mgr., Druid Hills GC, Atlanta, Ga., elected director of International Stewards' and Caterers' Assn. . . . Joe Williams' column on Bobby Jones in NY World-Telegram & Sun reminds us that Bob played in 12 National Opens in U. S. and Britain from 1922 to 1930 and was first or second in 11 of the 12 . . . Joe wrote of Bob "I continue to believe the





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It was Babe's showmanship and gallery draw that really got the women's professional circuit going as a paying business . . . Other girls were hard workers and competent but didn't have Babe's customer magnetism . . There won't be another Babe so the LPGA has a problem of stimulating interest in watching women pros that hasn't been evident since the Babe had to retire.

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The LPGA isn't alone in having that problem of getting larger galleries . . . PGA's problem with its championship has already been outlined in GOLFDOM (August, p. 3) . . . The coming annual meeting of the PGA will try to answer sponsors' complaint about the pro championship to the effect that the PGA asks too much and gives too little in its championship.

PGA championship problem is complicated by the fact that a player becomes eligible to take prize money in a PGA cosponsored tournament after a 6-month probationary period but has to be a pro for 5 years before becoming eligible for the PGA championship . . . This one is rather

hard to explain.

The USGA also has tournament problems based, probably, on the fact that golf is a participants' rather than spectators' game . . . USGA Annual Report for 1955 showed that the Women's Open had a net loss of \$622 . . . The Women's Amateur showed a net profit of \$5,234 in which was \$1,120 in entry fees . . . The Amateur Public Links tournament had entry fees of \$4,014 net and a net profit of \$1,762 . . . The Senior Amateur had entry fees of

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