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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Chandler Park muny course, Detroit, Mich., to be reduced, from 120 to 109 acres by highway construction . . . Course to be reduced from 6,139 yds. to 5,135 yds. and reconstruction started about Labor Day, says Max Craig, Dept. of Parks and Recreation . . . Detroit district loses 9 holes of Hawthorne Valley 18 to subdividing and course now is being played from 18 tees to 9 greens . . . Victor Kingsley and son Don were paid about \$500,000 for the subdivided 9 . . . Hawthorne Valley originally was planned as 54-hole plant . . . One 18, for women's play, never was completed . . . Another 18 was closed in the depression of the '30's . . . Hawthorne has a lighted 668 yd. 9-hole course.

Dave Mancour appointed pro at new Meadowbrook GC, near Lafayette, Calif. . . . First 9 of Meadowbrook expected to be in play in July . . . Vic Soitz now pro at Bellefontaine (O.) CC . . . New course at Fort Bragg, N. C., named for Pfc. Stuart S. Stryker, Oregon-born paratrooper who won Congressional Medal of Honor for "extraordinary heroism" March 24, 1945 . . . He was killed in action at the age of 20.

Here's a switch of some sort: Golf tournament at Garden Grove, Calif., Willowick course, sponsored by Garden Grove Daily News, for financing Little and Babe Ruth leagues of juvenile baseball.

Lloyd Mangrum speaking to Johnny Hendrix, sports editor, Augusta (Ga.)



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Chronicle about tournament circuit golf: "We only get to play six or seven good courses a year." . . . Indian Valley GC, Novato, Calif., sponsors asked by North Marin Water District to post \$250,000 performance bond before getting 50-year lease on land . . . Construction begun on course.

The Harvie Ward, Jr., amateur status case, which popped out as an offshoot of Eddie Lowery's tax trouble, again reminds us that a fellow has to be very well-to-do in order to be a technically pure amateur playing in many tournaments . . . The virgin amateur, by the book, is a fellow who is almost bound to be shooting between 90 and 190 . . . A very tough, if not impossible thing, is to write an amateur rule that will be fair . . . If you've accepted a dime you've won at golf you have violated the Rules of Amateur Status, Rule 1 (4) and aren't an amateur, according to USGA definition . . . How to distinguish the amateurs in spirit (which we think Ward is), the hustler amateurs who are more pros than the pros are, and the fellows who are rich enough to be able to afford to be technical amateurs is a job we wouldn't want.

During the senate rackets investigating committee hearings, Deputy Sheriff George E. Minielly of Multnomah county, Wash., was asked (so he said) by Robert Kennedy, committee's chief counsel, about getting paid off for allowing slot machines to operate in clubs . . . Minielly replied that

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he personally had raided clubs having the bandits . . . Elizabethon (Tenn.) GC opens new second 9.

Bright thought from Grass Valley (Calif.) Union news story telling that "anyone interested in golf and wishing for a chance to try the game" is invited to Nevada County CC for a "Dubbers' Day" tournament in which novices will play along with experienced golfers . . . The Union says the event is called a Scotch foursome "because only half the usual number of golf balls is used."

Members, headed by Pres. E. B. McDaniel, labored on improvements to Summerville (S. C.) CC course and clubhouse, including building new room for caddy carts . . . Wm. H. Huggins who has been with Recreation Park, Long Beach, Calif., many courses since 1925, and since Oct. 1951 as course mgr., retired May 1 . . . He is 68 . . . Recreation Park golfers say he never lost a green.

Oakland, Calif., considering building course adjacent to city's International airport . . . George S. May advises that Ted Kroll has played 63 exhibitions at \$1000 per since winning the Tam O'Shanter World's championship and covered 75,000 miles in 8 months on the tour . . . Alameda

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City of Antioch, Calif., to enlarge its course from 9 to 18 . . . Charles Thode, new mgr., North Ridge CC, Sacramento, Calif., is a song writer whose well known numbers include "Girl of My Dreams." . . . He formerly managed Honolulu's Oahu CC . . . Johnny Hane, now pro at Santa Fe, N. M. many course is writing a weekly golf column in the Santa Fe Mexican.

Paradise Valley CC, Phoenix, Ariz., building \$400,000 addition to clubhouse . . . Buck Davis, formerly asst. to Ted Longworth at Waverly CC, Portland, Ore., now pro-mgr., Bend (Ore.) CC . . . Talking about golf club with home sites border-

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Discussing new golf club for Talladega, Ala. . . . Al Biondi, formerly asst. to Bill Eznicki at Colonial CC, Lynn, Mass., now pro at Augusta (Me.) CC succeeding Bob Hathorne now pro at Rutland (Vt.) CC . . . The par-3 courses are bringing many new golfers into the game . . . Pros and owners of the par-3 courses are giving free lessons in off hours and getting a lot of men, women and kids as enthusiastic students.

To build \$200,000 clubhouse at Bayside GC, Eureka, Calif. . . . Expect to open Bayside 9-hole course in August . . . Members planted 500 elms recently at new Kiowa County CC, Greensburg, Ks. 9-hole sand green course . . . James Gianferante now pro at Forest Park CC, North Adams, Mass., succeeding Wm. Schaff who has become pro at North Adams CC.

Bob Wolfe now pro at Oconomowoc (Wis.) CC succeeding "Red" Leonard who has retired from his summer job at Oconomowoc but will continue in winter as pro at San Marcos hotel course at Chandler, Ariz., where he has been for years . . . C. A.



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Art Weber in his 23rd year as pro at North Jersey CC, Paterson, N. J. . . . George W. Page, owner of Colonial Club, Lynnfield, Mass., signs long-term lease for Unicorn CC, Stoneham, Mass. . . . Bill Eznicki, Colonial pro is transferred to Unicorn and succeeded at Colonial by Sam Bidetta, pro at Woburn CC, also operated by Page.

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