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## Swinging around Golf NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Vince Holian now pro at Del Norte GC, Crescent City, Calif. . . . Building Carolinas CC course between Tabor City and Loris, N. C. . . . Janss Investment Corp. to build Las Posas course near Oxnard, Calif. . . Pinecrest CC, Longview, Tex., spending \$135,000 on course and clubhouse improvements . . . Greenwood (S. C.) GC opens new pool.

Art Rosenbaum, golf writer of San Francisco Chronicle forecasts that helicopters will take golfers from office building roof heliports to 18-hole golf courses 50 or 100 miles away . . . Says murderous taxes and increased land use will cut size of courses in or near big

cities to 9 holes.

Surprising number of golf courses being chopped up by highway construction . . . Big graft in federal, state freeway and toll roads is a major factor in the road building spree, according to disclosures in trials of politicians and others involved in this phase of "public service." . . . Much of the highway routing shows highway engineering isn't among the branches of engineering that can boast of its foresight.

Phil Smith succeds Mavor Boyd as mgr., Melbourne (Fla.) G&CC . . . Melbourne club lease on city-owned course and improvements bought from Don R. Boyd by newly formed organization . . . Pittsfield, Ill., group headed by Clarence Marshall to build course . . . Johan W. Dawson Co. and Trousdale Construction Co. to build new course and real estate development with name of Marin G&CC 7 miles north of San Rafael, Calif. . . . Lawrence Hughes is architect of the 18 hole course.



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Huntsville, Ala., city council planning to add 9 holes to muny course . . . Present course earns \$7,000 a year . . . Construction of first 18 of 36-hole El Dorado CC between Indian Wells and Palm Desert, Calif., finished and seeded . . . Johnny Dawson, Jimmy Hines, Robt. McMahon, Ray Ryan, Barney Hinkle and others are associated in the project which includes a "western town" on

order of Scottsdale, Ariz., on 792-acre de-

velopment.

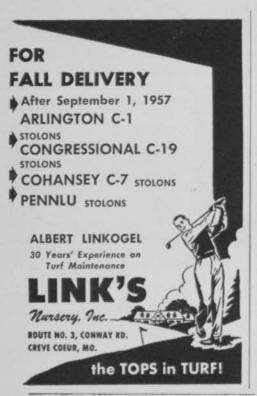
Battle Creek, Mich., to have 18-hole conventional course and 9-hole par 3 course in new park on site donated by widow of Charles Binder . . . City officials plan to start construction soon . . Previous muny course in Battle Creek was closed about 20 years ago by Michigan Dept. of Health ruling which prohibited operating a golf course over well areas furnishing public drinking water supply.

Lake Cora Hills GC, on US 12 near Paw Paw, Mich., to open 9 holes next spring . . . Carl Hegenauer expects to open second 9 of his Maple Hill GC, near Saginaw, Mich., June, 1958 . . . Wm. L. Johnson and sons, owners of Ace Plating Co., building Hickory Hills 9-hole semiprivate course as 5th pay-play course in Grand Rapids, Mich., area. . . . Ira Dustin, formerly supt., Cascade Hills CC, is doing the job.

Supts, this summer have needed tranquilizer pills a lot more than tournament pros. . . . Very bad summer for grass in large part of the country. . . . Situation aggravated by 1956 generally being favorable for golf turf and golfers got the idea courses always would be in last year's

Front Cover The luckiest kids in Wheeling, W. Va., those who spend the summer camping out at Oglebay and caddying for golfers there, gather around Ex-Caddie Sam Snead. In addition to stocking up on autographs from a fellow who most of them consider the greatest mon who ever lived, or at least the noblest West Virginian of them all, they absorb wit, wisdom and golf lore from a fellow himself, who little more than a quarter century ago, was carrying bags in neighboring Hot Springs. (See story on page 21.)

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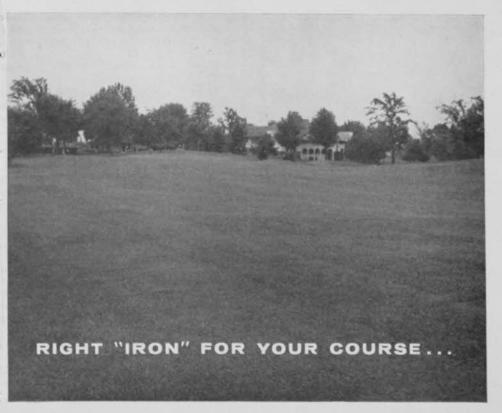
condition. . . . Demand of highly vocal players for close-cut fairways is playing hell with bluegrass fairways and supt. gets blamed for fairways being in miserable shape . . . This is one of pressing problems in turf field.

Longview (Wash.) CC planning to build second 9... Work starts on Liberty Lake 18-hole course near Spokane, Wash., to be operated by county... Arbor Hills CC, Jackson, Mich., to spend \$200,000 on club-house remodeling and expansion... Santa Barbara, Calif., Chamber of Commerce sponsoring contest for naming city's new muny course... Coupons for entries appear in local newspapers... Prize is \$25 U. S. Savings bond.

Palatine (III.) GC, 9-hole semi-private, being built by Joseph J. Kozeluh of the family which owned the Mannheim GC semi-private course, also in the Chicago district . . . The Mannheim course was knocked out by the scandal-plagued III-, inois toll road . . . Johnny Battini, pro at Olympic Club's two courses at San Francisco for 19 years, has contract renewed . . . For 10 years Johnny was asst. to Macdonald Smith.

Jack Berweiler, pro at Arrowhead CC, San Bernadino, Calif., named Sportsman





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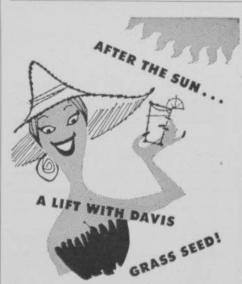
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of the Year by the Citrus Belt Sports (Writers' Assn. . . . Olympia (Wash.) G&CC to build second 9 to plans of Fred Federspiel . . . Yolo Fliers' Club, Woodland, Calif., to have second 9 built per Bob Baldock's architecture.

Vestal Hills CC, Binghampton, N. Y., new 18 designed by Geoffrey S. Cornish, to open in June, 1958 . . . Club sold site of its present 9-hole course for use as shopping center and residential area . . . Interesting argument to which we listened recently concerned the number of dogleg holes that good golf architecture would permit . . There is no general answer . . . The Old Course at St. Andrews has 6 decidedly dogleg holes and about 14 that the golfer of 6-handicap and higher had better play as doglegs.

Incidentally, the above-mentioned argument sent me to books on golf course architecture and the chapter on "Elements of Golf Course Design" that Robert Bruce Harris and Robert Trent Jones wrote for "Turf Management" the USGA Green Section manual edited by H. Buron Musser . . . "The Links" by Robert Hunter and "Golf Architecture in America" by George C. Thomas, jr., both are out of



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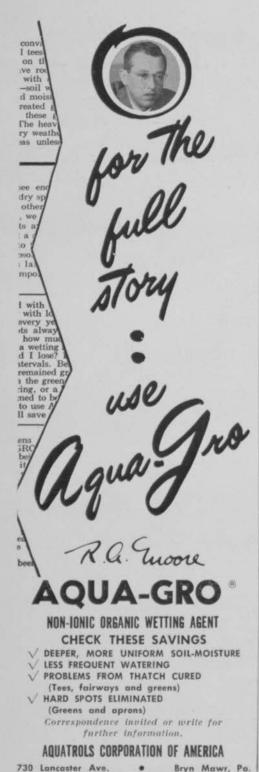


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British books on architecture include "The Game of Golf" which has fine chapters on architecture by Tom Simpson . . . A. S. Barnes & Co., 232 Madison ave., New York handle this book . . . "Golf Courses — Design, Construction and Upkeep" published by Sutton and Sons, Ltd., Reading, Eng., contains contributions by P. Mackenzie Ross, Tom Simpson, Robert Trent Jones, Martin A. F. Sutton, C. H. Alison and C. K. Cotton . . "The Architectural Side of Golf" by H. N. Wethered and T. Simpson, is published by Longmans, Green & Co., Ltd., London.

Some very interesting and informative material on the architectural development of the Old Course at St. Andrews is in a book about the R&A published a year or so ago . . . I loaned mine to a pal . . . Good-bye, forever . . . Book, not pal.

In the Thomas book, published in 1927, there is a fine design of a par-3, 18-hole course and a design of a 9-hole, 3-greens and 9-tees course, along with instructive pictures, drawings and text on the standard type of golf courses.

Nine holes being added to 18-hole Raleigh (N. C.) Golf Assn. semi-public course . . . George Cobb designed the new 9 . . .



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Blue Gum Lodge, between Willows and Orland, Calif., planning to build 9 hole course . . . Portland GC near Lansing, Mich., celebrates its 30th birthday by opening second 9.

Hinsdale (Mass.) CC, owned by Alfred J. Basiliere and wife, now in attractive new clubhouse . . . Course was remodeled and extensively improved prior to this year's opening . . . Indianwood G&CC (Detroit dist.) to be remodeled and extended to 7,500 yds this fall . . . It will be Michigan's longest course . . . John Walter, Detroit News golf writer, says Indianwood's 18th green probably is largest in U. S. . . . It is 175 ft. wide and 180 ft. deep . . . Over 30,000 sq. ft.

Peoria (III.) Pleasure Driveway and Park District considering building a 9-hole par-3 course financed by special bond issue under terms recently authorized statewide by Illinois legislature . . . Under the legislation's terms public courses, including lockerroom facilities can be acquired, constructed and operated by bonds payable only by receipts from course . . . Such bonds can be issued without referendum vote . . . The measure contains a provision whereby a petition signed by 1,000 voters could force a vote on the question.

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