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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

New golf clubs opening or having their first full year in 1958 give golf business a buffer against the readjustment, deflation or recession or whatever financial experts prefer to call the cagier spending expected for the first six months. . . . Some officials believe bar business at country clubs will drop if business tightens a bit and expense accounts are cut while politicians and bureaucrats continue to toss away taxpayers' money.

Any pro who wants a reminder that there's a lot of money that might be spent in his shop might compare his income and profits with his club's bar gross and net revenue last year . . . Playing is the cheapest part of golf.

Among new courses to open this year are the \$1½ million Moon Valley course at Phoenix, Ariz. . . . Rockleigh, Bergen County (N. J.), first county-owned course (construction and equipment cost about \$500,000) . . . Louisiana State university's course at Baton Rouge which will cost, equipped, about \$200,000 . . . The \$335,000 Frank Burke memorial course at Whitter Narrows, Los Angeles county . . . First 9 of the North Kern (Calif.) Golf Assn. course . . . Selva Marina CC \$400,000 club at Atlantic Beach, near Jacksonville, Fla.

This will be first full year for Antelope Valley CC, near Lancaster, Calif. . . . And for the Salinas (Calif.) Fairways \$100,000 course, first 9 of which was



Herb Graffis

opened last summer . . . Also for the Columbia Hotel's 9 at Hurleyville, N. Y., which is one of several new resort courses in the area . . . The Michigan State university course at East Lansing, Mich., will be in play this spring . . . Adobe Creek Lodge in northern Santa Clara County, Calif., will open its new 9 in mid-summer.

The \$30,000 9-hole course Alex McKay is building for Camp Glenrochie CC, Abingdon, Va., is to be ready for play in May . . . New Ridgewood G&CC in Agawam, Mass. to open this spring . . . Spring Hill Park, only many course in Mobile, Ala., is a new \$200,000 project getting big play in its first year . . . Grifton (N. C.) CC opening new 9-hole course this spring.

New 9-hole course at Payson, Ariz., designed by Frank Hughes, to open this spring . . . Henry M. Moore and J. R. Richardson have their Jefferson Hills GC 9-hole course going into its first full year. . . . First full year, also, for Vista (Calif.) G&CC with its 9-hole course.

Jack Wallace of Upper Montclair (N. J.) CC is new pres., Metropolitan (N. Y.) Golf Assn. . . . Clarence W. Benedict is vp, Gordon M. Hill is sec., and James E. Shields is treas. . . . Harlan Will from Lebanon (Pa.) CC to pro post at South Meadows Development Corp. 18-hole course now being built near Quentin . . . Will will teach and do promotion while course is being built this year . . . Johnny

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Joe Balnis going into his first year as pro at the new Pinecrest CC, Pelham, Ga. . . . First 9 of Ellington GC, Manchester, Conn. course designed by Geoffrey Cornish, to be in play in late summer . . . Paul Bell back to Naples, Fla., Beach CC for 12th year with staff of Dick Roberts, Al Davis, George Maxwell and Ralph Bache . . . The Naples resort has 50 golf cars helping to speed play on a course beautifully groomed by Supt. Turner Barnes.

Erie Shores GC, North Madison, O., 9-hole course designed by Ben W. Zink, to open in June . . . Cobb County (Ga.) Recreation Board building 18-hole course. . . . Siler City, N. C., in campaign to build course and country club as civic asset attracting desirable industries.

Hope to have Tanglewood Park 18 designed by Robert Trent Jones for Winston-Salem, N. C., Park Board ready for play this fall . . . Look for more of the big name pros to be in winter resort

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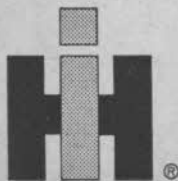
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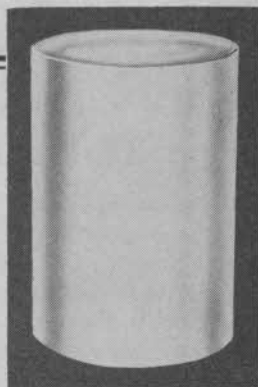
Department of Agriculture cancelled a \$4,000 payment to an Arizona golf club for not growing cotton under the 1957 soil bank program . . . The way some so-called golfers want courses softened you'd think all courses would have to be covered with cotton.

Tom Scott, editor, *Golf Illustrated* of London, sees bright sign for future of British golf in the increasing number of British kids caddying . . . A goodly percentage of the boys are barely into their teens . . . They wheel the bags on carts that the British call trolleys.

New 9-hole munny course at Cullman, Ala., now in its first full year, cost about \$125,000 in donated time, money, material and equipment . . . New Iberia (La.) G&CC building \$88,000 clubhouse . . . Clubhouse at Rockleigh, new course of Bergen County (N. J.) Park Commission to cost \$206,000.

Bob Laswell, leaves amateur ranks to be pro at Meadow Brooks CC, Centralia, Ill. . . . Taxes and assessments forcing some Minneapolis area clubs to sell . . . Westwood Hills GC to be acquired by St. Louis Park, Minn., as 9-hole munny course and park . . . Suburb of Golden Valley is

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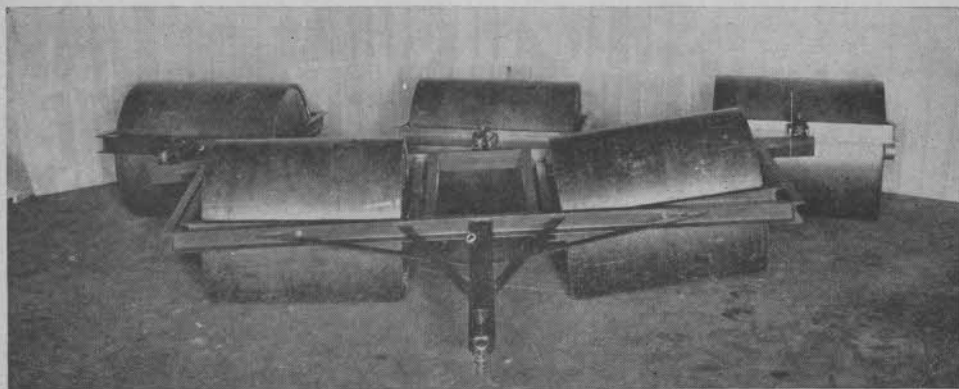
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Hesperia (Calif.) CC opened last fall with a \$15,000 tournament, has a Joshua tree in a trap close to the 16th green . . . Course designed by Bill Bell . . . Skyline 18-hole course, part of \$5,500,000 airport expansion program at Long Beach, Calif., to start building soon.

Talk about a new 9-hole course in Jefferson County (Louisville), Ky., Jefferson-town area . . . Henie Hills CC 18-hole course and community development now under construction in Los Angeles area being publicized as "Palm Springs" of the summer . . . Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission approves plan for building 27 holes in Norwood area, with first unit to be a 9-hole course.

Golfers of Festus and De Soto, Mo., organize new club to have 9-hole course. . . Boone, N. C., to get 18-hole private course designed by Ellis Maples . . . Highland Hills CC, new Dallas club expects to have construction completed this year . . . Architect's sketch of "hyperbolic paraboloid" design for clubhouse with ball room ceiling 30 ft. high makes us eager to look at the architect's plan of a golf club bar to fit . . . The hyperbolic

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