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Too bad about Tommy Bolt . . . He proved that when he stopped crying and played golf he was a champion . . . After he had showed adult judgment during the Open and backed away from some situations that might have incited him to explosions, we thought he had grown up . . . Then came his outbursts at LaGuardia airport, Piping Rock and Pine Hollow's Pepsi-Boys' Club.

We like Tommy . . . On various occasions we have tried to bail him out when golf writers, who are usually considerate, took a dim view of Bolt's behavior . . . But perhaps that wasn't the kind thing to do for Tommy . . . He may be happier back at his trade as a carpenter where he can throw his hammer and walk off the job snarling if he hits a nail crooked . . . There's no law compelling him to play tournament golf if it makes his ulcers squirt like a grapefruit and clouds his sunny disposition.

While we are getting through with this distressing subject, let's say in justice to Bolt that he is not the only one who has taken out of golf more than he has put into it and has been somewhat negligent about recognizing an obligation of gratitude.

Good luck, Tommy . . . Sorry that the golf career hasn't made you happy . . . The failure has been disappointing to us, too, for we thought you were going to be one of the greatest.



Herb Graffis

In architecture, Southern Hills proved itself to be one of the best three or four courses on which the 58 National Opens have been played . . . In condition of greens, fairways and tees, no National Open Course has been better than Southern Hills . . . The Bermuda rough of Southern Hills, even after it was cut shorter following the an-

quished cries of fellows who aspired to the high and mighty title of National Open champion, offered more of a shotmaking problem than bluegrass or bent rough . . . Maybe it was too tough for a champion to play . . . If so, that's downgrading a champion.

The bent greens were a trifle longer than National Open greens usually are and were lightly sprayed to keep them in top shape in the terrific heat . . . Supt. John Price and his staff had the help of Bob Dunning in watching condition of the greens so they could be preserved despite the 100 degree temperature and high humidity.

There were the usual cries about the greens not holding and a few new whines about spike marks but still no audible recognition of the fact that the most serious marring of greens is around the cups where players dent the putting surface by using their putters as crutches when bending over to pick balls out of the cups.

Cups at some holes for the first day's play (which happened to be in a high wind) were placed without much atten-

FRONT COVER

One of the more popular pro tournaments played in the Midwest is the Milwaukee Open which will be played this year at Tripoli CC in the Wisconsin metropolis, Aug. 7-10. The front cover shows a part of the large delegation of golf fans who attended the tournament in 1957. Ken Venturi won last year's event with a 267, which was two strokes higher than the winning totals compiled by Cary Middlecoff in 1955 and Ed Furgol in 1956.

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tion paid to the references John P. English, USGA Asst. Executive Director, made regarding placement of holes in his USGA Journal article, "Preparing the course for a Competition." . . . On Friday and Saturday the cup placements were not tricky.

Announcement at Tulsa that the 1960 National Open would be at Cherry Hills Club, Denver, where the 1938 event was won by Ralph Guldahl, brought some memories of tough cup placements . . . Guldahl was one of the finest putters who ever played . . . At Cherry Hills he went for the greens instead of playing for the pins and holed a lot of long ones.

Freddie McLeod was at Southern Hills with one of his members from Columbia, CC . . . Freddie was National Open winner 50 years ago at Myopia with 82, 82, 81, 77. . . He tied with Willie Smith and beat Willie, 77 to 83 in the playoff . . . Freddie then was pro at Midlothian in the Chicago district and Willie was pro at Mexico City . . . Also in that field at Myopia were Jock Hutchison, Mike Brady, Bertie Way, Walter Fovargue and Otto Hackbarth . . . Maybe some others who took part in that Open are still playing.

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McLeod smiled as he listened to the moans about the cruelty of the Southern Hills course . . . He recalled the rough courses on which the Open championships used to be played . . . There were a few kicks from players about placement of the holes, said McLeod, but usually the complaints came only from players who didn't have the slightest chance of winning . . . The earlier contestants didn't complain about the condition of the greens, fairways or rough because the greens, fairways and rough at their own courses were about in the same shape . . . The rough now is so nearly gone from golf courses that players in the National Open think they're being abused when they have to play it, McLeod opined.

Henson Maples, supt., Pinehurst (N.C.) golf courses, recently won North Carolina Lions Club championship . . . Keith Fuchs, 15-year-old son of Walter, supt., Gleneagles CC where Chicago Open will be played, knocked in an ace on the 165 yd. 7th hole of the White course at Gleneagles.

Marty Cromb, pro at Toledo (O.) CC, and former pres. of the PGA Seniors was at the Open as the guest of Frank Stranahan . . . For a while it looked as though

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Marty might bring Frank in as a winner . . . Frank was trying some new "secret" . . . Freddie McLeod and his Columbia member companion, who haven't missed the Open and the Masters for years, did more walking at Southern Hills than some of the contestants . . . Freddie still is one of the keenest analysts of golf techniques . . . Phil Greenwald, pro at Hinsdale (Ill.) CC made Southern Hills the 25th consecutive National Open he has attended . . . Harry Radix, retired Chicago industrialist, continued to run up his record as the world's foremost golf fan . . . He has been at every National Open since 1921, never has missed Ryder Cup matches in this country, has been at every PGA championship since 1923, has missed only two Masters, has been at several British Opens and Ryder Cup matches in Britain . . . He was a pres. of the Chicago District GA.

Cute stunt of putting "US Open Golf" license plates on the Pontiac courtesy cars they had at the National Open . . . Charles Bartlett, golf editor, Chicago Tribune, and Arthur Veysey of the Tribune's London bureau, exchanged in successive Sunday editions, notes on costs of golf in US and Britain . . . Britain's

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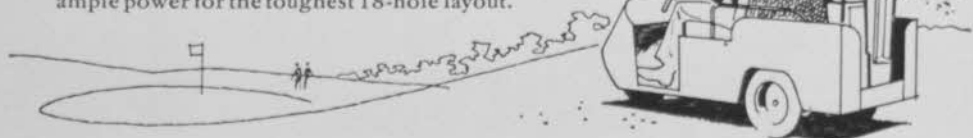
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