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opened in mid-January, is a Press Maxwell architectural creation . . . It is 7,000 yds. long, has complete watering system and greens and tees are in Tifton 328 while fairways are in common Bermuda.

Other Maxwell projects: At Pinecrest CC in Longview, Tex., Maxwell is building new 9 and rebuilding the old . . . Construction expected to be completed in midsummer . . . Press also has been retained as architect for Hickory Hills CC, Dallas, but construction date hasn't been set

Gilbert C. Foster, supt. at Keller GC, St. Paul, supervising irrigation system installation and green construction at Ramsey GC, three miles away . . . It's an 18hole, 6400 yd. course . . . He has helped convert sand to grass greens in 15 Minnesota locations in last two years . . Bernard (Dino) Politz married Feb. 8 to Sarah Louise Fischer in Baltimore . . . Dino was in good hands since Andy Bertoni, his former boss at Meadowbrook CC, Northville, Mich., and Alan Ameche, Baltimore Colt fullback, were ushers at the wedding . . . Politz is construction supervisor for William Baldwin Construction Co., Bloomfield, N. J., course building firm.

Here are some of the projects green expert, Alex McKay, has working in the mid-South . . . St. Paul, Va. (9); Dante, Va. (9); Norton, Va. (9) . . . Recently completed by Alex were greens at Avingdon, Va., Marysville, Tenn. and Newport, Tenn. . . . All were 9-hole jobs.

Miami Springs, Miami, Fla., muny course getting additional 9, across road from existing 18 . . . Supt. George Smith overseeing construction . . . Mark Mahannah, course consultant and architect, do-



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ing some work at Boca Grande, Florida west coast resort where Joe Kirkwood is located in winter . . . Internal Revenue Service rules that USGA Green Section Research and Education Fund is exempt from federal income tax . . . The Fund was allotted \$7000 of 1957 Golf Day revenue.

Iowa pros and others give high credit to Iowa Seniors Golf Assn. Sec. Ray T. Moore for the organization's rapid growth from its founding in 1954 with 22 members to its 1957 membership of 273 . . . The Hawkeve seniors have 5 events a year: one each at G&CC, Des Moines; Elmcrest, Cedar Rapids; Ft. Dodge CC, Mason City CC and Ottumwa municipal course . . . Frank Bubany, Ottumwa muny pro, says his state's amateur vets are an eager and rugged corps, playing in snow, rain or sleet, like the traditional mailman making his rounds . . . The majority of voungsters are scared off the course by weather and in summer loll around club pools rather than take the heat of the course

Wm. C. Chapin, chmn., USGA green section, back at his business after surgery early in February . . . Bill is the resilient, durable type . . . A fellow's got to be that to head the green section . . . By the way, the green section service has been mentioned gratefully by supts. and chmn. in the past few years more than it's been thanked in previous years for its invaluable service to golf and golf clubs . . . Club officials are waking up to what the green section is doing . . . Smart supts. knew it right along.

Some good laughs about Frankie Stranahan being No. 1 on a PGA list of tournament money winners and the expected cracks about Frankie needing \$ like he needs 15 clubs . . . Everybody's glad to see it happen to Stranahan for there hasn't

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Congressional CC (Washington DC dist.) new "minimum" charge plan as described in Jan. GOLFDOM getting a lot of study by club officials . . . Congressional figures a member must spend \$890 a year, including dues and pro shop charges, to make the club go . . . Best members, from Congressional board's study of club's finances, are those between 35 and 45 with children . . . Which again confirms GOLFDOM's observation that many clubs unwisely make it tough for young men with families to get in and stay in.

Congressional gave its pro, Wiffy Cox, a great party (and \$5Gs) on his 60th birthday . . . Wiffy looks 15 years younger and knocks in plenty of rounds in the high 60s . . . Washington's climate must be good for pros: look at Freddie McLeod, Columbia CC pro, 1908 National

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Mid-Atlantic PGA's series of Monday seminars for assistant pros was opened with Harold Oatman presenting the principles of golf instruction . . . Mid-Atlantic pres., Max Albin, has the section's master pros lined up for what should be valuable schooling for assistants . . . Indianapolis CC in extensive clubhouse improvement program, including new building for kids.

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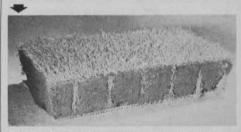


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II, running the club in addition to working a shift in shipyards and providing facilities for an anti-aircraft unit stationed on the course . . . Joe has been with Pat since 1948 . . . Pat's development of Richmond into good solid private club status, his other golf business activities and his service to brother pros have made him an asset to golf . . . Tom Craft now mgr., Minnehaha CC, Sioux Falls, S. D., suc-ceeding Gerald S. Horgan who went to Lafavette CC, Minneapolis.

Michigan PGA reelects Warren Orlick for 3d term as pres. . . . Emil Beck is elected Michigan PGA's 1st vp, Alex Sinclair its 2d vp; Lou Powers, sec.-treas. . . . Horton Smith and Al Watrous were elected directors and as vps-at-large Michigan voted in Ron LaParl, Don Soper, Bill Fassezke.

Among new appointments in Michigan: Steve Isakov as pro at Lakelands CC; Preston Mersel as pro at Farmington CC; and Jack Hoffman as Hillcrest CC pro . . . John Devers is the new mgr. at the Tam o' Shanter CC (Detroit dist.)

Phil Greenwald, pro at Hinsdale (Ill.) CC, back after flying trip to South Africa where he played in several tournaments . . . Among 200 books that American

Booksellers Assn. presented Pres. Eisenhower for White House library was Tommy Armour's "How to Play Your Best Golf All the Time." . . . The Armour book which set selling record for golf books continues to be a big seller in its

fifth year.

John Brennan, Long Island Star Journal golf writer, says opening of Bethpage State Park 5th 18 on Decoration Day will bring total of courses on Long Island up to 71 with land valued at \$141,000,000 ... Westchester has 46 private clubs and 5 semi-private, with Winged Foot, Westchester CC and Sleepy Hollow private clubs each having 36 holes . . . There are 228 clubs, 165 of them private, within 100 miles of the Empire State building.

Emory Stafford, formerly city editor of Cambridge (Md.) Daily Banner, now pro-mgr., Winter Quarters CC, Pocomoke City, Md. . . . Jack Crane, mgr. of Dubuque, Ia., Bunker Hill municipal course, resigns . . . First 9 of Rio Pinar CC, Orlando, Fla., opened . . . Course is feature of real estate development . . . Will have 18 and a 9-hole par 3, designed by Mark Mahannah . . . Hope to start work soon on clubhouse remodelling and enlarging at PGA National GC, Dunedin, Fla.

Tam o' Shanter CC (Chicago district) bulletin to members reported that 3,030 golf balls, costing pro Lou Strong 22 cents each, disappeared from the club's practice range . . . All the balls were redstriped . . . Detroit's 6 municipal courses had 317,208 rounds in 1957, about 1,400 fewer than the year before . . . Loss caused by new road causing closing of one 9 at Chandler Park on Labor Day.

Orville Clapper of the Clapper Co., West Newton, Mass., course equipment dealer, wrote letters to the more than 200 friends who staged the surprise party that marked his 35 years in golf business . . . The letters were bright and heartwarming messages like you'd naturally expect from Orville, and they made those who got them feel like the merry party was being replayed.

Among the guests were Clapper's first customer, Elmer Fuller, and his first employee, Harold H. Brown, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Brown . . . There now are more than 1200 senior members of the PGA with 46 new members becoming eligible in 1957 when they reached 50 . . . Prof. H. L. Lantz of Iowa State College who originated and heads the Iowa turfgrass

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conferences says that O. J. Noer hasn't missed one of them . . . The 24th Iowa conference is on Mar. 10-12 at Ames.

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Iberia G & CC, New Iberia, La., building \$90,000 clubhouse . . . Chicot GC, Ville Platte, La., has new nine in play . . . Club financed by 100 persons who bought \$7,500 in stock . . . Dues are only \$60 a year . . . England AFB, Alexandria, La., getting 9-hole course ready for play . . . LaSalle GC, Jena, La., has its new 9 in operation . . . Members were short on cash when it came time to build a clubhouse so they talked the Kansas City Southern RR out of an

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Those hardy, golf playing souls at the Peterborough (N. H.) GC managed to get in 10 months of their favorite sport in 1957, according to Harry F. Muzzey, mgr. . . . Which is better than a lot of Florida mgrs. can claim . . . 18hole Airport GC in Trenton, N. J., to be ready for play on July 1 . . . Don M. Coffee, who will stay on as supt., is supervising construction . . . Joe Ryan designed the green and tees while Russ Kerns is serving as a construction consultant.

Elks club buys Kankakee (Ill.) Valley GC which means that Herman Woehrle, the supt. there, will be working for fourth group of owners in his 18 years at the club . . . At GCSA convention in Washington, one of the Southern supts. was complaining that about 25 per cent of his budget goes into replacing hose that is stolen by moonshiners . . . Supt. Paul O'Leary has moved from Walworth (R. I.) CC to Ekwanok CC in Manchester, Vt.

At their January meeting, Kansas Turfgrass Assn. members made plans for getting publicity for their organization . . . In addition to setting up a publicity committee they appointed one of their members as the Assn's offical photographer . . . Members are urged to keep their local newspapers, radio and TV stations informed of all the association's activities . . . Supt's groups can use more of this.

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Jones won the U.S. Amateur five times, four National Opens, three British Opens and one British Amateur. In 1930, at the age of 28, he captured what the late O. B. Keeler called the "impregnable quadrilateral," victory in each of the four tour-

naments mentioned above.

Cantrell Resigns as President of Texas PGA Section

Warren Cantrell has resigned as pres. of the Texas PGA section, turning over his duties to Tod Menfee, San Antonio CC pro. Cantrell's resignation was prompted by the fact that he was elected treas, of the national PGA group last fall and found he couldn't give sufficient time to both offices.

The annual meeting and tournament of the Texas PGA will be held at Ft. Sam Houston GC in San Antonio in September, with the dates to be announced. Sectional qualifying for the PGA championship will be staged at Austin CC June 16.

Several chapters of The Texas Section already are making plans for National Golf Day.

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