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From mid-July summer has been murderous on greens at many courses . . . Most of the variegated troubles are reported as having one cause in common: poor construction . . . Fairways, barring poa annua spots, generally are reported as staying in pretty good condition so far this summer.

Rounds played in the majority of districts thus far in

1958 probably average about 10 per cent ahead of last year . . . Sales of clubs and balls, bags, etc. aren't that far ahead . . . Reports from salesmen indicate that if pro shop sales total for this year goes 5 per cent ahead of last year it will be because golf gift business at pro shops continues to increase as a factor in Christmas gift merchandising.

Business recession seems to have had more effect on bar spending at clubs than on rounds of golf played and equipment buying . . Public and semi-private course play continues its steady increase in accounting for over 60 per cent play. Unemployment hasn't been reflected much in pay-as-you-play rounds.

Colgate University's new 9-hole course at Hamilton, N. Y., to plans of Robert Trent Jones, opened . . . Colgate's athletic director, Everett D. Barnes, and pro, Jim Dalgety, head campaign to rehabilitate old building as a new clubhouse for the Colgate course. Fine story by Gene Picker on Al Caravella, Echo Lake CC supt., in Elizabeth (N. J.) Journal . . .



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Picker says, Caravella, 28, is "youngest course supt. n N. J." . . . Caravella, former caddie and capt. of Metuchen high school golf team, is protege of Ed McDermott, former green chmn., Metuchen CC, who got the club to send Caravella to Rutgers for supt. courses . . . After that, at 19, Caravella was named Metuchen supt . . . He then worked on staff of Ed Casey at Baltusrol in continu-

ing his schooling and became Echo Lake supt. in 1956.

New course of Cleveland (O.) Metropolitan Park Board at Bedford Reservation opened . . . Parks Dir. Harold W. Groth estimates Bedford golf plant will cost \$70,000 yearly to operate, including 5 per cent amortization payment . . . Mrs. John Newman, chmn., girls' championship committee of Women's Metropolitan (N. Y.) GC suspects "too much dating and high caddie fees" are explanations for small entry in the championship for girls under 18.

New Orleans City Park to have third course . . . Open Massena (N. Y.) CC course . . . Albert Murray was architect, J. J. Moroney was in charge of building and Harlan Martin is supt . . . Another postponement of opening of Rockleigh County (N. J.) course near Hackensack because of strike delaying completion of clubhouse . . . Course may not open until next year.

Second nine soon to be opened at Vaughn Barnhard's Indian Run semi-priv-

Front Cover

If you have any difficulties in selling your golfers on the idea of extending their season (See page 36), perhaps mention of the beautiful vista from the pro shop window may be one way of convincing them. And, it gets even better in the Fall when the leaves begin to turn. The photo on the cover looks out from Red Dennison's pro shop at Green Acres Country Club, located near Northbrook, III.

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ate course at Westerville, O. . . . Sam Salyers is supt . . . Wilton Garrison, Charlotte (N. C.) Observer sports editor, says Charlotte is to have four new 18-hole courses soon . . . two are to be surrounded by real estate development, a second 18 for Carmel CC and a new course for Columbia CC . . . Larkhaven GC 9-hole course being built by Barron Connell . . . Charlotte CC planning 9 holes for addition to its 27.

Talk about new course at Greenwich, Conn., on property now owned by St. Luke's Convalescent Home . . . Pros in the Carolinas are seeing results of the kid class lessons and other junior golf promotion they've been doing . . . They say standard of kid golf now is amazingly high and Carolina kids' golf manners might well be par for adult golf etiquette all over the U. S. . . . Junior golfer development hasn't been easy thing for Carolina pros with the club pools inviting kids in the summers and older members many times not agreeable to use of the course by youngsters . . . Big growth of junior golf interest has provided best possible insurance for future of the Carolinas clubs.

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Orleans Open, says \$29,600 has been pledged to underwrite 1959 New Orleans Open . . . New Jersey now has in effect legislation authorizing counties without park commissions to acquire land for courses . . . Expect to open 9-hole course of new Wendell (N. C.) GC in Oct.

Dallas Weaver now pro at Callier Springs GC, Rome, Ga. . . Officials of Fairview CC, Elmford, N. Y., at party celebrating Johnny Inglis' 50th year as the club's pro, estimated that in Johnny's 57 years in pro golf he had started at least 8,000 youngsters in golf . . . Now building new 18 for Out Door CC, York, Pa., to replace present course sold for real estate development.

Open 5 holes of Hancock (N. Y.) G& CC course . . . Expect to complete 9 for play by next spring . . . Gus Tacea operates the course . . . Hancock Herald, in story about course opening, prints "Rules of Golf Etiquette," an educational roundup of the code of golf conduct and rules that will be in effect at the club . . . It's excellent press material for communities in which a course is new.

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Glenrochie CC course at Abingdon, Va., opened . . . W. M. (Bill) Webster is pro-supt . . . Clubhouse being built . . . Pleasant Ridge Swim & CC 9-hole course on site of old Nannehagen course, opened at Pleasantville, N. Y. . . . Mike LaMedica is pro . . . Owners of Bayside and Oakland courses on Long Island awarded about half of what they regarded as value of 52 acres of Bayside and 20 acres of Oakland and less than city appraiser's estimates by order of Jamaica Supreme Court . .





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Jim Reynolds now "Golf counselor" to Hermitage CC, Richmond, Va., which is building new 18-hole course to plan of Wm. Gordon and Son... Also being built in Richmond district are 18 holes that Fred Findlay and Ray Loving are building for Meadowbrook CC; Willow Oaks being built by the Gordons, Bill and Dave; and a new 9 for Oak Hills... CC of Virginia soon to add a second 18 adjoining its James River course.

Bill Hensley, Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer golf writer after checking with Ralph Lang, Agee Welch and Maurice Brackett, pros at Raleigh's three courses, says weekend golfers play more golf than his club's pro . . . John M. Brennan, Long Island golf reporter, says Marshall Field estate on Long Island, adjoining Deepdale course at Manhasset, will be site of another great course.

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