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Slow play is costing golf thousands of players and restricting number of rounds played by current golfers, according to pros at private and pay-play courses . . . Pros remark that prior to World War II a round of club or championship golf, even with deep rough hiding balls, rarely took three hours . . . Now the average is about four hours.

Club pros, in interesting and useful symposium in Golf-

ing magazine, said solution of problem lies in education of juniors . . . Slow older men golfers rarely can be snapped out of their crawl and are making the game tedious for the majority . . . numerous professionals note that women golfers now are playing as fast, or faster, than men at clubs.

Club pros generally agree that the habit of going through a procedure that is time-wasting and psychologically unsound before putting is main cause of slower play . . . Another cause is the rule change that permitts leaving the flag in the cup . . . Some want the flag in; others want the caddie to lift it out . . . Result is to delay every foursome on following holes.

It now is obvious that the rules change which made hitting the pin an aim of the game was a bad guess made in the hope of speeding up play . . . That experiment should be ended . . . The main idea of the game is to get the ball into the hole rather

than hit the flagpole.



HERB GRAFFIS

Speaking of The Rules of Golf, isn't it about time that there is a rewriting of Definition 28 (Sides and matches) in which appears: "FOUR-SOME: A match in which two play against two, and each side plays one ball." . . . The Walker Cup, Curtis Cup and Ryder Cup matches are about the only foursome, per the rules, played in the USA.

Guy Bellitt, pres. Southern California PGA goes from Al-

tadena municipal course to pro position at Los Angeles County's new Whittier Narrows course in South San Gabriel... Bud Holscher to Lakeside CC pro job from Las Gatos CC, succeeding Jim Ferrier who is taking another swing on the tournament circiut.

Monterey (Calif.) Peninsula CC and Del Monte Properties Co. arrange deal whereby the club will acquire its present course and clubhouse and build another 18... Contract made between club and Del Monte organization in 1925 called for Del Monte to transfer clubhouse and course to the club and build new course when 1,200 Class A memberships (memberships and lots) were sold... About 700 Class A memberships now... Value of Del Monte holdings transferred to club estimated as high as \$2½ million.

Urban Land Institute members in meeting at Columbus, O., told of plan to develop 1,600 acres in Sacramento metropolitan area with "self-contained" com-



33rd Year August, 1959 FRONT COVER — Beautiful Tripoli GC again will be the site of the fifth Miller High Life Open, Aug. 27-30. One of the richer tournaments — \$35,000 in prize money — the Milwaukee event is a poor man's spectacular, the admission charge being \$1 per round for adults, 50 cents for kids. Cary Middlecoff has won it twice and Ken Venturi and Ed Furgol once apiece.

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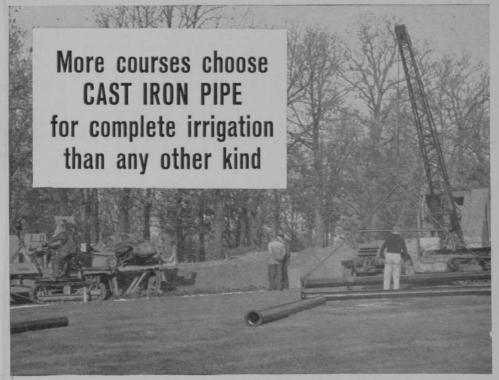
Fresh Meadow GC (Chicago district semi-private) being remodeled to plan of Wm. Langford . . . Ray Didier in charge of construction, Joe Jemsek, operator, is spending \$150,000 on Fresh Meadow's face-lifting . . . Doug Allen, pro at Prescott, Ariz., municipal course now is also mgr. of the course . . . Holmesburg CC to be bought by Philadelphia's Fairmount Park Commission and operated as a muny course . . . A. P. Orleans and Co. now operates Holmesburg as a semi-private course . . . Holmesburg will be sixth of Fairmount commission's courses.

Owen L. Wittek named acting mgr. Park CC of Buffalo, replacing Franz Bach who resigned because of poor health . . . Lincolnton (N. C.) Times in feature story on Lincoln CC pro, John Sokol, says that one reason for boom in Lincoln golf is fine pro shop operated by Sokol and attractive trade-in deals . . . Another reason is improved condition of course and appearance of clubhouse grounds.

A small amount spent in landscaping, tidying-up and paint at clubhouses and first tee areas of many of the smaller town golf clubs would immensely increase the club's attractiveness, prestige and play . . . Parking areas at some small town clubs and at some fee courses in metropolitan areas look like pig-stys.

Joe Maples is pro at newly opened Boone (N. C.) CC . . . Joe's daddy, Ellis Maples, designed and built the course for Boone Developments, Inc. . . . Story by Chester S. Davis in Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal and Sentinel on the Boone club is one of best pieces on a country club's birth that we've seen in a newspaper . . . Ocean City (Md.) CC 18-hole course opens . . . Rut Coffey is pro . . . Leading hotels, motels and apartments at Ocean City helped to finance the course by prepaying for guest privileges . . . John Boves, pro at Ponkapoag, 36-hole golf plant operated by the state, says the course gets much more play than any other course in Massachusetts.

New Orleans Park officials O.K. construction of third 9 at City Park . . . New Orleans Women's Golf Assn., organized in 1928, now has its largest membership — 218 . . . Marilyn Barnett, doing a golf



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Paul Hahn starting on another short picture Sept. 1 . . . Movie will be shot at Desert Inn course, Las Vegas . . . Ann Stranahan, Frank's wife, will be in the picture . . . Ann has developed into a good golfer in short time . . . Great deal of newspaper space used by type and pictures in telling fine stories of pros' junior class lessons . . . Marvelous publicity for the pros and for golf and the clubs . . . It sells papers, too, so pros don't have much difficulty getting these pieces into print . . . Frank Monte, Quaboag CC pro, gets a strong plug for golf in Palmer (Mass.) Journal Register with his junior classes . . . Paper comments, "One fine thing about golf is the long playing years ahead of the youngster."

Harry Nettlebladt, Golf Club of Avon, pres., Connecticut PGA, started "Channel 3 Pro Shop" program on WTIC-TV which presents Connecticut and Massachusetts pros in television instruction series from 7 to 7:15 pm each Saturday during the summer . . . Supt. Vertus Mitchell chang-



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When Cuban situation gets straightened out a golf course, motel and beach cabanas will be built on Isle of Pines by American group headed by Ronello Reynolds, Burnham, Me. . . . Three-year program to modernize Illini CC, Springfield, Ill., to plans of Robert Bruce Harris to begin after Labor Day.

Lot of course reconstruction and modernization being planned as fall and winter work at older clubs . . . Superintendents have worked some miracles the past few years in revising courses without interfering with play and at amazingly



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Elmer Danker opens 9-hole course at Douglas Lake, Mich. . . . Open Green River GC, Santa Ana, Calif. . . . Pro is John Popa . . . Lawrence Hughes was architect of Green River . . . Lake View CC new 18 at Ripley, N. Y., opened . . . Frank Sirianni is supt. and Pete Lipchick, pro . . . Decatur (Ala.) opens new 18 designed by David Gill of St. Charles, Ill. . . . Greens are Tifton 328 . . . Bill Curtis is pro.

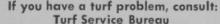
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