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Bill Downing, asst. to Lew Worsham on Lew's winter job at Coral Ridge CC, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., succeeds Paul Erath as pro at Fox Chapel CC (Pittsburgh dist.) . . . Erath now is pro-supt. at Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa., which is due to be put into play this summer . . . Dick Wilson designed the course . . . Arnold Palmer will register from Laurel Valley.

Bob Keller, formerly asst. at Pittsburgh Field Club, now pro at Sunnehanna CC, Johnstown, Pa., succeeding Eddie Thompson . . . Russell W. Kerns, for past seven years, supt at Green Hill Yacht & CC, Salisbury, Md., new supt.,

Miami Shores (Fla.) CC.

Detroit GC dinner, April 18, for its pro, Horton Smith, was the club's celebration of Horton's election to the PGA Hall of Fame . . . There was a Who's Who of golf notables and Detroit's business, society and civic leaders attending a banquet that exhibited the talent of Horton's pal, the club's noted manager, Bob Thompson . . . Bob and Mary Jones and Harold and Mary Sargent flew up from Atlanta . . . USGA Pres. John Ames came from Chicago as did Horton's brother, Ren and his wife . . . Neil Crose, mgr. and pro at Mill Creek Park GC, Youngstown, O., attended with

When pro at Springfield, Mo., Neil gave Horton his first job in golf . . . Joe Belfore, Al Watrous, Detroit's mayor, Louis C. Miriana, and others also talked earn-



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estly and affectionately about Horton and his golfing career . . . James B. Wagstaff, Detroit GC pres., presided and kept the party moving swiftly and merrily.

Paul Rivard, pro at Glencoe (Ill.) GC now has Jim Michaels as teaching pro . . . Club is municipal operation swanky Chicago North Shore suburb and is establishing caddie service for first year . . . Prospero (Army) Gianvito is

new pro at Mohawk GC, Tiffin, O. . . . Mrs. Gianvito (Edith) is managing the

clubhouse.

Robert B. Peebles, 76, who came to US from Elie, Scotland, in 1900 died recently at his home near Greenville, O. . . . He had worked as teaching pro for L. E. Beavins at White Springs GC, Greenville, in 1951 and 1952, then went to the Bardstown (Ky.) CC for a brief period after which he retired . . . He was an excellent player and teacher and had an engaging personality . . . Mr. Peebles undoubtedly was in more good pro jobs than any other pro in the game . . . The USGA championship record book lists some of Bob's connections: South Orange, Fairview, Sound Beach, St. Joseph Valley, Dallas, Wichita, Topeka, Shawnee Heights, Louisville . . . He also served as pro at the Mexico City CC . . . He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son.

PGA officials looking into offers from real estate dealers to move from Dunedin (Fla.) National course which is municipal

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The 163-yard fifth at the Hole-in-the-Wall Golb club, Naples, Fla., is a place where a golfer can go to get away from the madding crowd. The "Wall" is a stretch of moss-draped trees that forms the western boundary of the Everglades. There's one opening through the swamps and the woods and that's the "Hole" that gives a name to the farm that Dick Wilson's architecture converted into a fascinating course. Fellow at left is a resident.

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course used on nominal rental basis . . . Deal isn't proving mutually satisfactory . . . Proposals call for PGA building course on gift ground and real estate men making their profit out of sale of building sites adjoining course . . . Lot of problems involved . . . Some successful pro businesmen maintain PGA needs to concentrate on pro business problems rather than spread itself into complications of club operation . . . Figures of PGA National course operation and such data as recent survey of Metropolitan Golf Assn. on pro dept. operations are cited by a number of PGA members as emphasizing the need for PGA specialization on business of serving golfers . . . Another consideration is far-western pros' complaint that a PGA course in Florida is "taxation without representation."

Harry Kaseburg, for 12 years pro-mgr., University of Michigan course at Ann Arbor, has moved to Eastern G&CC, Kalamazoo, Mich., as mgr. . . . Jack Blott, U of M former football line coach, becomes mgr. of the university course . . . Don Wilkey now pro at Mount Adams GC, Wapato, Wash. . . . Rainbow Lodge CC, Greenville, N.Y., to be operated this year

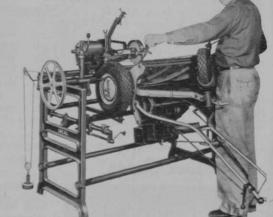
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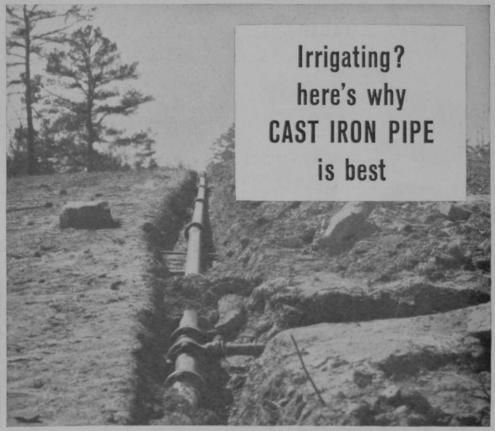
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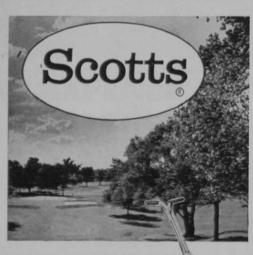
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George W. Page, owner of Colonial CC, Lynnfield, Mass., says he may sell course for subdividing as result of Lynnfield vote refusing rezoning permission allowing enlargement of course from 9 to 18 holes and construction of motel along re-routed highway which made necessary remodeling of course . . . Spokesman for Lynnfield selectmen says "organized minority" which refused rezoning to Page will have to share problem of converting golf course into building lots which will cost the town "\$100,000 over and above any tax revenues a housing development could pro-vide." . . . Lynnfield Selectman Mason Condon notes, as a point to consider in retaining the Colonial course, that it costs Lynnfield \$500 a year to provide schooling for a child and that the average family has three children.

Bert Goldsmith from Casper (Wyo.) air terminal Sky Terminal restaurant to manage Meadow Hills G&CC, Denver . . . Jack Goodwin, Minneapolis Star writer, quotes Bucky Johnson of Minneapolis Park Board and Leo Feser of Orono and Medina courses in asking golfers to save courses by staying off them until turf is in condition for traffic . . . Golf season start-



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Dave Eisenberg, describing Dunes Club, Myrtle Beach, S. C., in N.Y. paper, told of a woman who drove a dozen balls into the water at the 13th, then sent her husband back to the golf shop for reinforcements . . . Somerset County Park Com-mission starting work on 18 hole course in Bridgewater, N. J., this month . . . Bill and Dave Gordon designed the 6,600 yard layout . . . It will have 35-tee practice range, king size practice green . . . Sam Snead averaged 67 in winning those 13 matches you saw on TV.

When Goodwin Park, Hartford, Conn., course was officially opened this spring, 682 golfers turned out even though the temperature was around 40 degs. . . . Organization of Virginia GCSA expected to be announced soon . . . Tom Ryan, form-



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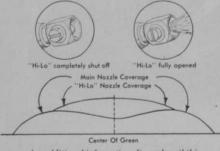
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er supt. of Bellehaven CC, Alexandria, Va., died in March . . . 68-years old, Tom had spent 37 of them in golf . . . He was a former secy. of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA . . . Another longtime Mid-Atlantic greenmaster, Rudy Will, died recently in Flor-ida . . . He was 72 years old and had been retired from Woodmont CC for about six vears.

Brentwood CC, on Long Island, which has been refurbished by Louis Hatkoff, Kings Point, L.I. architect and converted to a family club, scheduled to open this month . . . Jack Sheridan is pro-supt., and Maj. E. G. H. Fenn, retired British army officer, is club mgr. . . . One of the unique things about Brentwood is its "B" shaped swimming pool, said to be the only one of its kind . . . 1960 conference of the CMAA will be held in Pittsburgh while the 1961 gathering is scheduled for Denver.

Women's Golf Assn. of Los Covotes CC, Buena Park, Calif., award "Break 100" and "Break 90" pins . . . Probably "Break 80" and even "Break 70" pins are available, too, but these aren't mentioned in recent dispatch . . . Al Renzetti has resigned as New York U golf coach be-cause of press of duties at Spring Rock CC, Spring Valley, N.Y., where he is

