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NEWS OF THE GOLF  
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By HERB GRAFFIS

A prominent designer of supermarkets says the supermarkets have sacrificed too much for efficiency and now need to emphasize the stores as places for pleasant shopping . . . That's something for pro shop designers to bear in mind . . . Japanese golf clubs have been selling clubs, balls, bags and apparel since the clubs were started but now are talking about giving the shop concessions to the pros . . . The Japanese club officials believe the switch would encourage the pros to take a lot more interest in club members.

Green Valley CC, Birmingham, Ala., pushing its 18-hole course toward completion . . . Willie Auchterlonie, born at St. Andrews, Aug. 7, 1872, is oldest living winner of a major golf championship . . . He won the British Open at Prestwick in 1893 . . . He was the last Scot entered from Scotland to win the British Open . . . His score was 322 . . . 1893 was the second year of the British Open as a 72-hole event.

Willie Kidd says that what really got the PGA going was a meeting during the 1916 National Open at Minikahda Club, Minneapolis (which the amateur Chick Evans won with 286 — two strokes ahead of Jock Hutchison) . . . The founding fathers at that gathering included Bob Macdonald, Gil Nichols, Willie Kidd, Herbert

Strong, Jim Barnes, Mike Brady, George Sargent, Jack Jolly and "Nipper" Campbell, according to Willie's recollection.

Col. R. Otto Probst of South Bend, Ind., who has the world's largest golf library keeps adding some interesting and rare items although Otto now is past 70 and might be expected to slow down . . . He recently acquired a Dutch winter landscape, date 1659, in which a "kolfer" in a red coat is teeing a ball on the ice . . . Otto continues to add some antique equipment . . . He picked up a couple of Allan Robertson unused feather balls a short time ago.

Vernon Hills CC, Mundelein, Ill., Chicago suburb, will open its 18 June 1 . . . Alex Pirie, fourth pres., PGA (1927-1930), now is hale and hearty in his 83rd year . . . He lives at 2536 Van Nuys ave., Madison, Wis. . . . Romeyn B. (Scribby) Scribner, is publishing his book on senior golf, "Golf Is More Fun After 55." . . . It will be an interesting job but it won't be a best seller . . . It will go only to those who contribute \$100 to the Evans Caddie Scholars' Foundation.

Augusta National announces improvements to course and facilities for spectators and press and wireless men which extend the Masters' lead as the classiest and best operated of all tournaments . . . Na-

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Leave it to the canny Town Council of St. Andrews to cut out the minor details and get right to the heart of the business . . . A motion picture company asked the Town Council for permission to shoot television motion pictures of a TV golf series matches on the Old Course at St. Andrews . . . Bailie Auchterlonie said, "The people will probably make millions of pounds from this film, yet no fee is mentioned."

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State of Georgia adding 18-hole course to present 9 at Jekyll Island . . . Dick Wilson is architect of the new 18 . . . Tommy Bean is Jekyll Island pro . . . Barry Ward now is pro at Ansley GC, Atlanta, succeeding Ewing Pomeroy who went to Lakewood GC, Point Clear, Ala., as pro . . . Andy Mortimer, Lakewood's former pro, has taken over course management.

Spencer Murphy, Glen Oaks CC (NY Met dist.) pro, adding Ray Haydon, 27-year-old Irish pro who finished 7th in 1959 British Open, to his staff of assistants . . . John Smith from Bay Shore, Miami Beach, also hired as assistant . . . "Senator" Murphy has hired and developed a number of assistants who have become playing and teaching stars.

Guy Tedesco, formerly supt., Charles River CC (Boston dist.) now mgr., Wayland (Mass.) CC . . . Indoor golf schools and classes not only have been greater in

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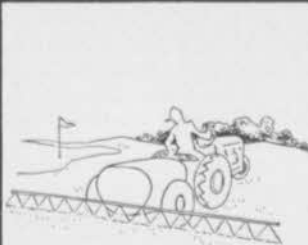
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number this winter and early spring but seem to have been better planned . . . In many classes at YMCAs, YWCAs and high schools pros have told the pupils what to do in making their debuts at golf courses, about golf manners and how to play without delaying others . . . Some golfers who have been playing for years could stand a lot of instruction about moving along and not reducing the capacity of the course.

Forty members of Connecticut GCSA attended the organization's first 1960 educational programs . . . Harry Meusel, Yale course supt., and pres. of the association, and Dr. George A. Garratt, dean of Yale's forestry school, arranged the one-day program, held at Yale school of forestry.

Tom Quinn, mgr., Fresh Meadow CC (NY Met dist.) died recently in Nassau where he was on a vacation trip . . . He had been ailing for two years but continued working . . . He had been at Green Meadow, Winged Foot and Orienta Beach Club before going to Fresh Meadow . . . He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter . . . He was widely known and highly regarded as a very competent, friendly and helpful club manager.



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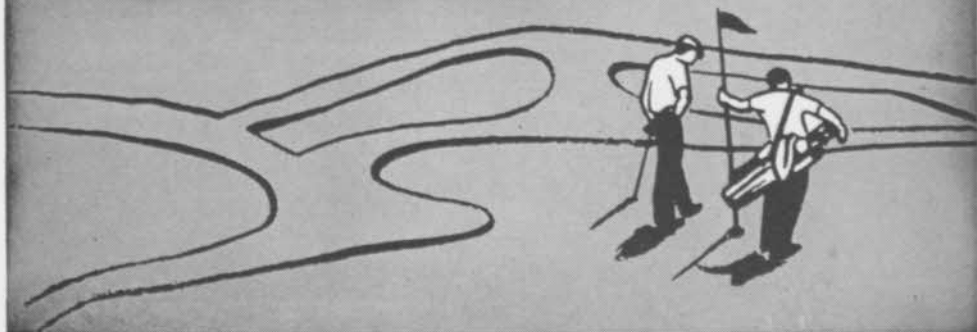
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Scranton (Pa.) Municipal Recreation Authority spent \$336,648 up to Dec. 31, 1959, in building its 18-hole course which will be opened June 1 . . . Construction financed by \$410,000 bond issue . . . Proceeds of bond sale were invested in U. S. Treasury bills and earned \$4,590 in interest until needed to pay construction costs . . . Mayfield Heights, Cleveland, O., 18-hole fee course now being subdivided after more than 25 years of operation . . . Pat LaConte and George Valuck who have been operating Mayfield Heights on lease, are planning to build a 9-hole course on SOM Center, in Mayfield Village . . . John Dietrich, Cleveland Plain Dealer golf writer, notes that Cleveland area has fewer courses now than in 1930 . . . In 1930 Cleveland District Golf

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