

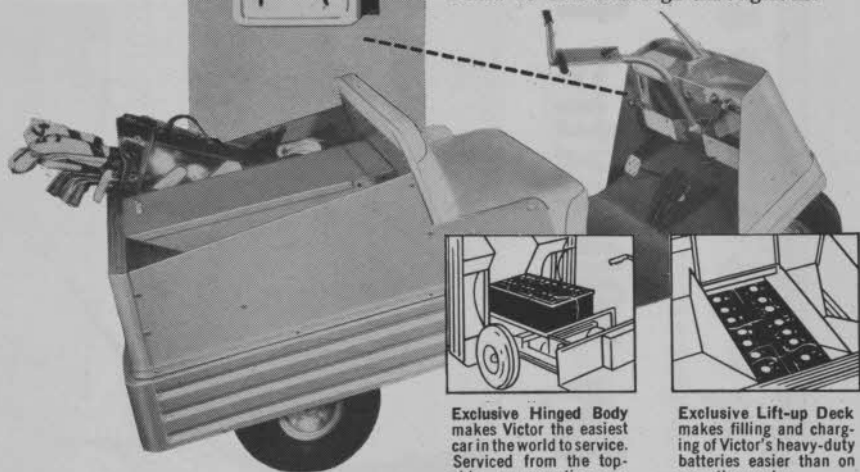
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been accepted for the Stockbridge course. Only 43 have graduated. Of those who did not finish, one-third dropped out voluntarily during their course work, one-third decided they were not interested in turf work after a 6 month placement training and one-third were compelled to drop out because of poor grades. Despite the rather high percentage of students who fail to graduate, interest in this type of course has increased during the last five years. Yearly enrollments have increased from 10 to 24 during this period, the average size of the freshman class being 15 as compared to an average graduating class of 8.

Golf course positions in the Northeast are plentiful, particularly for those young men just getting started who want to get ahead. Statistics for the last five years show that all graduates with a major in turfgrass management who have elected golf course work as a career have been placed in good jobs at a level consistent with their abilities. Fifty-one percent have started as full supts. (65 per cent of this total at 9-hole courses, and 35 per cent at 18 or 27-hole courses. It is interesting to note that with from one to five year's experience after graduation, 17 per cent of those who started as supts. of 9 hole courses moved on to become assistants

at larger courses. Within this same period, 15 per cent moved from 9-hole to 18-hole courses. The remaining 58 per cent have stayed in the same position during this period.

Fourteen per cent of those who graduated started as assistant supts. Within one to five years following graduation, 30 per cent of this total qualified and accepted positions as supts. of 18-hole courses. Twenty-one per cent of the graduates started as workers on golf courses with almost one-half of this total ending up in the service within a year or two following graduation. Several of these men have obtained jobs on service courses while in the Army or Air Force. Two per cent of the graduating turf majors went into types of turf work other than golf courses and 12 per cent left the turf management field completely.

Salary Range

Job opportunities are good. Whether a student qualifies depends entirely upon himself. College provides the student with an opportunity to show what he can do. His professors can evaluate his work and recommend him for a position consistent with his abilities, experience and maturity. The rest is up to him.

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of supts. and their assistants because some are only employed seasonally while others have houses and sometimes utilities provided as a supplement to their income. Many now have expense accounts. Records kept during the past five years represent total earnings per 12 month year regardless of the actual working contract. They include a nominal allowance for housing and other benefits, where applicable. During this period the average starting salary for graduates of the turf major course of study (regardless of type of starting position) was \$4280 per year. This figure represents a range from \$2900 to \$6500 per year. With from one to five year's experience after graduation, the average salary was \$5450 per year, which represents a range from \$2900 to \$8500 per year. One-third of these men earned from \$3000-\$4000 per year; one-fourth from \$5000-\$6000; one-fourth from \$6000-\$7000 and one-sixth more than \$7000. It is not possible to compare the average earnings from different classes following varying years of experience since no two groups completing the course have been composed of men with similar potentialities. Thus, some advanced more rapidly than others.

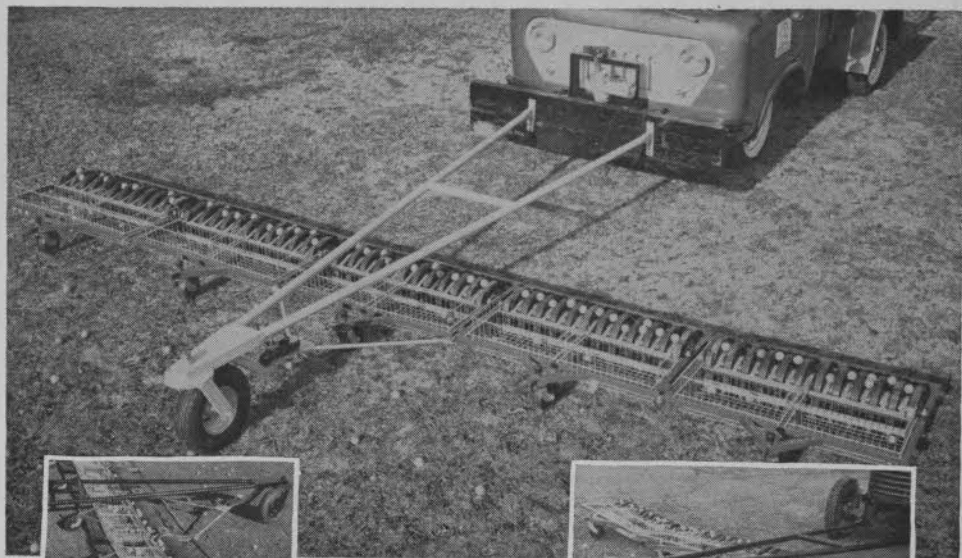
"This Is Your Life, O. J. Noer"
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tographed bedded down under a Texas Sombrero with a glass of his favorite herbicide in his hand.

Between these photos, Noer was shown as a 12-year-old chicken farmer, the manager of his high school basketball team, a college graduate, Chemical warfare major (World War I), a bridegroom (he was married in 1919 to Julia Carvel Anderson), and thereafter in various stances as an agronomist on the plow for nematodes, sitting astride a tractor or in his laboratory activating sludge. Lafkin revealed that Noer's greatest contribution to mankind was not, as you would expect, in the field of agronomy but in the compounding of a beverage, while he was serving in France in the first World War, in which the atom was split for the first time. Happily, it was intended to be consumed and not dropped.

The climax of the Noer episode came when his daughter, Mrs. Dirk van der Burch, and her three children, Dirk II, Nancy and Sara, who had been flown in from Palo Alto, Calif., made a dramatic entry into the Emerald Room for a reunion with O. J. and Mrs. Noer.

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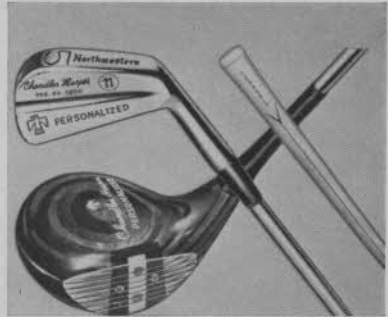
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Men's Professional

MARCH

- 3- 6 Baton Rouge Open, Baton Rouge (La.) CC
- 10-13 Pensacola Open, Pensacola (Fla.) CC
- 17-20 St. Petersburg Open, Lakewood G & CC, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 24-27 De Soto Open, De Soto Lakes G & CC, Bradenton, Fla.
- 31-April 3 Azalea Open, Cape Fear CC, Wilmington, N. C.

APRIL

- 7-10 Masters, Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.
- 14-17 Greensboro Open, Starmount Forest CC, Greensboro, N. C.
- 21-24 New Orleans Open, City Park GC, New Orleans
- 28-May 1 Houston Classic, Memorial Park GC, Houston, Tex.

MAY

- 5- 8 Tournament of Champions, Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas, Nev.
- 12-15 National Invitation, Colonial CC, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 19-22 Hot Springs Open, Hot Springs (Ark.) CC
- 19-22 Sam Snead Festival, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.
- 26-29 "500" Festival Open, Speedway GC, Indianapolis, Ind.

JUNE

- 2- 5 Memphis Invitation, Colonial CC, Memphis, Tenn.
- 9-12 Oklahoma City Open, Twin Hill G & CC, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 16-18 USGA Open, Cherry Hills CC, Englewood, Colo.

Women's Professional

MARCH

- 10-13 Titleholders', Augusta (Ga.) CC
- 16-21 North and South Women's, Pinehurst (N. C.) CC
- 24-27 Nehi Royal Crown Open, Columbus (Ga.) CC

APRIL

- 7-10 Babe Zaharias Open, Beaumont (Tex.) CC
- 21-24 Civitan Open, Glen Lake CC, Dallas, Tex.

MAY

- 5- 8 (Dates reserved)
- 12-15 (Dates reserved)
- 26-29 (Dates reserved)

JUNE

- 2- 5 (Dates reserved)
- 8-12 Triangle Round Robin, Knollwood CC, Elmsford, N. Y.
- 17-19 Cosmopolitan Open, Macktown GC, Rockton, Ill.
- 23-24 Woman's Western Open, Beverly CC, Chicago

JULY

- 21-23 USGA Women's Open, Worcester (Mass.) CC

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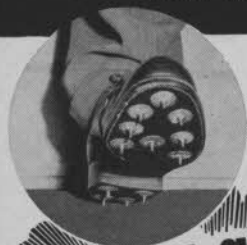
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Swinging Around Golf

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Shackamaxon . . . Handwerg had Shackamaxon six years ago . . . Steve Doctor continues as the club's pro.

Leo T. Fugiel, Springfield, Mass., amateur, turns pro and is engaged by Marco Marinello, owner of Wyckoff Park G&CC Holyoke, Mass., to succeed late Alfred DeCesare . . . Candidates for University of Houston golf squad include Doug Lindsay, runner-up 1958 USGA Junior championship, and Billy Hyndman IV, son of Walker Cupper.

Toy Town Tavern and its golf club at Winchendon, Mass., bought by Simplex Time Recorder Co. of Gardner, Mass. . . . It will be operated for Simplex personnel and their families, customers and guests plus special memberships for other local residents . . . Curtis G. Watkins, Simplex pres. starts course improvement program . . . Yorba Linda (Calif.) CC spending \$300,000 on clubhouse expansion . . . Elimination of 20 per cent federal tax on capital improvements at golf clubs certainly has spurred construction . . . David Morgan and son, Jeff, of Blackwell, Okla., building clubhouse at 9-hole course at their mineral spa resort near Mesa, Ariz.

Mike Rubish to build \$100,000 Par 3 course and range at Durham, N. C., . . . Jack Schneiderman returns as pro to Natick (Mass.) CC after year's absence managing a range . . . GCSA officials and members praised Tom Davison, Houston Post golf writer for his coverage of the superintendents' conference . . . Said Davison reported and explained to golfers course management problems and planning better than it ever had been done in news of a superintendents' national meeting.

John Morris builds first of his compact 9-hole courses for Jacksonville, Fla., financier, Paul Reinhold's Ribault Club . . . New course is on site of the Ribault 9-hole course built in 1926 and closed in 1942 . . . Bill Ezinicki tells Boston Herald golf writer, Joe Looney, that entry fees average about \$30 a week on his budget . . . Entry for Palm Springs Desert Classic was \$86.50 . . . Ezinicki has been allowing himself \$8 a day for room and same amount for meals . . . His caddie fees average \$65 a week.

Jim Beasley, formerly asst. to Clarence Doser at Woodmont CC (Washington dist.), now pro at Bedford Springs (Pa.)