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By HERB GRAFFIS

Sports Guild of Michigan, at its annual banquet held this winter, honored Warren Orlick, pro at Tam O'Shanter, Orchard Lake, for his outstanding work in golf . . . Awards are made to persons prominent in baseball, basketball, swimming, tennis, hockey, etc. in addition to golf . . . Previous golf winners were Walter Hagen, Walter Burkemo and Chick Harbert . . . Orlick has been keeping busy during the winter running a four-net indoor school, called International House, in Detroit . . . It gives employment to himself and his assistants, Ben Lula and John Monitz . . . Among its features are a sand bunker and platform with uphill and downhill lies.

William W. Cook, club mgr. at Illini CC, Springfield, Ill., died recently . . . He was pres. of the Illinois chapter of the CMAA . . . Southern Seniors GA of Pinehurst, N. C., has eight tournaments scheduled between May 4 and Oct. 13 . . . Most are three-day events . . . William McWane of Birmingham is chmn. of the tourney committee . . . Frank Strafaci is executive dir. of the Metropolitan Amateur GA of Miami, Fla. . . . It has 500 members . . . It will hold tournaments of all kinds, establish handicaps and rate courses in the area.

A tournament to help promote women's collegiate golf will be held Apr. 10-12 at Ocean Reef CC, North Key Largo, Fla. . . . It's being sponsored by U. of Miami . . . Illinois Turfgrass Fdn., 104 Floriculture, Urbana, Ill., recently incorporated as non-profit organization . . . It will work closely with the U. of Illinois Dept. of Horticulture . . . New clubhouse recently opened at Ft. McPherson (Ga.) CC . . . Course there has been re-designed and now measures 3050 yds. . . . International Golf Championship and Canada Cup matches will be played at Portmarnock GC, Dublin, Ireland, June 23-26 . . . They're being moved up from usual fall playing . . . Kansas Turf Assn. and Heart of America GCSA holding joint meeting Mar. 15th . . . Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., observing 50th anniversary, has released its tournament calendar for 1960 . . . In-vitational will be played Apr. 28-May 1; Junior Open, Aug. 8; Waite Memorial,



Meet the 1960 officers of the GCSA. They are, from left to right (front row): Gene C. Nutter, executive dir.; L. E. Lambert, Prairie Dunes CC, Hutchinson, Kans., vp; James E. Thomas, Army Navy CC, Arlington, Va., pres.; Sherwood Moore, Winged Foot, Mamaroneck, N. Y., secy-treas. In the second row are the directors: Roy Nelson, Ravisloe CC, Homewood, III.; L. W. DuBose, Houston CC; Elmer Border, Los Posas CC, Camarillo, Calif.; Ted Rupel, Cherry Hills CC, Denver, Colo.; Henson E. Maples, Pinehurst (N.C.) CC; and Walter A. Wagner, Lancaster (O.) CC.

As for that supt's holiday, many of the greenmasters made a tour of Houston courses when the convention was over, visiting Brae-Burn and Houston CC among them.

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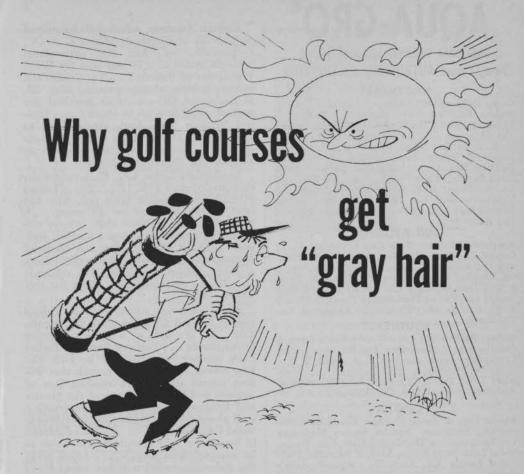


Sept. 6-11 and Festival of Golf, Oct. 17-20.

Diversa, Inc., Dallas, Tex., investment firm, plans multi-million dollar recreation, commercial and residential development for Ontario, Calif. . . . Golf and recreation area, now in completion stage, has an 18-hole course . . . Although Sam Snead never has won the Open, he has hung up quite a few records in the USGA event . . . According to Bill English of the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Snead is tied with Ben Hogan for most times under par for the entire distance — 3; most scores under 300 — 17 (15 in succession); most subpar 18 hole rounds — 16 (with Hogan).

National Inv. tournament committee sent delegation to Palm Springs, while Desert Classic was being played, to invite players to take part in its event, to be played May 11-15, at Colonial CC, Ft. Worth . . . Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson traditionally get first bids, which they did this year . . . New England GCSA planning to give award to Jesse A. De-France, who spent many years at Rhode Island University in agronomical research work . . . Cecil White of Richmond (Calif.) GC recently had 21 putts for 18, then went out a week later and took 45.





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Eastern Amateur, which will be played Aug. 17-21 at Elizabeth Manor G & CC, Portsmouth, Va., had 286 participants from 20 states . . . It was won by Ward Wettlaufer of Buffalo . . . No. Calif. PGA section holding charity pro-am, Mar. 28, at Richmond GC . . . One hundred per cent of entry fees go to charity . . . Central Virginia Turf Assn. sends letter to state House of Delegates asking passage of bill to finance turfgrass research at Virginia Ag Experiment Station.

Lauderdale Lakes CC, Ft. Lauderdale, officially opened Feb. 12 . . . Pro is Lionel F. Callaway, English born pro, who has been in the business for 45 years . . . He's the same fellow after whom the Handicap system is named . . . Paul Ridings, publicist who handles the National Invitation tournament, recently distributed a handy, pocket size 1960 PGA schedule . . . It's a very convenient thing for golf writers, etc.

Start work on Atlantus GC, 18-hole course, located 25 miles north of Atlantic City . . . It's part of a huge recreation development . . . Barbara Romack, Ladies PGA trouper, who is said to look like Kim Novak, only healthy, reveals that women circuit players are reading less of Armour and Hogan in favor of the glamor and fashion magazines . . . Construction well along on building of first 9 of Brookwood GC, Arden, N. C. . . . It's scheduled to be opened July 1, with second 9 due to be completed in 1962 . . . Arden is in the Asheville vacation resort area.

More than 50 firms donated materials in 1959 to Midwest Turf which carries on its research at Purdue University . . . Round Hill CC, tied in with a real estate development in Danville, Calif., plans to be ready for play in Aug. or Sept. . . . Norm Tauscher is pro . . . 6600 yd. course was designed by Lawrence Hughes . . . mid-February it looked as Through though only four first-time participants would be playing in the Tournament of Champions, to be played May 5-8 in Las Vegas . . . In recent years there has been as many as eight or nine first time starters.

First 9 of Royal Palm Y & CC course opened in late Feb. . . . It's located in Boca Raton, Fla. . . . It was designed by Robert Trent Jones and Sam Snead is pro . . . Jack Redmond recently sent us a half bushel of clippings extracted from South American newspapers . . . We can figure out just enough Spanish to learn that Jack is murdering them in Brazil, Argentina, etc. with his bag of trick

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Jack Ford, Doug's uncle, named head pro at new Cliffside CC in Simsbury, Conn. . . . Jim Norman is supt. of the course which will be opened July 4 . . . Tumble Brook CC in Bloomington, Conn., claims to be "golf car capital of the East." . . . It has 50 . . . L. B. Floyd has leased the old Cape Fear CC, Fayetteville, N. C., and will operate it as Green Park G & CC . . . It's being redesigned by Gene Hamm.

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New 9 at Cumberland Plateau, near Groosville, Tenn., is pronounced a beauty by Tom Siler, golf writer for the Knoxville News-Sentinel . . . Willie Goggin, who improves with age, has been named home pro of the two 18-hole courses operated by the French Lick (Ind.) Sheraton Hotel . . Besides teaching, Goggin will work on developing a tournament program that will make French Lick a Midwest golf center.

New Jersey PGA Championship will be played over two courses at Canoe Brook, Summit, Aug. 24-26 . . . Harold Sanderson, present champion, is home pro at Canoe Brook . . . German Open will be played in Cologne, July 22-24 . . . A record 129,607 rounds were played at

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