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There was a nostalgic touch to the "Green Breeze," the Cincinnati GCSA publication, in Sept. . . . A photo of the 1933 membership was shown along with another of the 1960 contingent . . . Twenty members were pictured in the early group and 19 in the contemporary one . . . The Cincinnati GCSA was organized in 1931 largely through the efforts of Ben Cohee, James Muiredan and George Benvie . . . Woodmar CC, Hammond, Ind., set aside Sept. 10th as John Block Day in honor of the gentleman who has served as a dir. and secy. of the club for 35 years . . . Jack A. King, supt. at Columbia Edgewater CC, Portland, Ore., was killed in an accident on Aug. 19th . . . He had been at Columbia for 23 years, 19 as supt., and for many years was an officer of the Oregon Turf Mgrs. Assn.

Gene Witzel of Sanford Naval Air Stn. won the fifth annual South Atlantic Amateur, played at Ellinor Village, Fla., on Labor Day, with a 145 . . . 14th annual Chairman-Supt. meeting, sponsored by Philadelphia Golf Assn., was held at the duPont CC on Aug. 29th . . . Sidney K. Allman, Jr. of Philmont CC and G. L. Sayre, Plymouth CC, represented chmn. on the panel and Marshall Farnham, Philadelphia CC, and E. R. Steiniger of Pine Valley spoke for the supts . . . Charles K. Hallowell of the USGA green section was moderator . . . When the maintenance crew at Richmond (Calif.) G & CC thinned out the pine trees on the sixth hole recently it was very much surprised by the number of golf balls that were found nesting in the branches . . . Tommy Thomas, U. of Pennsylvania Business Administration graduate, recently was added to the Richmond pro staff . . . He joins Joe Reboli, head pro, and Wes Ward.

The National Baseball Players' Championship will be played in Miami Springs, Fla., Feb. 16-19, according to George Jacobus, tournament dir..., Jim Hearn, formerly of the N.Y. Giants, is defending titleholder . Joe Rey's Junior clinic, held three times a week at Boulder Creek (Calif.) driving range, consistently attracts at least 50 kids . . Hillcrest CC, Lincoln, Neb., recently held a "day" for Bunny Richards, its pro for the last 15 years . . . He was given a station wagon, gold watch and shotgun and his wife, Margaret, was presented a combination radio, TV and phonograph set . . . Roy Kirsch, pres. of the club, was in charge of the arrangements.

Al Collins, who retired as pro at Sleepy Hollow CC (NY Met dist.) spent the past summer as teaching and playing pro at Golf Club Kitzbuhel, Tirol, Austria . . Club, one of 9 in Austria, is owned by Baron von Pantz and Prince Hohenloe . . . As famed resort course it gets players from many countries . . . Numerous Austrians are keen golfers although game is so new that there are only nine players with 8 or lower handicaps . . . Austria sent young team (Fritz Yonak, 28; Alexander Maculan, 19; Klaus Nierlich, 16; and Wolfgang Pollack, 16) to the World Amateur championship at Merion . . .



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Non-playing captain was Dr. Hugo Eckelt, pres., Austrian Golf Assn. . . . Toni Sailer, seven times world ski champion, and many other ski instructors are Collins' pupils and Al says they are ardent golfers and devoloping fast . . . Collins is returning for winter to Nassau where he has been pro at the Bahamas CC for many winters.

Morrie Talman, for many years pro at Whitemarsh Valley CC, Philadelphia, and now at the new Wesfield's Golf Park in the Philadelphia dist., says the de luxe ranges and first new Par 3 courses will be the best thing that's happened for private clubs and pros... Explains that these golf facilities attract the type of people that includes a majority of desirable private club members ... Wesfield Golf Park advertises, "First double-decker range in the east," 50 tees, 9-hole Par 3, miniature course, best practice balls and fine clubs, beautiful lake anl colorful fountain, and "Pro lessons by famous Morrie Talman." ... Morrie reports the advertising pulls; his problem is to get more hours in the day.

On a swing around the Republic of Ireland, England, Scotland, France and Germany, I saw that public, resort, and private gardens in these countries usually are of higher standard of design and maintenance than gardens in U. S. but American turf areas at courses, parks and homes are far, far superior to those of Europe in freedom from weeds and in appearance and density ... Reminded me of remark made by John Monteith, Jr., former director, USGA Green Section, after visiting British courses; 'Never saw grass for which God did so much and man so little," said John.

But Scotch, English and the foremost Irish courses have greens that putt true, even though it looks as though a 12 ft. putt will travel over 12 different varieties of grass and weeds . . . Fairways (rarely watered, except by rain) set the R&A ball up fairly well for brassie and spoon shots . . . R&A ball is same weight (1.620 oz. avoirdupois) as the USGA ball, but is smaller (1.620 in, dia.) than USGA ball (1.680).

Irish, British and continental European budgets are a fraction of ours . . . Wages per man, at some European courses is as low as one fifth of maintenance wage in metropolitan district U. S. courses and staffs are small, generally from two to six men . . . Money rarely is spent on rough or trap maintenance . . . Rough of Scotch and Irish courses is just as nature made it . . . It's thick, tough, interesting and more of a test of golf than Americans are accustomed to . . . Wonderful how Scotch and Irish caddies find your ball in it.

Republic of Ireland has some magnificent courses . . . It is the great playground discovered by compartively few American golfers . . . Portmarnock, where Canada Cup matches were played, is a course with more truly "great" holes on it than you find on most courses that are rated "great." . . . Members didn't play the Portmarnock fairways for three months prior to the Canada Cup international pro matches . . .

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The "Swing's the Thing" troupe at the White Face (N.Y.) Inn put on regular shows all through the summer for guests at the resort. It is composed of (from left) Carl Watkins, head pro, Joe Montaia, Steve Merritt and George Hoseman, and represents the Obitz-Farley Co. in operating the resort pro shop. According to F. B. Fisher, vp at White Face Inn, the club is presently constructing a \$50,000 clubhouse and lockerroom which will be ready in the spring.

They hit the ball into the fairways then played succeeding shots to the green from "winter rule" lies in the rough bordering the fairways . . . Imagine members of any American club putting up with that inconvenience to get and keep a course in excellent condition for a championship? . . . Lahinch, rugged and picturesque course on Ireland's west coast, is sort of an Irish Pine Valley . . . It is exciting and looks tougher than it is, even if your tee shots are straight and fairly long . . . The course of Killarney Fishing & GC that Sir Guy Campbell designed is a gem that would be talked about a lot if it were in the U. S. where a great many would play it.

Wm. B. Langford, veteran Chicago golf architect and Palm Beach Old Guard sec., was in Scotland and England this summer playing and studying courses for a month . . . Waveland Ave. (Chicago Park Board) 9-hole course to have second 9 that is expected to be in play next year . . Course, heavily played, was designed by the late Al Espinosa.

Petition of Joseph S. Cyr to construct golf course granted by Lawrence (Mass.) Zoning Board of Appeals because state disapproved building of 133 homes on the site . . . Land was found unsuitable for homes using septic tanks . . . Golf course, not requiring sewerage to considerable extent and enhancing value of property, is O. K. in Zoning Board's opinion.

Meadow Hills CC, Nogales, Ariz., organized to lease and operate course being completed by Potrero Resort and Development Co. . L. E. Sexton elected Meadow Hills pres . . . Monterey Peninsula CC, Monterey, Calif., to build its second 18 . . . It will be called the "Shore" course and will be north of Cypress Point . . . Bob Baldock is architect . . . Hamilton, O., to build 18-hole public course and clubhouse on 200 acres donated by Dwight Thomson, chmn., Champion Paper & Fibre Co.



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Another case of a good golf course and a smart, active and personable pro giving a small town a big reputation is at Boone, N. C., where Joe Maples is pro . . Boone C of C is a real live outfit and is making the golf course a strong point in ballyhooing Boone as an attractive summer resort and business center . . Boone GC scorecard can be used as a postcard to send back home bragging of a good round.

Jerry Barber's members at Wilshire gave the little giant one of the most beautiful wrist watches you ever saw . . . It was inscribed "To the Champion of Champions from the Wilshire Gang." . . . A. W. (Buddy) Cook from Boca Raton (Fla.) Club winter pro staff to Greenbrier as host pro for spring and summer, succeeding Gary Nixon who is in an executive capacity with Snead chain of Par-3s and motels and real estate-golf developments in southwest.

Par-3 course building continues without any sign of slowing . . . Par-3s seem to be making good returns on investment . . . Among localities to get new Par-3 courses soon are Sioux City, Ia., Conneaut Lake, Pa., Centerville, O., Smithfield, R. I., West Palm Beach, Fla., Waynesville, N. C., Norfolk, Va., Rutherford, N. J., Fraser, Mich., Ft. Myers, Fla., Yakima, Wash. and Virginia Beach, Va. . . Ralph Plummer designing municipal course for Arlington, Tex. . . Eddie Ault planning 18-hole course for Potomac Electric Power Co. employees' recreation center near Dranesville, Va. . . . Morgan Tiller will be recreation director and pro at the power company course . . . Ault also designing second 18 for Chantilly National G&CC in Washington dist.

Don Soper, well known Michigan pro, to build 9-hole public course at Royal Oak, Mich., on 20-year lease of city-owned land . . . Soper now is operating a range at Royal Oak . . . Par 3 course being built by USAF at Osan, Korea, is on Hill 180 where a brutal battle was fought . . . R. Casey Stintzcum, Jr., is special services officer who got the course going . . . Kunsan Air Base in Korea is building a Par 3.

Jack Miranda now mgr., Westborough CC, St. Louis . . . John Chereka from Highland CC, Pittsburgh to manager post at Highwood GC, Allison, Pa. . . Leslie B. Smith now mgr., Lenoir (N. C.) CC . . . Donald A. Staples named mgr. of Pottawattomie CC, Michigan City, Ind.

New Zealand wants 1962 World Amateur golf championship . . Western Seniors in 1961 will be played at Blue Mound CC, Milwaukee, where the Western veterans played their tourney in 1954 . . . Mt. Prospect (III.) CC having money trouble that Chicago papers tell about . . .

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Veterans Administration hospital at Tomah, Wis., finishing 9 hole course . . . Jack Sloan, Erv Kordus and Joe Burgert pushing construction of their River Hills CC, Wausau, Wis. . . . Two members of Wisconsin Gov. Gaylord Nelson's staff, James W. Wimmer and Howard Koop, have joined Joseph Checota in buying Barry's Dells GC, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. . . Harry Hedding has opened his Spring Valley CC 9-hole course at Union Center, Wis.

Ralph R. Bond, owner of Old Orchard Turf Nurseries in Madison, Wis., says there's more course building in Wisconsin than at any other time in past 20 years . . . Messrs. Benzies, Brown and Peck of Baraboo, Wis., will start construction of course at Baraboo soon . . Dr. James Weigen, James Harker and Al McGovern building 18-hole course at Sun Prairie, Wis. . . . To build course at Montello, Wis. . . . Paul Wilson, owner of Windy Acres 9-hole course and tourist cabins at Monroe, Wis., planning to sell location because of illness.

Arthur Jack Snyder, Scottsdale, Ariz., golf and landscape architect, has designed a 4 sq. mile town, including 18-hole course, near Casa



Grande, Ariz. . . Start building first 9 in Oct. . . Snyder also has designed 18 for Hawley Lake CC, Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Whiteriver, Ariz. . . This is feature of summer resort at 8500 ft. elevation . . . An Apache tribal organization White Mountain Recreation Enterprise, is doing the developing of the resort.

Snyder has designed 18 for Lake Montezuma CC, Rimrock, Ariz., and supervised construction of first 9... He also designed and supervised construction of 18 new greens for Apache CC, Mesa, Ariz., is remodeling the La Jolla (Calif.) CC 18 hole course, designing a new second 9 for Copper GC, Magna, Utah, planning 18 for Black Canyon CC, Boulder City, Nev., 9 for Monticello (Ut.) CC, 18 for Indian Lake CC, Scottsdale, Ariz., 9 with perimeter residental lots for Show Low (Ariz.) CC, and a 2,600 yd. course of 16 par 3s and two par 4s for the luxury Mountain Shadows resort Del Webb and Jim Paul are developing at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Snyder's son, Jack, designed and built the White Mountain CC at Pinetop, Ariz., in collaboration with Milt Coggins, pro at Encanto in Phoenix and White Mountain pres., and Gray Madison, White Mountain green chmn . . . Freddie Martin, golf mgr. of Greenbrier's Golf & Tenns Club, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., retires after being at Greenbrier since 1918 . . . Freddie is the one who "discovered" Sam Snead and got him off to a good start . . . Sam gave Freddie a Valiant sedan as a retirement gift . . .