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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



By HERB GRAFFIS

Greensboro (N. C.) CC recently signed George Corcoran to his sixth three-year contract as pro, meaning that George is starting his 16th year there . . . He was at Starmount, also in Greensboro, for about 15 years . . . Corcoran probably is one of the few pros in the business who operates on a long term pact . . . Galion (O.) CC getting new pro shop, swimming pool and is renovating its clubhouse . . . Bob Dale, who has been teaching at a range in Ft. Lauderdale this winter, is the Galion pro . . . Andy Bathgate, the New York Ranger hockey star, reportedly has been offered a good pro job in Winnipeg, but it's doubtful if he'll take it . . . He's only 28, had a pretty good year on the rink and could go on for another eight or ten years . . . Andy shoots in the 70s.

New Jersey section of PGA to hold its annual championship Aug. 16-18, according to Monte Norcross, tournament chmn.

Latest information had eligibles for Tournament of Champions, to be played at Desert Inn CC, May 4-7, pegged at 26

. . . Damon Runyon Memorial Fund, which benefits from this event, has received more than \$300,000 from eight champions tournaments . . . Frank Paley named secy. and admissions dir. of Muttontown (L. I.) CC . . . He has been a leading L. I. amateur for many years . . . In a feature in the Newark News, Emery Thomas, pro at Forest Hills, advised players through golf writer, Des Sullivan, to go easy the first few times out in the spring . . Emery told golfers to lay off long woods until they've developed muscle tone.

The 1961 Rutgers field days will be held Aug. 8-9 in New Brunswick, N. J. . . . First day will be devoted to lawn

problems and the second to golf and fine turf . . . Dumas Invitation will be held again this year at North Plains CC, Dumas,, Tex., Aug. 5-6 . . . Don Morton is the publicity chmn. for the third renewal of this event . . . Bob Hickson is North Plains' pro . . . Sixth annual Chick Evans Amateur to be played July 17-21 at White Pines GC, Bensenville, Ill., with proceeds again going to finance scholarships for boys and girls of the Chicago

FRONT COVER

The 18-hole course, operated by the Grand Hotel in Pt. Clear, Ala., is one of the finest in the South. In the photo you see the ninth green with the cypress clubhouse in the background. Tall pines, azaleas and camellias frame the entire picture. The par 70 course is 6,468 yards, expandable to 7,000, and 12 of the 18 holes are doglegs. Designed by Perry Maxwell, the course was built in 1947 and has watered fairways. The competitive record of 68 for Pt. Clear is held by Bobby Locke and Tommy Bolt. Ewing Pomeroy is the pro here.

Boys Clubs . . . Roy Faber named pro at Scotch Plains, Westfield, N. J., succeeding Steve Doctor, who resigned . . . Faber had been an assistant at Braidburn for five years and in 1960 was runnerup for New Jersey Open title.

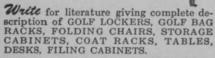
New Jersey PGA section planning series of hole-in-one contests, coupled with exhibitions and clinics, at leading ranges in the state this summer . . . Ray Jamieson goes from assistant's job at Hackensack GC to head pro position at Rockhill CC, Sparkhill, N. Y. . . . He succeeds Johnny Spencer who is recuperating from a heart attack suffered last year . . . Ed Roberts

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named club mgr. of Great Oak Resort & Yacht Club in Chesterton, Md. . . . This club has everything including a golf course . . . Telfair Ghioto, Dothan (Ala.) CC pro, gets Alabama PGA award for his contributions to Junior golf . . . His Future Masters for boys and girls, that is played annually in Dothan, is one of the country's best run Junior events.

Annual meeting of the Club Managers for 1962 is set for Miami, Fla., while the 1963 conference will be held in Chicago's Palmer House . . . The CMAA's booklet, "What's Going on in Country Clubs," a roundup of a roundtable discussion at the 1961 meeting, has been exhausted and is going into a second printing . . . Texas PGA Championship to be played Aug. 7-13 at Oso muny course in Corpus Christi . . . Plans are being made to post \$5,000 as a prize for a hole-in-one . . . Total prize money for this summer's American Golf Classic, to be played at Firestone CC, Akron, O., will amount to \$50,000, with a \$9,000 check going to the winner . . . Latter figure was equalled by only two, and exceeded by five tournaments in 1960.

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architect, gives the following wrap-up on some of his recent jobs: 18-hole Sioux City (Ia.) muny that has back tee yardage of 7,000 yds. . . . Hastings (Neb.) G & CC, which will open first 9 of its 18 this spring . . . It has a total of six water holes . . . Face lifting at Harbor Point (Mich.) CC, a 60-year old course that will be made a true par 72 . . . Rochelle (Ill.) CC, which is adding a back 9 . . . Gill has these jobs in the planning stage: Brown's Lake in Burlington, Wis., 18 holes . . . Remodelling of Park Ridge (Ill.) CC; Re-working of Meadowbrook T & CC, Racine, Wis. . . . Par 3 for Tides Bath Club & Resort in N. Redington Beach, Fla. . . . Par 3 for Village of Carol Stream, west of Chicago.

Ninth Carling Open to be played Aug. 17-20 at Indian Spring CC, Washington, D. C., for benefit of local Boys' Club . . . Prize money has been increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000 . . . Ernie Vossler is the defending champion . . . Don Hoenig, leading New England amateur player who has won several titles in the Northeast, is taking over the new Pleasant Valley Club in Sutton, Mass. . . . Stan Pisk, 46, pro at Stanley GC, New Britain, Conn., died Mar. 17 after a long illness . . . He had been at





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Dan Topping, one of the N. Y. Yankee owners, is among those who endorses golf for baseball players . . . "If they've been playing golf in the off season," says Dan, "they don't come to the training camp with beer bellies." . . . Northern Calif. PGA section has 25 events sched-

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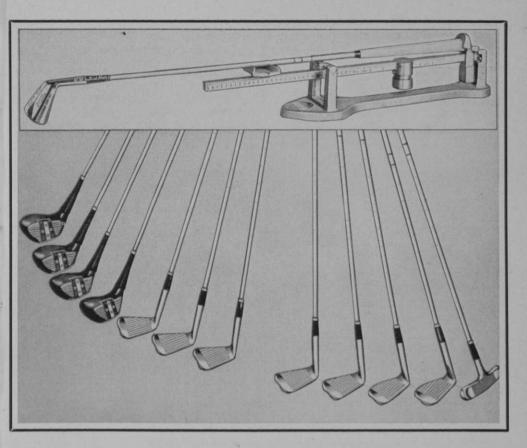
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uled for the period between Apr. 10 and Oct. 29 with more to be added . . . Jamaica's Runaway Bay Hotel and CC, costing \$2 million, to be opened in the fall . . . 18-hole course will run to 7,065 yds. . . . Western Golf Asociation's Junior championship to be played at Michigan State U., East Lansing, Aug. 15-19 . . . It's open to boys 19 and under with official handicaps of 10 or less . . . Labron Harris, Jr., the 1960 winner, will be back to defend his crown.

Compared to what the California golf organizations did to get fair tax legislation there has been a pathetically inept job done by golf organizations in campaigning for H.R. 4606, the bill of Representative A. S. (Syd) Herlong, jr., (Dem. 5th dist., Fla.) of Leesburg, Fla., for cutting the club dues tax from 20 to 10 per cent . . . A little smart work by a Washington lobbyist who knows where the bodies are buried is needed in this case.

L. E. Sexton is pres., Meadow Hills CC, newly formed to build 18 at Nogales, Ariz... Mike Dark, business mgr., Butler Homes, Inc., Scottsdale, Ariz., says 18-hole course is to be built on 150 acre subdivision... That is the newspaper information, anyway, and you know what

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