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More than 100 meetings were held by the architects with the building committee and other groups over a period of three years before final plans were approved. Visits were also made by Nolen and John Welsh to other country clubs to get useful background information. Twenty-three different preliminary schemes were submitted before a final decision was made. Minutes were kept of all meetings between club committees and architects and they served as a constant guide in providing the clubhouse facilities.

Work began on the new clubhouse in June of 1956. The building was dedicated about a year later. Nason & Cullen, Philadelphia builders, were the lowest of 12 competitive builders. The landscaping was handled by George Patton.

Philadelphia CC's new clubhouse has been financially successful, brought the membership closer together and increased recreational activities in many areas. In fact, it has been so successful in providing better country club living that the membership has approved the construction of still another building to augment present facilities.

The new, 10,000 square foot building, which will be a separate structure adjacent to the men's locker room area. will house four bowling alleys, three squash courts, a caddie house and storage space for golf cars. Nolen and Swinburne also designed this building and it is expected it will be completed in Oct.

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One of the first suggestions comes from Beever. He became manager of the club after the new clubhouse was completed, but he speaks from a wide background of experience as a country club manager. "No question about it," he says, "this is one of the finest clubhouses in the country and I've seen many of them. It gives an atmosphere of spaciousness and gracious living, but I can see where it should have been made larger."

Nolen agrees on this point, pointing out that original recommendations called for a much larger building. But economy was a factor in taking a lesser plan.

Back of the House

Beever suggests that any club contemplating a new clubhouse should consider 'the back of the house as well as the front." As in most residential dwelling places, there never is enough storage space.

there never is enough storage space. "Most clubhouses," Beever adds, "never seem to have enough storage and maintenance areas. This is probably due to the exertion of pressures on the part of the members for areas and facilities that they



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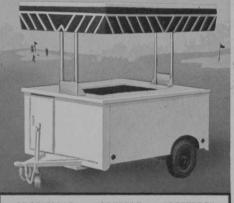
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inhabit and use daily. However, members and committees should realize that they can only be served as efficiently as the work areas in the back of the house permit."

Other recommendations made by Beever would provide for more permanent private dining rooms in addition to the main dining area and additional living quarters for employees. This would alleviate the constant and growing labor problem.

Pro Loma Frakes believes the pro shop could have been made larger, an indication of how golf activity has increased as a result of the new clubhouse.

Not Always Economical

Nolen and Welsh bring up another point which is important to a project of this kind. They say that cutting out something for the sake of economy may not be economical after all. For example, the original plans called for an elevator in the building. The building committee decided to omit it but after the new clubhouse was occupied, it was found that an elevator was needed and the members decided to install one. It cost twice as much to install as would have been the case if the elevator had been put in originally.

Nolen and Welsh feel that many clubs can build fine, functional clubhouses even though they can't afford one that compares with that of Philadelphia CC. They suggest starting from scratch and not trying to remodel an old building. Many clubhouses are old mansions which have been added to and added to and there is no economy in such conversions.

Hire An Architect

Another piece of advice is "don't try to design it yourself." Arcihtects have high ethical standards and are not trying to sell something that isn't needed. They advise on how to meet needs in keeping with what can be afforded.

Philadelphia CC is carrying on some fine traditions at Gladwyne. At its old location at Bala, the club was the scene of the first regularly scheduled game of golf played in Philadelphia. The club's earliest activities centered around polo pony races and horse shows. Squash was introduced in 1901, trap shooting in 1929, and the club's first swimming pool was opened in 1930. The Open, played at Philadelphia CC in 1939 is memorable in that Byron Nelson, Craig Wood and Denny Shute engaged in a tight playoff duel that Nelson finally won.

Swinging Around Golf

(Continued from page 18)

Tulsa, Okla. . . . Entries are open to males who have reached their 55th birthday (on Sept. 19) and have handicaps of not over 10 strokes . . . Old Open champion (1928), Johnny Farrell, thinks it was good for golfers that Gene Littler won the Open . . . With Arnold Palmer dominating the picture for the last two years, Farrell says that most players have become power happy . . . "Littler," says Farrell, "is a swinger who should be copied." . . . A New York newspaper columnist, Dan Parker, calls Metropolitan golfers to task for turning up their noses at competing in N.Y. State Amateur, played this year at Onondaga CC in Syracuse . . Dave Canavan, editor of the Mid Atlantic GCSA NewsLetter, is now serving as agronomist for the course construction firm of Moore, Kelly and Reddish . . .

To get players into the Children's Memorial Hospital pro-am, played at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, immediately following the PGA Championship, some Chicago dist. clubs pooled their funds ... Entry fee for individual amateurs, do-





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Musser Named Agronomist for Course Architects

Prof. H. Burton Musser was named consultant agronomist for the American Society of Golf Course Architects at its second annual summer meeting at Seaview CC, Absecon, New Jersey. Musser, now retired as professor emeritus, was professor of agronomy at Pennsylvania State University and is internationally known for his many important contributions in the field of turfgrass research. He established and was in charge of the turfgrass research program at Penn State from 1929 to his retirement in 1959. At the present time Musser also is executive director of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council which is supporting an extensive program covering the use of many new materials for putting green topsoil modification and other research on turf production and management.

nated to the Hospital, was \$500 . Tournaments held at the clubs determined who the representatives would be . . Twenty-two golfers at Richmond (Calif.) G & CC beat the score posted by Arnold Palmer (69) for National Golf Week . . . Paul E. Weiss, Lehigh (Pa.) CC supt., who never has been accused of being a wilting blade or anything like that, says greenmasters defeat their own purpose by being too secretive about their wage scale . . . "If a fellow fills out a job application, and is asked to write in the wage scale for the district in which the application is made, chances are he has no idea what it is," says Paul. "Neither does anyone else," he adds.

New England supts., at a recent GCSA district meeting, are said to have "stood with their mouths agape" when they saw the equipment in Bob Grant's maintenance building at Running Brook CC, Bolton, Mass., operated by the Surprenant Mfg. Co. . . Bill Barrett, supt. Nashawtuc CC, Concord, Mass., believes his club is first to have all greens planted to Penncross . . . It's too early yet for a final word on how they are doing, but Barrett has a hunch they are going to work out fine . . . J. P. Mahlstede, new head of the horticulture dept. at Iowa State U., recently spoke to members of the Iowa GCSA at their monthly meeting . . .

International Paper Co. putting in a 9-hole course in Corinth, N. Y. . . . The

firm's Employees Mutual Benefit organization will manage it . . . General Electric also planning 9-hole course for its Burlington, Vt. plant . . . Lakeside course, third at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., under construction and will be in play in 1962 . . . Niagara County 18-hole public course, located in Lockport, N. Y., has been in play about two months . . . Don Graney is the pro . . . Niagara Falls, N. Y., adding another 9 to its Hyde Park muny setup . . . Clubhouse also is going in . . . This will bring the city's total up to 36 holes . . . Tonawanda, N. Y., opening its 18-hole muny this month . . . The Sheridan Park course in Tonawanda has been selected as the site of the 1962 National Public Links tournament . . . Other muny or state courses going in at Little Falls, N. Y. and Saratoga Springs . . . Both will be 9 holes to start with.

The fourteenth hole at Pt. St. Lucie (Fla.) CC recently was dedicated to Horton Smith, two-time Masters winner whose game was at its peak in the 30's . . . When the Sunset Ridge team, headed by Pro Bob Harris, took part in the Pro-Am Best Ball Championship of the Chicago Dist. GA, it was caparisoned like the Boston Red Sox . . . Each member of the foursome wore white shoes and shirt, red socks, shorts and cap . . . The Champion-ship was won by the Aurora CC team headed by Felice Torza . . . Bob Duguid, Sr., whose retirement was announced in May (Golfdom, page 109), died in July in Jacksonville, Fla., after an illness of sev-eral weeks . . . A native of Scotland, Bob served at the Evanston (Ill.) CC for about 20 years as a supt. and was at Timuquana CC in Jacksonville in a similar capacity from 1953 until his retirement . . . He was a charter member of the GCSA . Bob is survived by his wife, Nellie, and a son, Robert, sales mgr. of the Roseman Mower Corp.

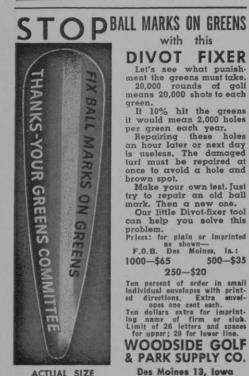
PGA tournament bureau has 15 fall events scheduled between Sept. 7 and Dec. 17 with two sets of October dates to be filled in . . . \$25,000 will be the prize money in four of the tournaments while others will be of lesser and varying amounts . . . Coming into the PGA Championship at Olympia Fields, Arnold Palmer had won six tournaments in 1961 . . . There were 25 different winners of 45 PGA co-sponsored and other major tournaments from July 25, 1960 through mid-July of this year in spite of the apparent Palmer-Player monopoly on first prize



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PGA Hole-in-One Contest Set for Labor Day

The fifth annual PGA national hole-inone contest, in which more than 100,000 golfers compete each year, will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 4. Medallions, plaques and trophies will be awarded various winners with the length of hole determining the national champion. New emphasis will be put this year on participation by women players, according to Don Waryan, Wayzata, Minn., chmn. of the PGA hole-in-one committee.

The "contest" hole at each club must be 150 yards or longer and each player will be allowed to take an "official" shot at it during the course of his 9- or 18-hole round. A total of 32 acres has been recorded in the four years the event has been staged. Greatest participation in the contest came in 1957 when 850 clubs and 150,000 players took part.

The hole-in-one contest idea was originated by Leonard B. Schmutte, former national PGA vp and pro at the Findlay (O.) CC.

money . . . Or, maybe that monopoly should be enlarged to include Doug Sanders, who had captured three tournament victories in '61 through mid-July.

Dande Farms CC, 9-hole course near Akron, N. Y., put in play in July . . . At least a half dozen 9-hole courses are being built in central and western N. Y. . . . Joe **Redanty and Peter Pattaccola hope to have** their layout in Mendon finished this month . . . Redanty, pro at LeRoy CC, had a piece in Golfdom in June . . . Other N.Y. courses are going in at Shortsville, South Glen Falls, Dolgeville, Carthage and Barker . . . Among new private clubs un-der construction in N.Y. state is The Ledges G & CC that's going in at Fayetteville in the Syracuse district . . . Al De-Porter, pro-supt. of Clifton Springs (N.Y.) CC, says 18-holes are being built there . . . Jim Alexander planning to convert his farm in Scottesville (near Rochester) to 18hole semi-private . . . Also planned are 18-hole private club in Palmyra, N.Y. and additional 9 for Columbia CC in Hudson.

Rockland State Hospital, Orangeburg, N.Y., has 6 of 9 planned holes in play . . . Plattsburgh AFB hopes to have its 9-hole course ready late in the season . . . Several Par 3s also going in around the Buffalo-Rochester area, so a fellow doesn't have to

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drive very far in Western N.Y. without being able to swing a club somewhere . . . Holes at the new Par 3 in Conneaut Lake, Pa., range from 130 to 195 yds . . . Karl Klingensmith put about 15 acres into this project . . . Oakridge Golf Center, Hagerstown, Md., put its lighted facilities into play on July 4 . . . Par 3 in Blairsville, Pa., to be ready for player invasion this month . . . It's owned by A. T. Shadle . . . Dave McCormick is pro and Frank Sirianni, supt, at the new Sewickley Heights GC in Sewickley, Pa. . . . This club was designed by James Harrison, who also drew up the prints for Beaver Valley CC, Beaver Falls, Pa., which opened its second 9 recently . . . There is plenty of building and expansion activity throughout Pa., by the way.

Mannitto, a "four seasons family club", now being developed in Alexandria, Pa., expects to have a 9-hole course in 1962 ... William Birdseye, the developer, says there is nothing that a person can't do at this location . . . Bluefield (W. Va.) CC has new 18-hole layout in planning stage, according to Jim Strupp, chmn. of the grounds committee . . . Club has acquired a 500-acre site after giving up old 9-hole course to real estate pepole . . . Poxabogue GC, 9-hole Par 30, under construction in Bridgehampton, L.I., to plans of Alfred Tull . . . Cape Coral (Fla.) CC has opened first 9 of planned 18, according to Connie Mack, vp of the developing firm . . . Shady Grove CC, near Gaithersburg, Md., has its 18-holes in play . . . It was built by Russell Roberts and Clarence Doser is pro.

Oro Valley CC and adjacent homesites at Tucson bought by members from Timon and Landon, developers . . . Ralph Lang resigns as pro at Carolina CC, Raleigh, to go to Wildwood CC, Raleigh, in which he is financially interested . . . Wildwood building second 9 . . . Schedule early start of building Tantallon CC . . . Edward J. Cook, Washington, D. C., is developer of Tantallon, located in Prince Georges County, Va.

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tin says second 9 of Western Hills course will be open soon . . . Women's section of Cleveland (O.) Press and News carrying illustrated golf lessons for women by Cleveland district pros . . Louise Alexander is doing the interviewing and pros are doing a fine, compact job of instruction . . . This is a development for smart pros to watch and to follow this promotion lead next spring, or earlier.

Clarence Doser, a veteran who is the pro at the new Shady Grove course at Motel Washingtonian, Gaithersburg, Md., has been scoring so well that he moved Merrell Whittlesey, Washington Star golf writer, to comment that the 52year-old Doser "is one of the golfing marvels of the entire membership of the PGA."... McMinnville (Tenn.) CC to build new course on 160 acres donated by Boyd Nursery Co.

James Twohig, supt., in charge of building new Memorial Park 18-hole muny course at Springfield, Mass., says course will be in fine condition when it is officially opened next spring and replaces present Memorial Park course which will be converted into an "industrial park" the new name for factory sites . . . Twohig and Springfield municipal course golfers are lucky in being able to wait until the new course actually is in playable condition . . . Most of the new courses — private or public — we've seen are opened before they are ready . . . Premature wear adds to expense and delays development of satisfactory greens, fairways and tees.

Jim Waring, in his "Teeing Off" column in Charleston, S. C. News and Courier, quotes Al Esposito, CC of Charleston pro, on the city's need of a junior golf course . . . Al noted that his Junior tournament had grown in eight years from 12 to 116 entries . . . He added that youngsters' time on courses is sharply limited by adult play . . . Esposito remarked that cost of a 9-hole course that would handle 100 or more kids a day would be less than cost of a gym for 10 basketball players . . . Especially when some citizen probably would contribute acreage for the course . . . Many courses recently built or building are examples of volunteer labor and contributed machine work . . . The do-it-yourself principle can be applied to Junior courses in many communities and give smaller communities a valuable asset the larger cities lack.

Arnold Palmer has made many friends in Britain for himself and American pro golf by the way he has handled himself in losing and winning the British Open . . . He also did very well by himself in winning the British Open title as the prestige of this victory is of timely value after he had missed winning the Masters and the U. S. Open.

Henry J. Kaiser's Hawaii-Kai Development Co. to have course designed by Robert Trent

