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into play and will have remainder ready when damage caused by heavy rains is repaired.

Malvin Busse, who farmed 2,000 acres in Madison, Wis. area for many years and raised three daughters and five sons, finally decided it was time to relax and build a golf course . . . The result: His 18-hole Lake Windsor GC, representing an investment of around \$300,000, should be in play this summer . . . Jean Forsythe is a 10-time winner of the Erie, Pa., women's championship . . . 18-hole Pleasant View CC course in Duncansville, Pa., to be put in play around June 1 . . . Kenny Lind has resigned as assistant to Jim Dunkerly at Birmingham (Ala.) CC to take the head pro job at the new Altadena Valley GC . . . His successor is Roy Ledbetter, former Jackson Bradley aide at River Oaks in Houston . . . Another Senior Citizen housing project that has a golf course in its future plans is Rossmoor Leisure World, located near Long Beach, Calif.

Oakland, Calif. Municipal Retirement System administrators said to be willing to invest as much as \$750,000 in municipal course if certain title, repayment and interest provisions are agreed upon by the city council . . . Elkhorn GC, near Lodi, Calif., to be playable about June 1 . . . More than \$400,000 has been put into the club by seven partners including Bert Stamps of Fresno, the course designer . . . Vernon Thwaites has been named pro at the state-owned Henry Horton Park course, now being built near Nashville, Tenn. . . . East Bay CC, recently opened in Largo, Fla., was planted to Ormond, according to William F. Mitchell, who designed the course . . . Glenn W. Adcock is mgr. of the new club and Ossie Jones, supt.

The \$500,000 clubhouse, now being constructed at Tamarac G & CC in Ft. Lauderdale, is going to feature a departure from the typical Florida motif . . . There won't be any pale pastel in evidence, but rather a vigorous Old Scot flavor with dark walnut paneling, antique brass, carved wood plaques and vibrant blues, greens and reds adapted from authentic clan tartans . . The course itself has been in play since last spring . . Dow Foundation of Midland, Mich., has donated land for construction of a municipal course and Dow Chemical Co. has contributed 240 shares of its stock to finance construction . . . Indian Hills, Tuscaloosa, Ala., said to be one of the finest layouts in the Southeast, put into play in November . . . Tommy Bolt has been appointed head pro at the new Cedar Brook GC in Old Brookville, L. I. . . . He succeeds Joe Gerlak, who continues as a winter teacher at the Hollywood Hotel course in Florida.

The new club on the Osage reservation in Pawhuska, Okla., is known as Tah-Ha-Ga-Su. . . . Translated, that is "hit the ball with a club." . . . Community course is included in five-year growth plan of Grand Prairie, Tex. . . . Orangeburg (S.C.) CC closed its old course on Oct. 29 and opened its new 18-hole layout a

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Draw up plans for multi-million dollar development of Sampson State Park, near Rochester, N.Y. . . . 18-hole course would be included in the development . . . Nine-hole Par 3 planned for center of Windsor Gardens, Denver, a townhouse development project . . . Seneca Lake CC, Geneva, N.Y., to add additional 9 to present 9-hole layout . . . Twaine Hart GC, Sonora, Calif. course, opened in Oct. . . Local Rotary Club got townspeople to help in its construction on land donated by Ray Eproson . . . Buster Holland is pro-mgr. . . . 18-hole Elkhorn GC, now being built near Stockton, Calif., to be completed around Memorial Day ... Plan building of \$1 million 18-hole course in Marstons Mills on Cape Cod, Mass. . . Construction underway on 18-hole Tammy Brook CC, Cresskill, N.J. . . . Designed by Robert Trent Jones, it has a large putting green and practice range.

Bill Rawlinson has taken over as pro-mgr. at Larned (Kans.) CC . . . His wife, Faye, will be Rawlinson's No. 1 assistant . . . \$750,000 clubhouse at Palma Ceia GC in Tampa to be completed in March . . Green Meadows GC, Vancouver, Wash., to be in play in April . . . First 9 of East Mountain CC, near Springfield, Mass., to be ready this spring with second 9 to be built in 1964 . . T. P. Perez is the developer . . . Mechanicsville, N.Y., completing its \$60,000 muny clubhouse, hopes to have new pro shop before end of the year . . . Valley Forge Airport, Audubon, Pa., officially closed in Oct. to make way for construction of 18-hole Gen. Washington CC.

Paul Buman, Jr., pro at Ft. Benning CC since 1954, recently resigned to take a similar post with the new Green Island Club in Columbus, Ga. . . Donald J. Branch is supt. . . George Cobb designed the 18-hole Green Island course which is located on Lake Oliver . . . Golf course on Mystic Islands, located on Jersey shore near Tuckerton, being revived . . 9-hole course in Sand Hill area of Ft. Benning, Ga., opened in Oct. . . Riverlands G & CC, near La Place, La., to open its first 9 of a planned 18 in March. . . New ski center opening at Mystic Mountain, near Cazenovia, N.Y., is to become year-around family rec resort . . . 18-hole golf course isplanned for the center.

Don Hamblin named head pro at Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas, as of Oct. 1... He moved into spot vacated by Howard Capps, who was promoted to the Inn's sports supervisor post ... Hamblin is a former College of Idaho golf

## **Turf Conferences**

Jan. 8-9 Mid-Atlantic, Baltimore. 15-19 Rutgers University – Collins Auditorium, New Brunswick, N. J.

24–Feb. 2 – GCSA International Miami Beach, Fla.

Feb. 13-14-Virginia, Executive Motor Hotel, Richmond.
19-22-Penn State University, College Park, Pa.
26-Mar. 1 - Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

captain who was a teaching assistant under Capps for two years . . . Malmstrom AFB officials discuss idea of collaborating with city of Great Falls, Mont., in expanding city's muny course from 9 to 18 holes . . . Work is proceeding on building of Daniel Boone CC, Wentzville, Mo. . . Berlin, Conn., selectmen debating construction of a muny course . . . Mohawk CC in Schenectady, N.Y. spending \$80,000 in second phase of renovating its clubhouse.

Desert Forest GC, near Scottsdale, Ariz., put in play in Dec. . . . Clubhouse and hotel, on adjoining acres, to be built in the future . . . Charles Opgennorth, Richland, Wash., planning to build motel and golf course near marina which he owns . . . 9-hole course going in with other recreation facilities on 110 acre plot recently acquired by Menomonee Falls, Wis., park commission . . . Start play on Three Rivers GC, Porterville, Calif., in Oct. . . . \$250,000 being spent on renovation of Tarpon Springs (Fla.) GC . . . It was recently acquired by a Kansas City group . . . Homer Wood leaves pro post at George Miller CC, Summerville, S.C. to take similar job at new course being built in Jessup, Ga. by the Elks club . . . Paul Haviland, formerly an assistant at Pine Ridge, Baltimore dist., now head pro at Maryland G & CC, Bel Air, Md. . . . New 18-hole Hideaway Isles course, near Stuart, Fla., should be in play in the fall, according to sponsors.

Bernie Haas leaves Philadelphia CC, where he was an assistant for seven years, to become head pro at Pittsburgh Field Club . . . He's the Philly dist. PGA champion . . . Riverview CC, representing a \$500,000 plus investment, to open in May in Bridgeport, Conn. . . . Planning 18-hole course for Coral Harbour, ocean front community that's in construction stage 15 miles from Nassau in the Bahamas . . . Construction started in Oct. on 18-hole Tantallon GC, seven miles south of Washington, D.C. line . . . First thing this club put in was a nursery . . . Bill and Dave Gordon are course architects for 18-hole York Road GC that

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## Grand Slam Included in Mickey Wright's 1961 Triumphs

Mickey Wright, the 26-year old San Diego blonde who has been threatening to make the women's professional tour-

nament circuit her private hunting grounds for the last four or five years, finally broke through in 1961, winning 10 tournaments and collecting \$22,236. Her 10 victories tied a record established by Betsy Rawls in 1959 and her earnings were the second highest in Ladies PGA history.

The runnerup in the

1961 money column, Betsy Rawls, earned about \$6,500 less than Miss Wright. Betsy's winnings of \$15,672 gave her a slight edge over Louise Suggs who collected \$15,339. In fourth place was Mary Lena Faulk who, aided by winning three consecutive tourneys in midsummer, collected a total of \$12,968. The No. 5 spot in the dollar lineup went to Marilynn Smith who won \$10,687.

Mickey Wright

### Has Won \$95,000

Included in Mickey's triumphs last season was a "grand slam" of the Women's Open, Ladies PGA Championship and the Titleholders, the first time this had been accomplished. She finished in the money in each of the 24 tournaments she played in and ran her string in this department to 48 over three seasons. A professional since 1954, Mickey has won almost \$95,000 and claimed first place in 29 tournaments in her seven years of campaigning.

#### **Promising Newcomers**

With the addition of several Western tournaments in September, the Ladies PGA experienced one of its best seasons in 1961. The women pros scrambled for nearly \$200,000 in prize money, and during the season at least three promising newcomers made their debuts on the circuit. They were Judy Kimball, 15th in the money list with winnings of nearly \$5000, 18-year old Sandra Haynie, and Carol Mann.

During the 1961 season, Len Wirtz of Cincinnati was appointed tournament bureau manager, replacing Fred Corcoran, who resigned.



Gary Nixon, Royal Little and Sam Snead (I to r) have formed a corporation, capitalized at \$300,000, to build and operate a string of Par 3s throughout the country. Indications are that the first 10, at least, will be constructed at locations where there is year-around golf. Nixon has been Sam's assistant at The Greenbrier and Boca Raton for several years and helps to manage Snead's business affairs; Little, ex-Textron, Inc. chairman, represents the Narragansett Corp., an investment company, in the venture; and Snead, golfer and capitalist, hardly has to have his accomplishments reviewed. The new firm, known as Sam Snead All-American Golf, Inc., will build lighted Par 3s complete with ranges and small pro shops and then turn them over to experienced pros or businessmen on a net rental basis.

## Schedule USGA Green Section Education Meet for Jan. 26

The education program of the USGA green section will be held on Friday, Jan. 26, in the Biltmore Hotel, New York, preceding by one day the annual meeting of the association. Theme of the education session will be "A Business Approach to Course Maintenance." According to William C. Chapin, USGA green section committeeman and chairman of the education program, there will be morning and afternoon sessions covering personnel management, club economics, accounting and budget preparation and a discussion of research and maintenance progress. Presentation of the will be made during the meeting.

## Ladies PGA Award to Mrs. Bell

Peggy Kirk Bell, who with her husband, Warren, operates the Pine Needles Lodge & CC in Southern Pines, N.C., has been named "teacher of the year" by the Ladies PGA. A former tournament star, Mrs. Bell makes only a few appearances on the women's tour each year, confining her activities for the most part to teaching at the Lodge & CC.

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## Old Pros Gather to Teach and Talk (Continued from page 48)

adeptly are the best players. So the first thing he thinks of in playing or teaching is the position of the hands on the club and how well the hands maintain their position.

#### Part the Hands Play

Barber said that with many pupils the right hand is so strong he has difficulty in getting them to use their left hands. The left hand gets the club up and down past the ball and the right hand hits it as it goes past, Barber told his PGA audience. He said that he stresses holding the club at the roots of the fingers and with fingertip pressure. He added that he teaches his pupils to make the grip firm with the last three fingers of the left hand by locking the club against the heel of the hand.

Anticipating a question that's always asked when he speaks, Jerry said: "As long as you've got to cock your wrists in the backswing why not cock them as you move away from the ball and automatically get the right elbow where it belongs?"

Jerry said he does not emphatically shift his weight onto his right leg in the backswing. He thinks he keeps his weight evenly distributed but does keep his right leg braced on full shots. Weight must be kept mainly on the left foot in chipping, pitching and putting, Jerry stated. He frequently emphasized the finger grip, remarking that he often makes the error of referring to "hands" when he means "fingers." He added: "If you let your mind get far away from your hands you can't play well."

Another point that Barber stressed was right elbow position and action. He said that sometimes the right arm blocks wrist cocking, but if the right elbow functions correctly, and is subordinate to the left arm, it will be easier to hit the ball well. He remarked that by feel he subconsciously adjusts the club for a hook or slice as the clubhead approaches the ball.

Barber, who spends a lot more time teaching at Wilshire CC in Los Angeles, than he does playing tournaments, urged the club pro to keep up his game by getting out on the practice tee earlier and more often.

#### **Memories Are Short**

Johnny Farrell combined a lot of good sense and laughs in telling why the playing star better have a long range ambition of becoming a good instructor. Johnny said that he went to a testimonial

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dinner one time for Babe Ruth and heard the Babe say, "This is nice but what counts is how many will want to shake your hand ten years from now." Farrell recalled that as the defending National Open champion, he started the 1929 event at Winged Foot with 46-48-84. He didn't walk off the 18th green through a crowd of golfers swarming to shake his hand.

#### **Teaching Helps Sales**

Farrell reminded his brother professionals: "If you can teach your members and their children your job is secure. Profitable merchandising in your shop is built on the basis of your instruction results. It is teaching and improved scoring that stirs and keeps up interest going at a club."

Johnny got a laugh by giving advice that every experienced pro knows is good. "Don't be too lazy to teach," he said. "You may see a practically hopeless guy coming toward your shop wanting to grab you for a lesson. Your inclination is to duck out but you had better get off your chair and pretend you are eager to see him. About the time you've given up on him he will buy new irons, woods and a bag.

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tiplied your services and your profits," Johnny finally counseled. He should know. He has trained two sons who are excellent assistants.

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Henry Picard once was rated by professional colleagues as being so good that he should have won everything. But the only big one he won was the 1939 PGA title. What the other fellows didn't discover was that Picard was plagued by injuries and arthritis but never let anybody know. The important thing Picard did win was great respect as a player, teacher and gentleman.

#### **Gave Helping Hand**

Pic related many experiences about tournaments when he was an early winner on the budding circuit, and he and Revolta were a team hard to beat. Pic said that the oldtimers such as Hagen, Armour and Sarazen were wily and fierce competitors who played shots with their heads as well as with their hands and who, after they'd finished their rounds, would go out on the course and help younger contestants. These veteran stars had more interest in golf and golfers than their own financial returns, but seem

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