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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



By **HERB GRAFFIS**

Horton Smith's getting the USGA's Bob Jones Award for sportsmanship paired two valiant spirits . . . Bob and Horton are in poor condition physically and have been for several years . . . Yet in all that time neither has done any complaining . . . That is something that can't be said of some of golf's notables who three-putt or get bad lies . . . Horton was in a hospital for 70 days of the four months preceding his hard and valuable work at the PGA school at Clearwater . . . He went back to Springfield, Mo., for hospitalization after the PGA school . . . In Horton's absence, Jimmy Thomson accepted the Jones award for him at the USGA meeting.

Thomson told amusing tales of the exhibition tour that Smith, Lawson Little, Harry Cooper and Thomson made as the Spalding "Flying Circus." . . . That promotion created tremendous golf interest and made thousands of new golfers, especially in the smaller towns . . . You wonder how that promotion compares with TV . . . Sarazen has been doing great as commentator on the Wonderful World of Golf series . . . Smith plans to play in the Masters to keep his record of never having missed one of them intact.

Nita Wotherspoon, wife of Bill, pro at Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, recovering from heart attack that hit her at home the day the Wotherspoons intended to leave for the PGA Seniors in Dunedin . . . Hurricane Carla, followed by miserable winter prevented Corpus Christi (Tex.) board of education director of athletics, Chester H. Allen, from starting construction of Par 3 courses at high schools until recently . . . Jim Fisher's ace for First Flight Co. \$50,000 during the PGA National GC

championship was a reminder not to pick up when you feel discouraged . . . Jim's ace on the 162 yd. 16th followed his 9 on the 15th.

Herman Barron's 9-under 135 to win the PGA Quarter Century title at Dunedin had some veterans recalling how close Herman came to National Open titles in the 40s . . . He and Hogan were a stroke back of Mangrum, Nelson and

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Los Angeles' 11 municipal courses had a record 983,921 rounds in 1961, up about 21,500 from 1960 . . . Seven of the courses had their biggest play in 1960 . . . Chicago District GA handicaps list shows 225 players from the plus 2 of Bob McCall of Flossmoor through the 3

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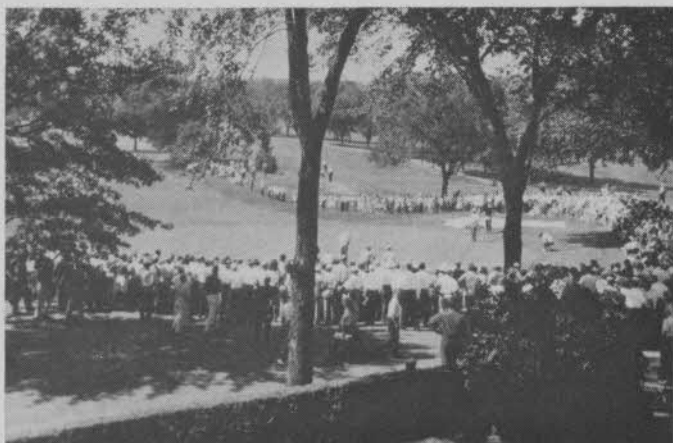


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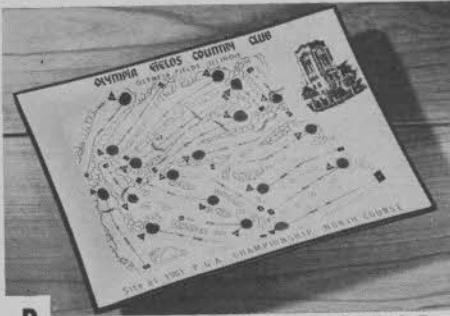
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Charles Bartlett, Chicago Tribune golf reporter and sec. of Golf Writers Assn. of America, is back in circulation again after hospitalization for a kidney infection and spinal misery . . . Paul Hahn flying the Caribbean tournament circuit putting on his trick shot exhibitions . . . Hahn's 1962 program is the brightest this sparkling golf showman has put on, the way we see it . . . Olympia Fields (Ill.) CC financial report on 1961 PGA championship showed the promoter was the leading prize winner with \$18,272 76 . . . The PGA champion, Jerry Barber, was second with \$11,000 out of total purse of \$64,800.

Ted Rhodes, veteran Negro pro, in VA hospital at Nashville, Tenn . . . Benefit for Ted recently staged by Linksman GC, 364 E. 63rd st., Chicago . . . Trend in newer fine course architecture is definitely away from those holes that haven't much but length to make them



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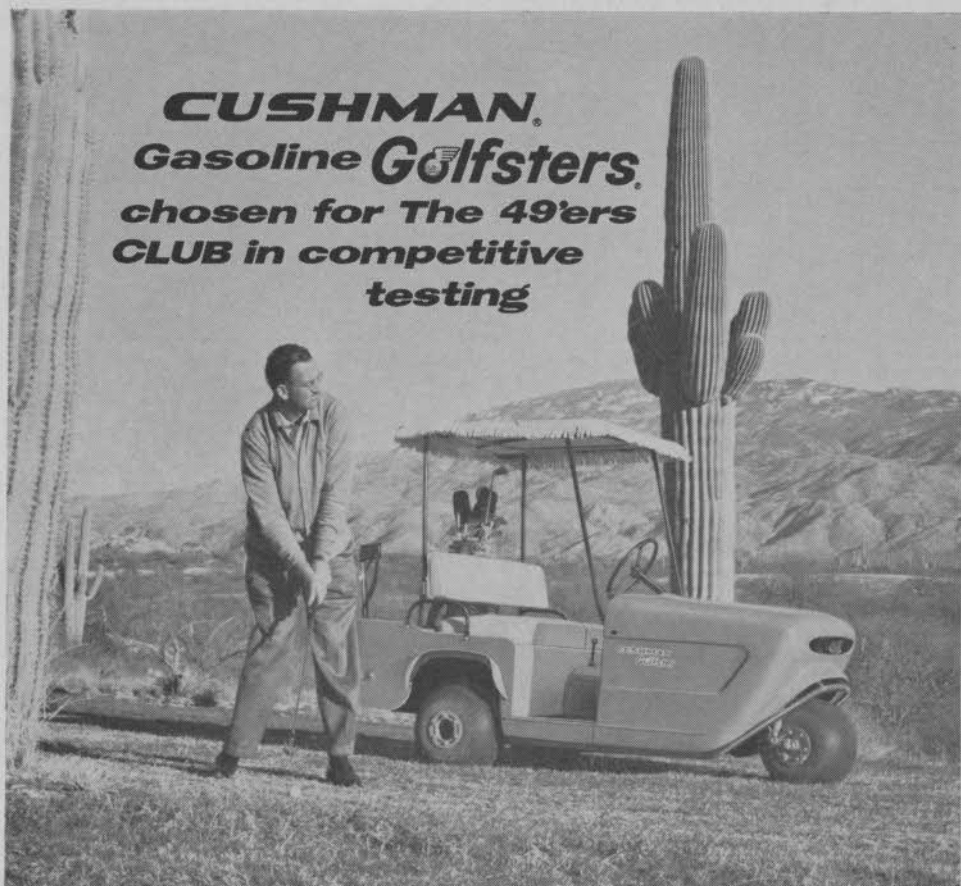
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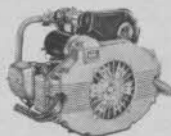
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Interesting use of low value land for pleasant course made by International Minerals and Chemical Corp. in building 9-hole course on land near Lakeland, Fla., which had been a phosphate mining area... Arnold Palmer's hot shooting starting with the Desert tournament indicates that the bright young man from Latrobe learned in time that the way for a golfer to make money for himself at golf is to play golf... Byron Hareke, Chicago Park District golf supervisor, conducting series of indoor lessons in Chicago neighborhood park gyms.

Bergen County, N.J., adding 9 to its 18-hole course in Rockleigh... Start work on two PGA 18s to plans of Dick Wilson at West Palm Beach Gardens, Fla... Slight delay in starting because

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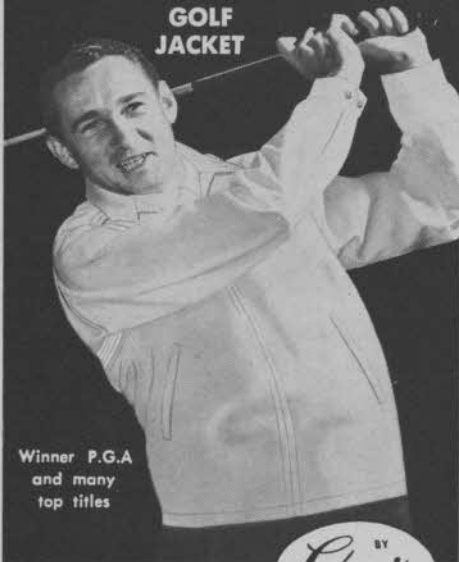
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First 9 of The Ledges CC, Fayetteville, N.Y., to be in play in July, says Pres. Bryce Tuttle . . . "Red" Howell is pro . . . Construction started on second 9 . . . Robert Trent Jones is the architect . . . Henrico County, Va. (Richmond) planning commission okays ordinance permitting Par 3 courses in agricultural or conservation zones.

Bert Purvis, that cheerful and useful gadabout who serves pros in upstate New York, tells of some new pro assignments in his territory: Dick Osborne at Pinehaven CC, Guilderland, N. Y. . . . John Doctor to Craig Wood CC, Lake Placid, N.Y. . . . Jack McPhee to Drumlins GC, Syracuse, N.Y. . . . F. (Babe) Urzetta to Green Hills GC, Mendon, N.Y.

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