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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



By HERB GRAFFIS

Just about everyone, it seems, attended first annual awards dinner of the Boston golf writers, held in the Statler Hilton in October . . . About 500 persons saw Joe Looney, Nick DelNinno, Leo Monahan and Roger Barry, Boston writers, present awards to winners of various local area tournaments and heard Sam Snead, JoAnne Gunderson, Fred Corcoran, Francis Ouimet and Margaret Curtis talk . . . Corcoran said he was planning a winter driving contest involving the longest hitters in the world and wouldn't be surprised if a fellow like Mickey Mantle or Ted Williams won it . . . Miss Gunderson said the fun would be taken out of the game for her if she turned pro.

Second 9 of Miami's city operated LeJeune GC opened in Nov. . . . Fred Sprenger has retired after 32 years as a pro-supt., 21 of them at the Newman muni course in Peoria, Ill. . . . Joseph Zichichi, supt. of the Rockaway River CC, Denville, N.J., died early last fall of a heart attack suffered while he was returning home from work . . . He was 52 years old . . . Joe formerly had been employed at Canoe Brook and Baltusrol . . . He is survived by his wife, Mildred, two sons, a daughter and three brothers . . . They say that the 1964 National Open, to be played at Congressional in Washington, D.C., will be over the longest course in Open history . . . It's going to extend to 7,067 yards, about 40 yards longer than Baltusrol (1954) the present record holder.

Terry Logan, prominent for the last 10 years in amateur golf, became the second woman in New Jersey to turn professional

. . . She made the move in October and is looking for a club job because she prefers to teach . . . Ten years ago Jean Mulkeen, who now runs a driving range in St. Louis, became N.J.'s first woman pro . . . Miller Brewing of Milwaukee and Wilson Sporting Goods Co. collaborated in producing two Ladies PGA films of the 1962 Milwaukee Women's Open . . . The 16mm. color films can be obtained by social, civic

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Greenmaster Don Rodvold tends these spectacular acres on Torrey Pines' North course which supts. will see in February when they are in San Diego and take their busmen's holiday tour. Here, you are looking down on the sixth green and seventh tee with the Pacific kicking up in the background. Up the cliff at the left is Torrey's South course. Frank Rodia is the pro at this San Diego setting.

and fraternal groups by writing to Miller (Film Section), 4000 W. State st., Milwaukee . . . Silver Lake CC, Orland Park, Ill., planning to add a short course to its two standard layouts.

Minnehaha CC in Sioux Falls, S.D., putting nearly \$400,000 into a clubhouse that will be completed in the spring . . . Pool, boys' and girls' lockerrooms, snack bar and teen club also to be built at Minnehaha . . . Riverwoods (Ill.) CC has

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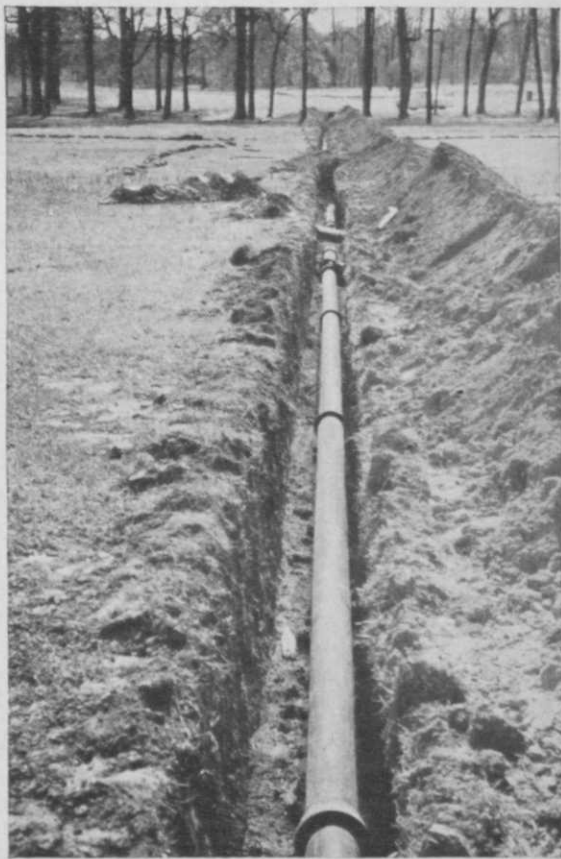
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covered one of its four pools with a plastic dome for wintertime swimming . . . Ernie George, head pro at El Macero CC in Davis, Calif. for the last two years, has resigned to become a fulltime tour player . . . Holmes Park course in Lincoln, Neb., designed by Floyd Farley, to be completed this summer.

Bill and Kathy Cornelius have signed as playing pros representing Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC . . . Gary Carle is resident pro at the Arizona resort club . . . Duke Motor Lodge, Durham, N.C., has installed a 465 yard Par 3 on its property . . . Mike Rubish, who owns a range across the highway from the lodge, supplies equipment to the motel guests . . . Tom Caranci is supt. of Park Village GC, El Dorado, Hills, Calif., which soon is to be ready for Sacramento area golfers . . . Bill and Dave Gordon have completed work on White Manor CC, formerly owned by the exclusive Radnor Hunt Club of Philadelphia . . . The 7,000 yard course has seven water holes and will be in play this spring.

Here's a slightly new twist . . . Dennis Eden, assistant pro at Westchester CC, Rye, N.Y., is being sponsored on the winter tour by a nationwide van service . . . Quite a story behind Gerald A. (Bud)

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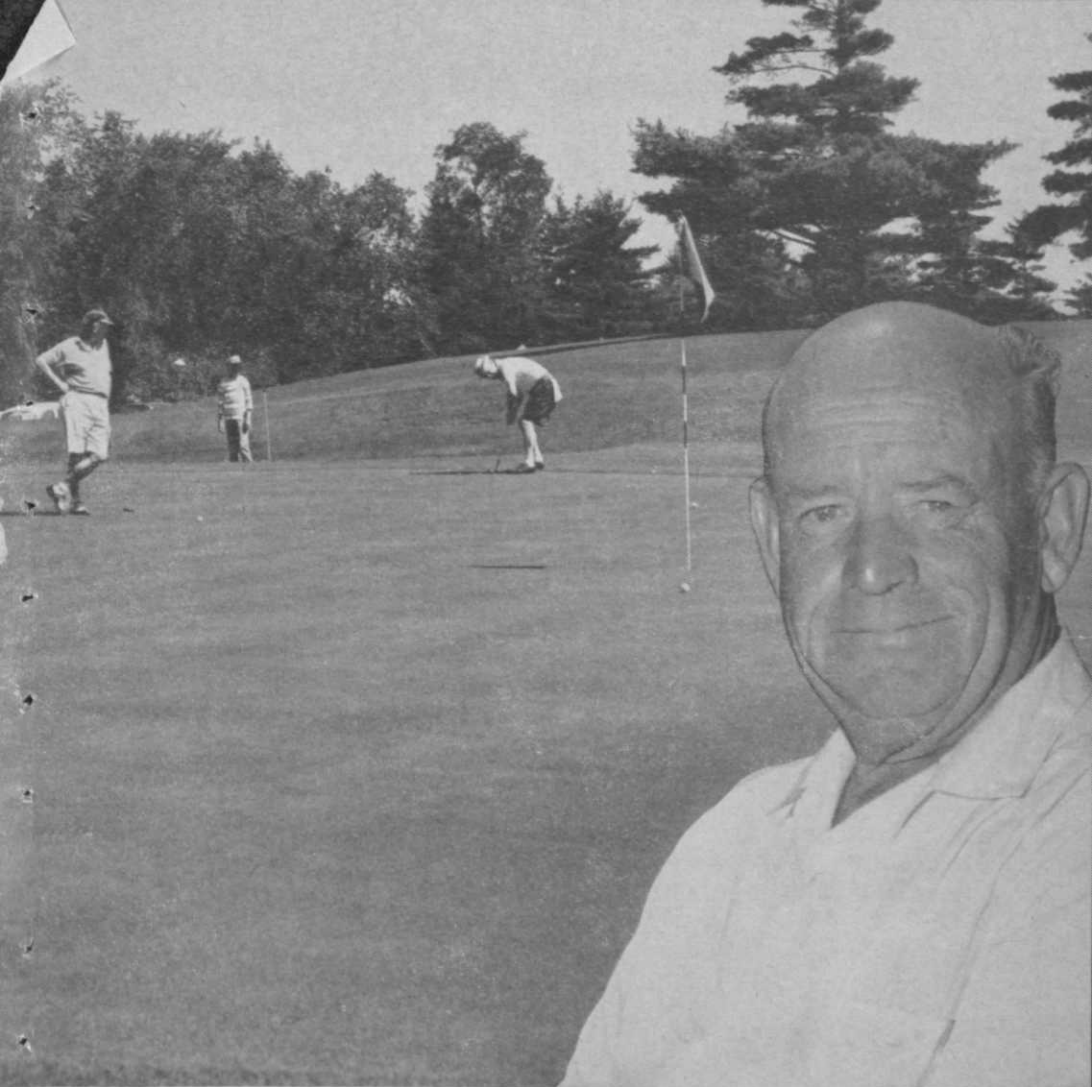
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Turner, supt. of the Rancho Bernardo (Calif.) GC . . . He was raised on the Hazleton (Ind.) CC course which his parents operated for 33 years . . . In World War II he was a Jap prisoner for 2½ years, came back to renovate the Hazleton course after being released, moved to Calif. around 1950 and has been in turf work there for the last 12 or 13 years . . . Art Quick is head pro at Rancho Bernardo, opened in Nov., and Gene Littler is the touring rep. . . John Coil is supt. of Oak Hills GC, Middlebury, Ind., which was opened last summer . . . It was designed by Bill Diddel for E. M. Sims, who sponsored construction of the Elcona CC, Elkhart, Ind., in 1955.

Sea Island (Ga.) Ladies Open to be played Jan. 31-Feb. 2 and annual Senior Invitation event there will be played Feb. 7-9 . . . Leon Howard, who is building a muni course for City of Austin, Tex., also has supervised construction at these sites in recent months: Pharoahs CC, Corpus Christi, and Willowbrook in Huntsville, Ala. . . . 45th Women's Championship will be played at the Breakers GC, Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 5-9 . . . St. Petersburg Women's Open, to be played in Feb., to have prize list of \$15,500, double what it



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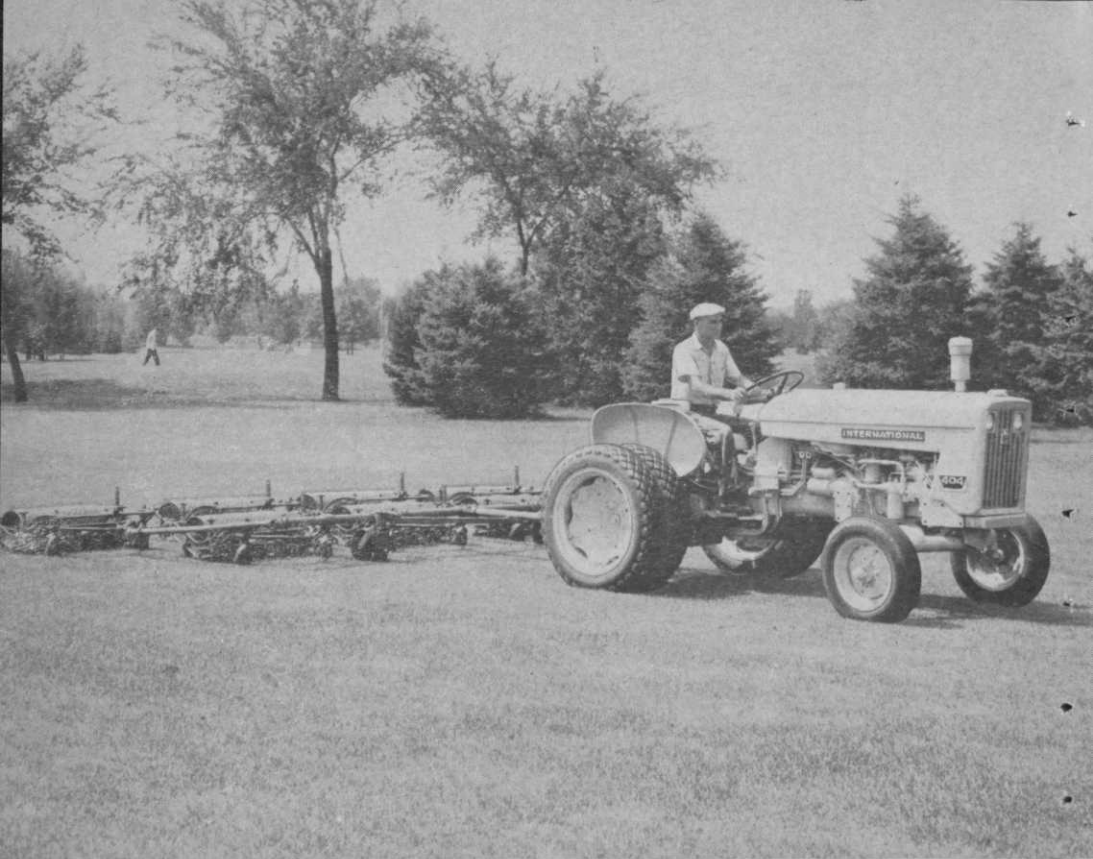
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