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SWINGING AROUND GOLF

News of the Golf World in Brief

By HERB GRAFFIS

FRONT COVER

Emil Beck, pro at Black River CC, Port Huron, Mich., and director of the PGA's Florida business schools, has long encouraged youngsters to get started playing golf. That is why he is intensely interested in the 'Pro-Juniorized' program described on page 48. In the photo, he is showing the son of one of his members how a club is cut down and fashioned for the juvenile player.

Gary Nixon, for some years associated with Sam Snead at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and at Boca Raton, Fla., succeeds Al Besselink as pro at Philmont, CC, Philadelphia . . . Fred Pacelli, Lockport, N.Y., heads Diamond Head Lake Resort, Inc., which is planning to build 18, with a motel and lake, etc. . . Beryl Taylor, supt. Iowa State University course, designs new 9 for Charles City (Ia.) CC, which will build on its own land . . . City of Brownsville, Tex., and an oil field lighting contractor discuss lighting Brownsville's Riverview 9 on a lease arrangement.

Jim Battin now pro at Hendricks County GC, Danville, Ind. . . . Battin has been assistant at Columbus (Ind.) GC and Harrison Lakes CC and attended PGA Business School . . . Lucayan Beach Hotel, Grand Bahama Island, half hour by air from Palm Beach, opened its 18 on New Year's . . . Craig Wood is in charge of golf . . . Denton Hills Corp. to build 18 at Coudersport, Pa.

Fairleigh Dickinson university, Rutherford, N.J., buys Broadacres GC 9 in Bloomfield, N.J., from Colgate-Palmolive Co. and will continue to operate the course . . . Richmond (Dick) Howell, Jr. now pro at Penfield (N.Y.) CC . . . Dick has been with Emmett Kelly at Green Lake GC, Fayetteville, N.Y., for 13 years . . . Howell succeeds Gene Coghill who resigned to go with Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and the music department of Syracuse University . . . North Hills CC, Little Rock, Ark., in new \$250,000 clubhouse . . . Oscar Ort is manager . . . Tommy Hanson is pro.

Bessie Fenn, 74, died recently in a hospital at Palm Beach . . . She retired four years ago as pro-manager, at Palm Beach GC . . . She had been in charge at the club since 1927 when she succeeded her father, Arthur Fenn, who had died in Palm Beach after 27 years at the club . . . Bessie won two state amateur championships in Maine and two in Florida . . . When she was selected for the job at Palm Beach GC from among 400 applicants she became the first woman in charge of a major modern golf club . . . And Miss Fenn was in charge . . You obeyed the rules of the club and played by the Rules of

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There'll be a lot of competition between teams at Par-3 courses this year . . . Keys Cooper, pro at Hidden Valley, Tucson, a lighted 1,522 yard Par-3, has been trying to get an Arizona Par-3 association operating and staging frequent tourneys for men and women . . . Robert and Richard Lewin recently opened their Palm Springs (Calif.) Biltmore Par-3 . . .They've got Joe Lukas as pro . . . Jack Hanson building a Par-3 at Crystal Lake, Ill. . . C. D. Wagstaff is the architect . . . City of Indio, Calif., building a Par-3 No. 18.

Mike Krak goes from pro post at Century Club, White Plains, N. Y., to Middle Bay CC, Oceanside, N. Y., succeeding Tony Marco . . . Talking about building course on the Walter Seaman property at Krum Elbow, along the Hudson near Highland, N. Y. . . . Considering lighting one nine of the Wilmington, N. C., municipal course.

Robert Trent Jones and his son Bob, Jr., building 18 on Spanish Riviera for American investors . . . Site is magnificent and is located along the Mediterranean . . . Sort of a Spanish Cypress Point deal . . . Young Jones has some fine ideas in the design, making use of the artistry of Nature, the top architect of them all . . . Some of the older architects' sons are doing remarkably interesting design work that combines great golf and preservation of natural attractions . . . Among them are Press Maxwell, son of the late Perry; Dave Gordon, Bill's son; Chuck Wagstaff, son of C. D.; Chick Adams, Ellis Maples, Arthur Jack Snyder and Phil Wogan whose fathers as supts. or pros altered or designed numerous courses.

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tournaments, now is a busy architect . . . He's building one course in southern Portugal, one in France and has courses in England and Ireland on the boards . . . Henry Rente, formerly assistant to Paul Scodeller at Hawaii's Navy-Marine course, now is pro at Barber's Point NAS course outside Honolulu . . . Rich Merkel from Texas, via, Calif., now is Scodeller's assistant.

Jimmy Todd, for 25 years pro at Braidburn CC, Florham Park, N. J., will be pro-manager of Morris County (Morristown) N. J., Park Commission's new Flanders Valley course when it opens in May . . . Basil Amorosano, co-pro with Todd in 1963, will continue at Braidburn . . . Ray Graboski, switches from pro job at Philipsburg (Pa.) CC to Monongahela (Pa.) CC, succeeding Frank Bruno who has retired . . . Expect to open first nine of Edgemont (Pa.) CC in the spring . . . Tiny Pedone will be pro.

Mrs. Basil A. Needham, Deepdale, L. I.,

Mrs. Basil A. Needham, Deepdale, L. I., is president of the Women's Metropolitan GA (New York) for 1964 . . . Mrs. M. Stuart Roesler and Mrs. DeWitt Alexandre are vps . . . Treasurer is Mrs.

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Lawrence Mattei is president and Jim Thomson vp, of the Northeastern GCSA for their fifth terms . . . Paul O'Leary, secretary, and John Espey, treasurer, are in their fourth terms . . . The 1964 Whitemarsh Open, to be played in suburban Philadelphia, has been moved up . . . It will be played June 29-July 5 . . . Last vear it was held in October . . . \$125,-000 rides in this one with \$26,000 being the top prize . . . A University of Rhode Island bulletin reminds supts, that greens subjected to winter play are slow to recover in the spring . . . Turf thins out and permits annual bluegrass to come in . . . The trouble is that supts. know this but their members don't.



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