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Robin Roberts and **Curt Simmons**, major league baseball players, are in the group of investors that has bought Oak Park CC in Horsham township, near Philadelphia . . . **Charles Hood**, an insurance man, **Tony Minissale**, owner of Better Golf, Inc. and **Robert L. Bast**, an attorney, also are in the group that purchased the 123-acre course . . . The new owners plan to spend \$150,000 in property improvements . . . A total of 32 gaslights illuminate the driveways and parking areas surrounding the new Tantallon CC clubhouse in the Washington, D.C. area . . . A residential community of 100 homes is located near the club . . . **Ralph Triska** and **James R. Thompson** developed the project.

Twenty-one former PGA champions will take part in the 1965 Championship at Laurel Valley GC in Ligonier, Pa., Aug. 12-15 . . . The most perseverant of all, **Vic Ghezzi**, will be playing in his 30th PGA tournament . . . He won it in 1941 . . . **Sam Snead** has played in 24 PGA events, **Chick Harbert**, 16, **Jack Burke** and **Jim Ferrier** 14 apiece, **Walter Burkemo** 11, and **Jay Hebert** and **Doug Ford**, each 10 . . . **Fearless Paul Hahn**, who defied Castro on a couple occasions to fly into Guantanamo to put on his bent shaft exhibition, entertained 82nd Airborne Division and other troops in mid-July in Santo Domingo . . . Hahn put on his show at the Ambassador Hotel GC course and in the vicinity of the 82nd's headquarters.

More than \$200,000 has been spent on Laurel Valley, which has only 200 members, to bring it to PGA standards for the Championship . . . The course runs to 7,000 yards, has 130 traps and seven lakes . . . About 65 acres are available for parking and PGA officials say 20,000 to 25,000 spectators can be accommodated with ease . . . July issue of the Bull Sheet, Midwest GCSA publication, took off on tournament committees that toughen up courses for the big events . . . Many



SWINGING AROUND GOLF

News of the Golf
World in Brief

By **HERB GRAFFIS**

FRONT COVER

For the last year or so, **J. B. Harris**, pro at Elizabeth Manor G&CC, Portsmouth, Va., has been showing his members more than how to swing golf clubs. He has been telling them how clubs are constructed in informal clinics that he conducts when it isn't possible to play golf. The clinics have proved to be a real hit, too. To get an idea of what **J. B.** says to his audiences, turn to page 46.



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good courses have been ruined by the Open and other tournaments, said the Bull Sheet, and it sometimes requires expensive rebuilding to restore them to the kind of layouts members want.

According to the July issue of the Hudson Valley (N.Y.) GCSA Newsletter, the Valley area was 32 inches short on rainfall from Jan., 1962 through Oct., 1964 . . . The Catskill area was 20 inches short in the same period . . . According to Cornell U. agronomists, the temperature below the turf surface is usually somewhat higher than the air temperature . . . Dan Lynch, past president of the Texas Turfgrass Association and connected with the Houston park and recreation department, was recently cited by the National Parks Organization for the work he has done in his field.

Rawiga CC, Seville, O., founded in 1958 and which converted a dairy barn for its clubhouse, has been steadily improving its facilities . . . Members have added a pool, enlarged **Don Olney's** pro shop and removed the last cattle stanchions in the basement and installed showers and lockerrooms . . . Lytton Savings and Loan Association has applied to the board of supervisors of Cucamonga, Calif., to build an 18-hole course . . . According to **Alex Redl**, pro at Firestone CC, Akron, O., where the American Classic will be played, Aug. 26-29, the Monster course is at least a stroke easier than it was five years ago . . . About 500 elm trees have been removed in that time due to the blight and Nos. 3 and 10, for example, have been opened up . . . In 1960, **Jay Hebert** won the PGA Championship with a 281 at Firestone; the 1964 winning Classic score was 275.

Kingsley (Ia.) GC opened recently . . . The L'Anse (Mich.) GC has received an FHA loan to develop its 9-hole course . . . A number of the greens and tees are already completed and the club members have done much of the construction work themselves . . . A 10,000 square foot clubhouse is being added to the golf bowl at Emerald Hill, Sterling, Ill., reports owner **Paul Long**.

Two cities, Montebello and Montebello Park, Calif., have plans to develop a dump area into a 172-acre course that will be



Craig Spottswood (third from left), is the first student to enroll in the U. of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture. He will major in turf management. Craig is shown with Frank Cronin, U of M golf director, George D. Quigley, Institute director, and L. R. (Bob) Shields, GCSA president and supt. at Woodmont CC, Rockeville, Md., for whom he works.

6700 yards long . . . Copper Hill CC in Flemington, N. J. has added yardage to the course, installed a sprinkling system, spruced up the lockerrooms and will be adding a grill room this fall, according to Pro **Mike Amorelli** . . . The Groton (N. Y.) Golf and Recreation Assn. has received \$261,000 from the FHA for development of a course.

Rumor has it that the Middle Atlantic PGA is seriously considering splitting into two chapters . . . Pros from North Va., Md. and the Washington, D.C. area would form one group and pros in the rest of Va. would form another . . . Westchester, N. Y. is getting a new development called Wild Oak Park, to be built on an old estate, which will include a course.

Twin Lakes CC's 18-hole course, surrounded with homesites, to be opened near Tacoma, Wash., this month . . . Nine-hole Brookside GC in Kingsley, Ia., owned by Guy Ledgerwood, opened recently . . . The 3106-yard course has a par 36 . . . 67 acres of land at the north end of the Fox Meadows CC, Memphis, Tenn., to be developed as a subdivision.

It will be after Labor Day before reconstruction of the Lincoln Park courses in Oklahoma City, Okla. begins because money from a \$450,000 bond issue will not be available until then . . . **Chuck Pantano** now pro at Bristol (R. I.) CC.

Pro-Manager **John J. (Jay) McClure** of Lubbock (Tex.) Meadowbrook GC has a prairie dog sanctuary right next to his

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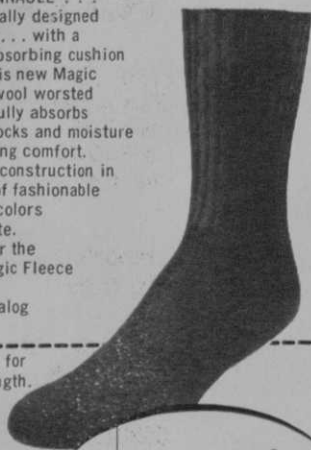
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municipal course . . . The dogs are protected and are one of Lubbock's main tourist attractions . . . However, McClure estimates that even though the prairie dogs are well fenced in, with wiring going down 10 feet under a high masonry wall, they escape and set up new diggings on the course and driving range . . . He estimates that over 10,000 golf balls have been lost down the dog holes on the driving range alone.

Westwoods CC in Farmington, Conn. opened its 18-hole, par 60 layout recently and has plans for lighting the back nine first . . . **Geoffrey S. Cornish** was architect . . . **Don Ross** is the pro . . . claiming to be the nation's first indoor course, the Greenville (N.C.) Putting Greens will have an 18-hole, par 39 course arranged around various water hazards and green elevations in a 10,000 square-foot building with air conditioning . . . Owner is **M. Louis Collie**.

A. Barletta and sons have broken ground for an 18-hole course near Hazelton, Penn. . . . **Harpeth Valley Club**, Nashville, Tenn., is the city's newest municipal golf facility . . . It was opened recently according to pro **Hershel Eaten** . . . The 18-hole layout has par of 72 . . . Members of the **Douglas (Wyo.) Community Club** have replaced their sand greens with new ones planted in grass . . . Trees have been planted and an irrigation system is being installed.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller recently opened the expanded **Rockland Lake (N.Y.) State Park**, which is scheduled to have an 18-hole course and driving range at one end of the lake by 1967 . . . **Frank Stati** will open a driving range in connection with his country club and course now building in **Gilbertsville, Mass.** . . . Construction has begun on the **Corry (Penn.) municipal GC**, with the course to be ready for play next year . . . Construction of a 19-hole miniature course by **Dominic Soriano** and his wife has been approved by the **Long Branch, N. J., city council** . . . **Spring Valley CC**, owned by **Donald Rearden** and **George Cochran**, is being built near **Opelika, Ala.** and the 9-hole course is coming along well according to the supt., **Charles Thomas**.



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Bear Lake (Mich.) Golf Assn. has taken a 90-day option on 80 acres of land with the idea of eventually developing it as a course . . . The Angus Lea GC, 1962-yards has par 31, and is the newest golf facility in N. H. . . . The course is located in Hillsboro . . . Grading work has been completed for the addition of nine holes to the present nine of the pitch-and-putt course, which is part of Trans-America's Camelback Inn-Lincoln Drive subdivision, near Scottsdale, Ariz.

Pete Denevi has purchased the semi-public Mi-Wuk Village (Calif.) GC and plans to change it to a private operation . . . **Tom Lambie**, pro, is owner of a 9-hole course to be called Coronado GC and now being built in Scottsdale, Ariz. . . . **Jack Snyder** was architect for the course.

Weakley (Tenn.) CC has received a loan for \$136,200 from the FHA to build a course, clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts and lake . . . The Fayette (Ia.) GC has been acquiring land in order to begin construction of its course . . . Plans continue to progress for building the 9-hole course and clubhouse of the Brownsville (Tenn.) CC on a seven-acre lake.

John and Bob Campsmith have opened a 1165-yard Par 3 public course near Muskegon, Mich. . . . **Jack Bendelow** is pro and a lighted driving range is located at the course . . . **Andy Clement**, pro, says that the new C-Way GC near Watertown, N. Y., has opened its nine holes to the public . . . Mr. and Mrs. **Peter H. Alonzo** plan to build a Par 3 and a driving range in East Marlborough township, Pa.

The Tri-County Golfers Assn. has been granted an \$80,000 loan for construction of a course between Barnesboro and Hastings, Pa. . . . 18 holes of Whispering Palms Club near Del Mar, Calif. have been opened recently, according to pro **Don McFarlin** . . . Eventually Whispering Palms will have three courses . . . The city of Palm Springs, Calif. will float general obligation bonds worth \$800,000 to buy the 156-acre municipal course that has been leased by the city for five years.

Earl J. Company is building a 9-hole course on his property, south of Mannsville, N.Y. . . . Company is doing the