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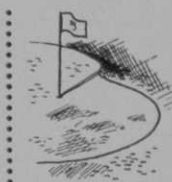
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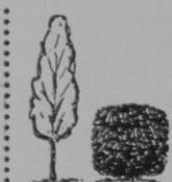
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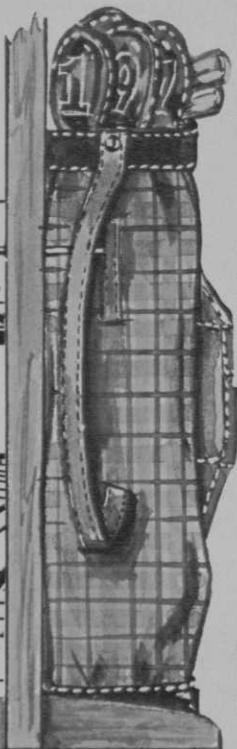
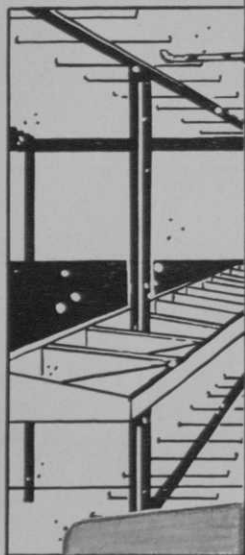


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course already completed and putting surfaces on the second 18 also will be planted to bent. Tees are planted to 328. The present 18 is completely irrigated and plans call for irrigating the second layout. Lin Harmon is the supt. at Whispering Pines.

Has 200 Members

The golf club has approximately 200 members, half of these North Carolina residents. The balance of the membership is made up of persons from other mid-South states, the Midwest, Northeastern states and Canada. The North Carolina Ladies Championship was played at Whispering Pines in 1964 and late in the season, the Carolina Seniors staged their annual Open at the resort course.

The Whispering Pines golf courses, recreational and shopping areas, and real estate development, which will feature many lakeside homes, are being built and promoted by Sandhill Properties, Inc., of which A. B. Hardee is president. William T. Shore, vp, is in charge of real estate

sales. The resort is described as an ideal place "to spend the rest of your life." A golfer driving the winding five miles from the lodge through the pine forest and suddenly coming upon such a magnificent spot as the Whispering Pines course probably wouldn't dispute this description.

Second Pittsburgh Golf Show

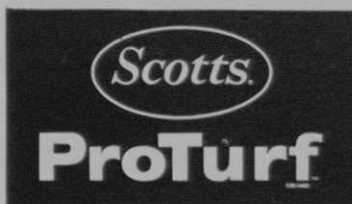
The second annual Pittsburgh golf show will be held in the Civic Arena, Mar. 12-14. The Tri-State section of the PGA is sponsoring the show which is expected to attract at least 7,000 persons. Golf clinics, fashion shows and an exhibition by Paul Hahn will be featured. Free driving ranges, sandtraps and putting greens will be available for visitors. Proceeds of the show will be divided among the Tri-State benevolent fund, Western Pennsylvania GA caddie scholarship fund, and a special fund that has been set up by the PGA section to help young men get started in pro golf.

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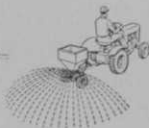
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Westfall University

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eases to expect next, but Westfall seems to be able to head them off before they take hold. Maybe he talks to the grass." The most comforting thing about having been associated with Westfall, Dick Winn adds, is that a fellow can always depend on him for help in being bailed out when things go wrong.

Bob Burns, who is the supt. at the American Legion CC in Shenandoah, Ia., where he has been for one season, calls attention to Norm Westfall's skill in repairing equipment that has broken down. "He's so good at it that machinery salesmen wring their hands in despair," says Burns. "I've seen mowers around Wakonda that I thought were going to be scrapped, but Norm would fix them up and get another year out of them. He doesn't repair them just for the sake of showing it can be done. They have to be right after they're fixed or he won't take a chance with them on those beautiful greens and

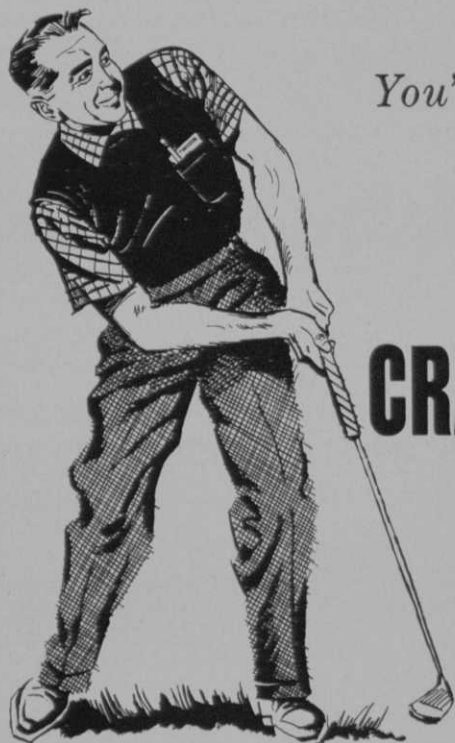
fairways at Wakonda.

"For a fellow who goes out to a small course where the equipment is liable to be in poor shape," Burns continues, "there is nothing that prepares him for coping with it like a few semesters in Norm Westfall's Machinery School."

Handy with Torches

Leon Hartogh, who has graduated to the assistant supt's position at Wakonda, adds this note as to Westfall's skill in reclaiming machinery that most other greenmasters probably would condemn to the junk heap: "If it weren't for Norm's cutting and welding torches, Wakonda would go out of business. It is unbelievable what he can do with an old piece of equipment."

Hartogh goes on to say that Westfall is unbelievable in many other different ways. "He is as versatile a man as I have ever seen," Hartogh says. "He designed our irrigation system and built our maintenance building. He can do first class plumbing work and as a carpenter he's hard to beat. I think the secret of Pop's skill and versatility is his patient refusal



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to rush into anything. He sizes up a job very carefully before he starts it. After he gets started, you can see everything fall into line just as he planned."

Other young men who have been fortunate enough to break in under the Wakonda turfmaster are Wendell L. Boken, who is at the Ankeny (Ia.) CC; Dale Foster of Crestmoor (Ia.) GC; Don Westfall, Norm's son, who is the pro, manager and supt. at Highland CC in Iowa Falls; and Anthony R. Tysseling, who is presently dividing his time between studying turfgrass management at Iowa State University and working at Wakonda.

Extension Student

Westfall also has what you might call an extension student under his wing in the person of Leroy E. Conard, who is in charge of maintenance at Clover Hills, which is also located in Des Moines. Conard never actually worked for Norm Westfall. He started at Clover Hills without any turf training, but with the understanding that Westfall would be his consultant. The arrangement has worked out very satisfactorily. Whenever Conard suspects that something on his course isn't as it should be he hurries over to Wakonda with samples for Westfall to examine. Either that or he keeps in touch by telephone. So, even though he never attended Westfall University, Conard thinks of himself as a paid-up member of the Alumni Association.

Boken, Foster and young Tysseling say there is nothing they can add that hasn't already been said about Pop Westfall. It is as Boken points out: "The fellows ahead of us have said just about all the nice things about Norm that can be said of any man. You can put us down as being in complete agreement. Pop is one hell of a man. There is no doubt about it."

Fine Paternal Influence

As for Don Westfall, who was brought up on a golf course and came under as good paternal influence as any man could wish for, he has this to say: "I have never doubted that Dad is quite a guy. If I do half as well as he has and make half as many friends, I'll be quite a success."

Gil Collins probably sums up best the reaction a person has upon meeting Norm

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33 Years in Turf Work

Westfall broke into golf course maintenance in 1932, working under his father-in-law, Bill Keating, who was "one of the best grass men in the business," at the Des Moines G & CC. After six years he was named supt. at Crestmoor GC in Creston, where he remained for 14 years. In 1952, Westfall returned to Des Moines G & CC for a year and then moved into his present post at Wakonda. The Iowa GCSA, in 1961, gave him its first "greenkeeper-of-the-year award" and in 1963, Norm was cited by the USGA for the outstanding work he did in preparing Wakonda for the National Amateur.

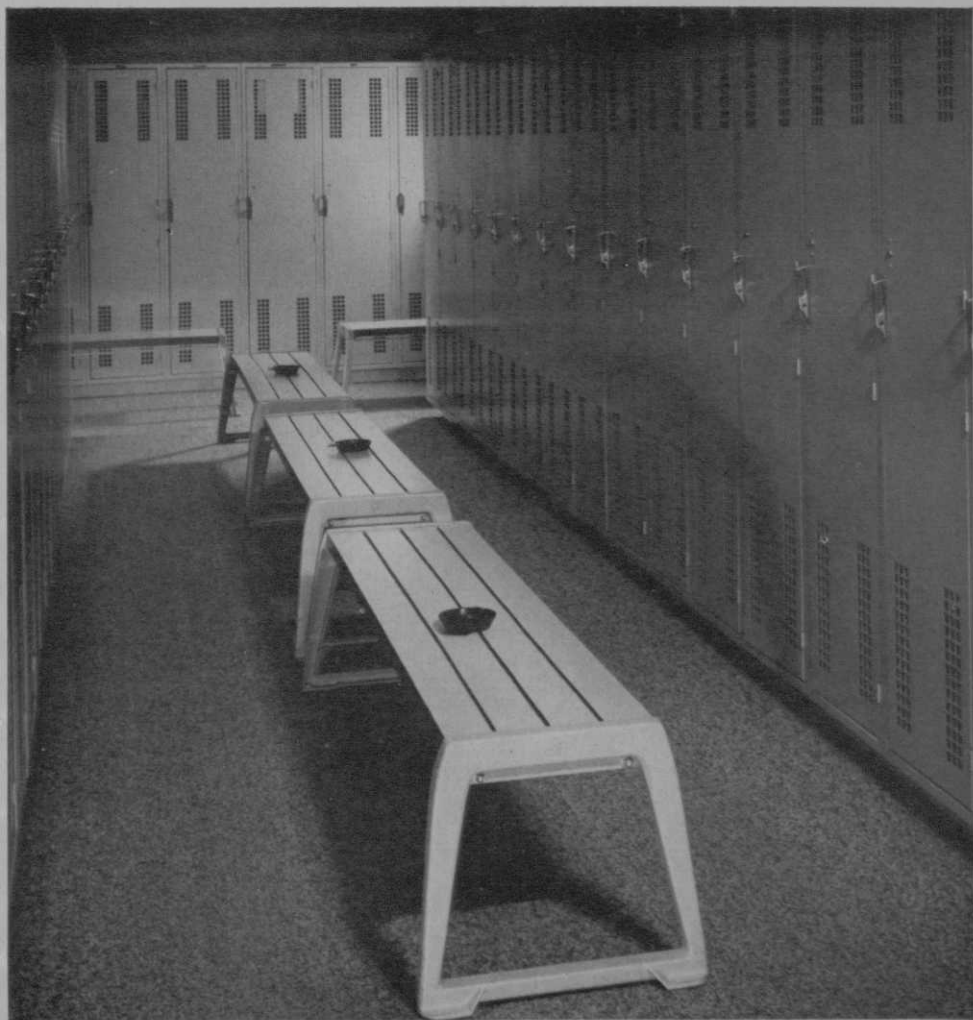
Norm Westfall, of course, is somewhat overwhelmed by all the fine things said about him by his onetime assistants. "I

didn't realize that I was going to get this 'This Is Your Life' treatment," he smiles, "but now that I have, I can't tell you how good it makes me feel. If I have helped these young men it was because they were willing to help themselves. Breaking into golf course work isn't easy. At the start it means long hours, only fair pay and seasonal work. These things discourage many young fellows from sticking with it. But at the same time there are as many who find that working with turf is fascinating and go on to become outstanding supts. It's a lucky thing indeed for the golf business that this happens."

It's hardly necessary to say that the golf business was doubly lucky when some 30 years ago Norm Westfall became fascinated with turf.

National Golf Day Proceeds

The PGA realized approximately \$80,000 from the 1964 National Golf Day. About 69,000 men and 6,600 women took part in the event. A total of 3,609 men and 1,126 women beat Jack Nicklaus' target score.



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Lake Merced

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The members took it in stride, too; the ladies have been particularly loyal. President James Frank says that a number of clubs have responded generously to the appeal of the Northern California GA for playing privileges for Lake Merced members. He is planning reciprocal arrangements already for the time when the new Lake Merced layout opens.

Temporary Clubhouse

A residence adjoining the property has been leased and the kitchen pushed to its culinary limits, while the rest of the house fulfills a portion of the normal lounge function. A corner of the new caddy building and cart storage building serves as a snack shop. The two combined are a temporary replacement for the old clubhouse, long since razed.

The new clubhouse is rising amidst stately old trees. It's a two-level structure that will enclose 36,000 square feet and was designed by San Francisco architect, Mario Gaidano. The lockers and pro shop

will occupy the lower level, opening onto the practice greens and fairway level. Public facilities and the lounge area will be above with a drive-up and main pedestrian access from the higher level of the surrounding terrain there.

Members Are Pleased

"Our members are pleased with the decision to stay and revitalize the course," Frank says. "Somebody said recently that we now have the only course in the immediate area where the land has been made to conform to its use as a golf course, in contrast to allowing the course to ramble over existing terrain."

New at Lake Merced is Haywood (Woody) Wright, formerly teaching pro and shop operator at the Ojai Valley G&CC. He assumed his duties only a few weeks ago.

The construction phase was nearly completed by the end of December. Everybody drew a sigh of relief, especially Graves, who said, "I've never been in such confusion or enjoyed anything so much in my life." Members agree that