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Allegheny county (Pa.), where Laurel Valley CC, site of the 1965 PGA Championship, is located, has the second highest number of country clubs of any county in the U. S. . . . **Rod Newman**, pro for the last 20 years at Homestead GC, Spring Lake Heights, N. J., will cruise the Caribbean late this month, giving golf lessons to passengers on the Queen of Bermuda . . . The one-day Pro-Am, which has been played at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., for the last four years, has produced \$283,000 for Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital . . . It will be played this year on June 28, preceding the Western Open.

Vacationland Open, to be played at Poland Spring (Me.) GC, Aug. 5-8, will be the richest tourney ever staged in Maine . . . A purse of \$15,000 is guaranteed by the sponsoring Poland Spring Hotels and the Maine PGA . . . Turf News of Texas, published by Texas Turfgrass Association, suggests putting a little anti-freeze in ball washers to keep the mixture circulating . . . Pepper Tree CC, Corona, Calif., designed by **Larry Hughes**, opened first nine in December . . . **Dave Feliz** is supt. . . . **J. D. Fitzpatrick** returned from Hawaii to be supt. at Rancho La Costa CC, Encinitas, Calif., which was opened in November . . . **Eddie Susalla** is pro at the new spot.

Club Managers Association has moved its national headquarters to 1030 Fifteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. . . . **Willard Byrd** is architect and **Joseph F. Finger**, consulting architect, of Atlanta (Ga.) CC, now being built . . . Finger is also designing plush 27-hole Pleasant Valley CC that **Winthrop Rockefeller** is going to build near Little Rock, Ark. . . . Briarwood (Ill.) Recreation Club building 9-hole course to plans of **Homer Fieldhouse** . . . He is also the architect for 18-hole courses being built in Warren, O., and Lomira, Wis.

Art Bell, for many years pro at California CC in San Francisco, now at Carmel (Calif.) Valley G & CC . . . **John** and **Bud Lewis** have purchased Skippack GC, Collegeville, Pa. . . . Bud will continue as



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News of the Golf World in Brief

By **HERB GRAFFIS**

Front Cover

Northern Ohio supts. have been busy men in the last two months preparing for the big GCSA show in Cleveland in February. But they took a few minutes off a few weeks ago to have this group shot taken at the Sheraton Hotel. Shown are (l to r): William E. Ebel, William A. Northern, Carl S. Springer, Nelson Monical, Malcolm E. McLaren, Gene C. Nutter, who has resigned as the GCSA's national director, Don J. Figurella, Howard Fannin, John J. Spodnik, Larry J. Wolfe, Carl L. Schwartz and Earl F. Yesberger. (See story on page 28.)

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pro at Manufacturers G & CC in Philadelphia and John will manage Skippack . . . Sun Valley G & CC, Chili, N. Y., was awarded \$68,000 when it gave up 3½ acres last fall for widening of a road . . . **Gus Moreland** has taken over pro spot at Westwood CC in Houston, succeeding **Palmer Lawrence**, who moved to the pro shop at Lakewood CC, Dallas . . . Moreland was a leading amateur in the '30s, became a successful businessman in Peoria, Ill., but got the itch to return to the game about a year ago.

Don Gardner, the 19-year old assistant pro recently set the course record at Lake San Marcos (Calif.) CC with a 69. Par is 72 . . . Crystal trophy for winning 1964 "Amateur of the Americas" championship at Dorado Beach, P.R., went to **Mike Elder** of Jamaica . . . The women's division crown went to **Mrs. Harold Roettger** of Puerto Rico . . . This fall's Florida PGA tournament at the Beach Club course, Naples, was won by **Jack Issacs**, Tequesta CC pro over **Bill Girard** of Sarasota . . . Proceeds of fifth annual \$50,000 Lucky International Open and \$5,000 Pro-Am, slated for San Francisco's Harding Park (Jan. 25-31), will go to three area boys' clubs as they have in past years.

Most of the \$25,000 profit from the 1964 American Golf Classic at Firestone CC in Akron, O. was turned over to the Jaycees, Junior League and Beacon Journal Charity Fund for local charities . . . NBC has payed \$100,000 for TV rights to the Bob Hope Desert Classic (Feb. 3-7) at Indian Wells CC in Palm Desert, Calif. Event was formerly called the Palm Springs Golf Classic . . . Format of the Classic isn't being changed . . . It will be played over 90 holes

Japan has an estimated 3,500,000 active golfers of whom 400-500,000 belong to golf and country clubs . . . These golfers are 75 per cent men . . . 48 per cent of the men are aged 35 to 55 yrs. Those under 35 account for 30 per cent of men players and 21 per cent are from 55 to 70 yrs. There are 403 courses in Japan.

The 1964 club champion and tourney chairman of Meadowlark CC in Huntington Beach, Calif., **Claude Waymire**, has



Pecan Valley GC, San Antonio, Tex., has a "break the bank" arrangement in which any professional golfer who breaks the course record of 65 in a PGA-sponsored tournament falls heir to \$6,500 which is held in trust in a San Antonio savings bank. **E. J. Burke** (r), Pecan Valley owner, is shown depositing the check with **Maurice Smith** (l), local banker. **Miller Barber**, who holds the record 65, set in the 44th Texas PGA Championship played last October at Pecan Valley, is also shown in the photo. Barber, who plays the PGA circuit out of the San Antonio club, will receive interest on the \$6,500 deposit until someone comes along to claim it.

resigned all club posts and turned professional . . . GCSA sponsored an essay contest for turfgrass management students in the winter course at Penn State U. . . . Winners were **Robert Hummer** of Manheim, Penn., **T. A. Kessler**, Hanover, Penn., **G. A. J. Sweda** of Lethridge, Alberta, Canada and **D. J. Maske** of Lockport, Ill.

Arnold Palmer, **Jack Nicklaus** and **Gary Player** will meet in weekly matches on eight consecutive Saturdays starting Jan. 30th and colorcast over NBC-TV . . . Prizes will be \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 . . . A \$3,500 research grant has been given by the GCSA to Michigan State U. for purchase of a growth chamber to help **Dr. James Beard** resume studies and experiments on winter kill of turf grasses.

Duke Matthews is now pro at Shadow Hills CC, Eugene, Ore., replacing **Alex Kinsfather** who resigned . . . **Jerry R. Truax** is now general manager of Colorado Springs (Colo.) CC . . . "Pro Appreciation Days" at Oak Orchard CC in Albion, N. Y. saw the members staging a weekend party hailing **Frank (Babe) Urzetta** . . . **Wm. S. Roach**, president of Mill

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Fred Larsen now pro at Colonial Acres CC, Montgomery, Ala. . . . Women members of Gardiner's Bay (N. Y.) CC gave Pro **Bob DeStefano** a thank-you party . . . Highland Park GC, Auburn, N. Y., members and guests put on a winging with golf and dinner for their pro **Phil Losito** . . . **Carl Cushin** is now pro at Imperial CC, Mansfield, O. . . . A \$600,000 clubhouse and course improvement program is underway at Arizona CC, Phoenix . . . **John Budd** at Pennhills Club, Bradford, Pa., has hired **Mickey Ihlenfeld** as his assistant . . . Mickey was with **Paul Biggy** for two summers at Butler (Pa.) CC.

Russell C. Kirkpatrick is new manager of Wykagyl CC, New Rochelle, N. Y. . . . Kirkpatrick previously managed Suburban CC, Baltimore . . . **Eugene A. M. Vossen** is manager at Albuquerque (N. M.) CC. He was at Beverly Hills (Calif.) CC . . . Golf writers are saying there is no need of anyone suggesting a PGA minor league tournament circuit as that is what there has been after August in recent years with the exception of a couple of headliners at each tournament.

Dick Harmon is putting back nine into play at scenic Port Kent course at Plattsburgh, N. Y. . . . Course was built over 50 years ago and closed in 1949 . . . **Leon Fawcett** and others are planning on rehabilitating course of defunct Buckingham CC at Garland, Tex. They want to make it a "low budget" private club . . . **Billy Delk** is pro at Florence (S. C.) CC . . . **James Carpenter** is new pro at University of Southern Mississippi course at Hattiesburg.

Golf program arranged by **Basil Banchar**d at Miami (Fla.) Lakes CC is getting big play from air line personnel . . . North Shore CC is moving to Mequon (suburban Milwaukee, Wis.) and is building a clubhouse and 27 holes to be in play in the spring of 1966 . . . Club's present site was sold for subdividing . . . **Jack Murray**, Atlantic Bag Co. vp, is having **Dick**



Paul Hahn, the sleight-of-shaft entertainer who has mesmerized millions of golf fans throughout the world with his trick shot repertoire, will fly a new Twin-Comanche in keeping many of his 1965 dates. At the moment Paul is re-polishing his act at his Cape Coral, Fla. retreat, preparatory to making a February Caribbean junket.

Wilson build 18 on Murray property near Princeton, N. J. . . . It will be a private club.

Tom Wirth, owner and pro of the Mt. Horeb (Wis.) Golf Bowl, is getting a good deal of business in his new clubhouse and bowling lanes . . . **Carl Schaefer** is building a second nine at his Pleasant View CC, Middletown, Wis. . . . **Tom Funee**, pro-supt. at Frederic (Wis.) GC is a high school track and basketball coach . . . Another Wisconsin high school coach and teacher is **Merton Wulf** who has been pro-manager at Lancaster CC, but is leaving that job to have more time for his family . . . **Tom Puls**, pro-supt., Barron (Wis.) GC also is a high school teacher and coach . . . **Bob** and **Mable Saile**, who have run Hi Dale GC, Rice Lake, Wis., for 15 years are retiring . . . River Falls (Wis.) CC has a new clubhouse. **A. W. Sali**, is manager . . . **Don Elkington**, owner of Mondavia (Wis.) GC operates his new clubhouse with a supper club and bowling lanes . . . **Al Capps** has a new course at his Bruce, Wis. resort.

Eighth annual Eastern Amateur tournament will again be played at Elizabeth Manor G & CC, Portsmouth, Va., Aug. 17-23 . . . **Deane Beman**, defending cham-

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pion, also won this event in 1960 and 1961 . . . **John Jones**, River Forest CC, is the new president of the Greater Chicago CMAA . . . **C. V. Crump**, Butterfield CC is vp and **Victor Chigas**, North Shore CC, secretary-treasurer . . . Directors are **Frank Klein**, **Bernard Kostecki**, **Al Lamonte**, **Clarence (Doc) Watson**, **Glenn Gunderson**, **Edward Kocur** and **Jack O'Neill** . . . National Intercollegiate AA golf coaches have assured **Wally Wallis**, Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman golfer, that the 1966 Intercollegiate tournament won't be played the same week of the Open . . . There's nothing definite yet on the 1965 dates . . . Conflict in dates of the two tournaments has annoyed writers for the last three years.

Ken Venturi, who flew all the way from Acapulco to be there, was the feature speaker at the Golden Tee dinner of the Chicago District GA, held early in December in the Conrad Hilton Hotel . . . The more than 1,200 persons who attended the dinner (a record crowd) were greatly impressed by the brief and sincere speech given by Venturi . . . The 1964 Open winner, expressed his appreciation to a large and loyal Chicago following that never turned its back on him while he was enduring lean years between 1961 and 1964.

Others who spoke at the dinner included **Byron Nelson**, **Walter Hagen**, **Chick Evans**, **Bill Campbell**, **C. W. Benedict**, **Joe Dey**, **Tom King** and **Jim O'Keefe** . . . **Bob Hope** couldn't make it, but he taped a speech for the edification of the Chicago gathering . . . **Hope**, **Bing Crosby** and **Tom McMahon** were given special citations by CDGA . . . The Chicago organization did the dinner up gold . . . Program covers were embossed in gold and golden tee paperweights were presented to persons who attended the affair.

Metropolitan Golf Writers' annual awards dinner will be held Jan. 12 in the Waldorf Hotel in New York . . . The 12th annual GWAA tournament will be played Apr. 5 at the Dunes Golf & Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S. C. . . That's the one which is billed "golf at its worst" and in which **Charles Bartlett** of the Chicago Tribune once took 22 strokes on a single hole . . . He received two awards for that debacle: the "True to Myself" medal and



Officers of the Poland Spring (Me.) caddy camp alumni association, elected last fall, are from (l to r): **Henry G. Brown**, vp; **Clarence E. March**, director; **George R. O'Connell**, treasurer; **John E. Hurley**, president; and **Walter W. Parmalee**, vp. The association was formed two years ago and held its first reunion last fall. More than 2,300 former caddies belong to the group. **March**, oldest caddie at the reunion, carried clubs at Poland Spring Hotels course from 1905 through 1907.

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Resort and 18-hole course at Mauna Beach in Hawaii is due to open this winter . . . **St. Croix** in the Virgin Islands is site of new 6,860 yard 18-hole golf course designed by **Robert Trent Jones** and owned by **David** and **Lawrence Rockefeller** . . . **Richmond (Va.) CC** was the site of the December meeting of the Central Virginia Turfgrass Assn. New president of CVT is **Roy Watson**; **Al Livingston** is vp; and secretary-treasurer is **John Cook** . . . The Virginia Turfgrass conference is to be held at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Jan. 27th and 28th . . . Southern Cal GCSA had its annual Christmas dinner dance at Bel-Air CC on Dec. 24 . . . **Joe Martinez** was host.

A 27-hole course near Selkirk, N.Y. is being planned and will be called **Deerfield GC** . . . The new **White Deer GC** regulation course, expected ready for play this Spring, is under construction along with a Par 3 near Williamsport, Pa. . . . Eleven of 14 clubs in Berks County, Pa. have had tax assessments raised, with increases averaging 25 to 50 per cent . . . **John Espey, Sr.** is the new president of the Northeastern GCSA . . . **Johnny Mehigan** is pro at Novato, Calif. **Rohnert Park Public GC** . . . Owner-architect is **Bob Baldock** . . . Another **Baldock** course, **Skywest Public GC** in Hayward, Calif., will be opened this month with **Ted Trammel** as acting pro-manager.