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**Gene Sarazen** did a champion's job for U.S. foreign relations on a four-day goodwill mission for the U.S. State department to Rangoon, Burma, recently . . . Burma's government, headed by Gen. **Ne Win**, has numerous officials who are golf enthusiasts and they have a pretty good course . . . The General himself is a good businessman golfer, Gene says . . . There was a reception for Gene, given by the American ambassador and 300 attended . . . Gene's visit, first to Rangoon by an American golf champion, made page one of the communist-slanted Rangoon press.

Sarazen, the Germantown Globe-trotter, says the new course near the Athens airport is an excellent layout and bound to be a tourist attraction in Greece . . . He adds that Athens is the cleanest city in the world — and that includes German-town . . . When the Squire boosts he boosts all the way . . . Gene was in Athens for the filming of Shell's Wonderful World of Golf contest between **Tony Lema** and **Roberto De Vincenzo** . . . Tony and Roberto played for \$10,000, plus all expenses . . . Gene says that in the old days in exhibitions he and **Walter Hagen** played two months to make that much.

**Bert Purvis**, upstate New York pro salesman, writes from his home office at Mattydale, N.Y., of some changes in pro jobs on his beat: . . . **Red LaVergne** now is at the Lyndon CC, Fayetteville, N.Y., where **John Murray** runs the club . . . **John Johnson** now at Lake Shore Golf Center, Rochester . . . **Al Frank** is at Higby Hills CC, New Hartford . . . **Ken Sager** goes to Westvale CC, Camillus, succeeding **Bucky Hewitt**, who is at the new Cavalry CC, Manlius, N.Y. . . . **Ralph Montoya** now pro at Mohawk Valley CC, Little Falls, succeeding **Gene Taylor** who moved to Cedar Lake CC, Clayville . . . Clubhouse and pro shop of Antlers CC, Ft. Johnson, N.Y., burned May 6 . . . Pro **Frank Stuhler** doing big business from his home in replacing members' lost equipment.

Other switches in upstate New York pro lineup as noted by Purvis: **Marty Czawakiel** to Normanside CC, Delmar . . . **Glen Young** at the new Rogue's



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By **HERB GRAFFIS**

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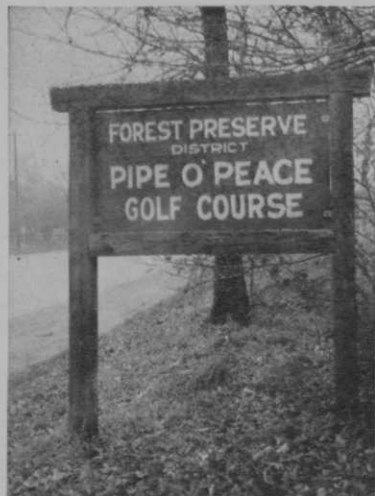
There won't be any problem maintaining turf at Credit Island GC in Davenport this summer. There isn't any left to maintain thanks to the rampage that the mighty Mississippi went on in April. But Davenport recreation officials aren't giving up on the course and the adjoining playland. They hope to have both rehabilitated by 1966. For the story of what happened to Credit Island and a course in Rock Island, Ill., see page 22.

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Roost CC, Bridgeport . . . **Joe Swan** goes to Walhalla CC, Rexford, N.Y. . . . **Mike Hattala** now is pro at Lakeview GC, Cato, N.Y. . . . **Frank Merola** is at Pompey Hills G&CC, Jamesville . . . Purvis believes that the general standard of pro shop appearance and service in his territory is not excelled in any other area . . . Says it's amazing how pros have made some of the small shops look roomy and bright.

**John Benzel** now pro at Pheasant Run Lodge, St. Charles, Ill. . . . Seven country clubs in Chicago district holding Country Club tournament June 16 for Combined Jewish Appeal . . . Last year the seven clubs raised \$2¼ million . . . Three members of each club who get lowest gross scores, plus their club pro, meet in a championship match . . . Fifth Children's Memorial hospital pro-am to be played at Shoreacres (Chicago dist.) July 5, following Western Open, is being called the \$925,000 Open . . . That was the hospital's deficit last year . . . Hundreds of children are treated free at Children's Memorial.

**Floyd Farley**, Oklahoma City golf architect who has classic jobs to his credit in the midcontinent, is doing three more layouts for the Oklahoma State Park system: Fountainhead Lodge 18 at Lake Eufaula, to open in July; Arrowhead Lodge GC nine also at Lake Eufaula, to open Aug. 1; Fort Cobb Lake nine, to open in the spring of 1966 . . . **Steve Lyon** is contractor for Fort Cobb Lake course . . . Farley is building an 18-hole addition at Lake Hefner GC for City of Oklahoma City which will have an automatic water system . . . Lyon is the contractor here . . . Farley also is building nine with automatic water system for Rolling Hills CC, Wichita, Kans. . . . He has designed 18 for pro-owner, **Duffy Martin**, who is building the course in Oklahoma City's suburban Moore . . . Farley recently designed nine for Ava (Mo.) CC on which construction will start soon.

Farley's work on short courses continues with a second nine Par 3, lighted, at LaFortune Park, Tulsa . . . It will be in play this fall . . . First lighted Par 3



No doubt the quality of reporting of golf tournaments on TV is greatly improved with Bob Toski and Jimmy Demaret handling the color for the PGA National Tour, presented by Sports Network, Inc. SNI made smart move in getting old pros to back up their regular announcers.

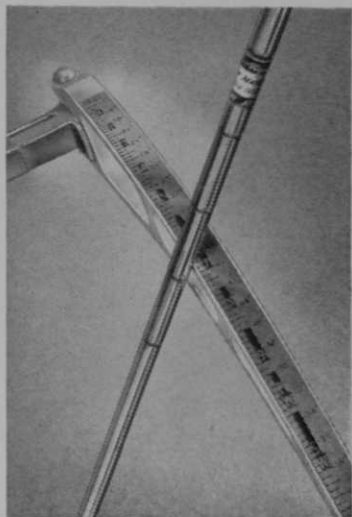
nine at La Fortune opened in 1964 and gets heavy play . . . Pros call it a testing course . . . **Offord Veal**, LaFortune supt. is construction supt. of the new nine.

**Herb Davis** and associates to open a Par 3 at Omaha that **Floyd Farley** designed . . . **Floyd Vosler** is the construction supt. . . . City of Lincoln, Neb., Antelope Junior Par-3 nine for youngsters is being built with **Harold Glissman** as contractor . . . It will open in spring 1966 . . . Home Builders' Assn. of Lincoln donated \$35,000 clubhouse, which is completed . . . **Lyle Wehrman** moves from Merced (Calif.) G&CC, to pro post at Diablo (Calif.) CC.

Shamblee GC, Petersburg, Ill., opened recently . . . **Everett Comstock** is supt. of the course . . . The Bath (N. Y.) CC has purchased approximately 60 acres of land adjoining its present property and plans call for future expansion from nine to 18 holes . . . Alton, Ill. now has four public courses with the recent opening of Country Fairways, a 9-hole, 2,856-yard- par-35 layout . . . Sullivan County, N. Y., in the Catskill Mountains, is a haven for summer tourists with 18 courses, including the new 18 at the Concord Hotel.

The Brushy Mountain Recreational Assn. course, west of Taylorsville, N. C., was dedicated recently . . . The Dunes

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Golf Association of Michigan will hold its state amateur at Belvedere CC in Charlevoix, June 23-27 . . . The Association's closed amateur will be played Aug. 5-8 at Essex G & CC . . . The Orlando (Fla.) area Chamber of Commerce and Minute Maid Co. are again sponsors of the 19th annual national Pee Wee championships to be played June 29-30 at Rio Pinar CC in Orlando.

**Bruno L. Kearns**, sports editor, Pontiac (Mich.) Press, compiled a two page Michigan's Golf Capital feature, giving information on the 50 golf courses within an 18-mile radius of Pontiac and stories on the pros at these clubs. Kearns' job is one of those laborious and thorough performances that is very helpful to golfers and clubs but rarely gets a "thank you" for the guy who has done the work.

**Tyler Mac Gill** is the latest addition to the family of Mr. & Mrs. **David Gill**, course architect and his wife, St. Charles, Ill. . . . A longtime Chicago-area supt., **Bill Rueck**, now of Novato, Calif., is in Ft. Milley Veterans Hosp. in San Francisco, Calif. . . . Bill is one of the charter members of the Midwest GCSA . . . Golfing married couples again competed for the Hurst Trophy at the annual tourney played on May 30 and June 6, at Lakewood CC, Dallas, Tex.

Wolverine Golf Club, Inc., Roseland, Mich., announced today the completion of a public stock offering of 12,500 shares of its common stock at a price of \$10.00 per share to Michigan residents . . . **W. Bruce Matthews**, architect, will design and supervise construction of a 6500-yard, 18-hole, par 72 course for the club . . . The 38th annual Manoir Richelieu Shield Competition and Invitation tourney will be held at the famous Quebec resort, July 9-10, under the auspices of Province of Quebec Golf Assn.

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N. J., was the scene of the New Jersey PGA pro-am tourney that was won by **Babe Lichardus**, assistant at Baltusrol CC, who also teamed with **Doug Pike** for the winning pro-am combination . . . **Gary Player** and **Doug Sanders** will play an 18-hole exhibition at Mountain View CC July 18 for the benefit of the Mercer County (N. J.) Heart Fund . . . Glenhurst GC in Warren Township (N. J.), designed by **Alex Ternyei**, should have its clubhouse open in July, according to part owner-manager, **Elmer Swinglehurst** . . . The course should be ready for play in August, according to **John Edgar**, supt.

**David L. Davis**, formerly manager of the Algonquin Club in Bridgeport, Conn., is new manager of Fiddler's Elbow CC, Far Hills, N. J. . . . Pro **Roy Faber** of Colonia CC won the individual-pro honors and **Babe Lichardus** and **Charles Karkalits** took the pro-am prize at the second annual John F. Kennedy Memorial tournament at Plainfield (N. J.) CC . . . Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Kennedy memorial hospital to be built

in Edison, N. J.

Dr. **Felix Juska** of the University of Maryland (USDA Plant Industry Station) had a mild heart attack in early April . . . He is recovering and plans to return to work in July . . . June 22-24 are the dates for the 35th annual Ill. State Amateur Golf Championship, to be held at Prestwick CC in Frankfort, Ill. . . . The event is sponsored by the Chicago District Golf Assn.

General chairman **John P. Crisconi** says that 168 amateurs will be able to play in the Philadelphia Golf Classic at White-marsh Valley CC, Aug. 2-8, matched in foursomes with the pros . . . Island's End G & CC, Greenport, L. I., N. Y. held a tournament of club champions for the eastern Suffolk County Championship on May 22 to celebrate the opening of the club's new nine, making 18 holes total.

Kansas Women's Amateur Championship, to be played at Spring Lakes CC, Wichita, June 14-19 . . . This the 50th anniversary of the tournament . . . A new driving range with 20 tees opened in late