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**About the Cover:**

Golf's greatest hero, Arnold Palmer, is establishing stronger ties in Wisconsin. Mr. Palmer is shown here with Lee Bruce and Pat Shaw. Pat is the golf course superintendent at the Palmer-designed course, The Bog, in Saukville. The Bruce Co. has been involved in the construction of several Palmer-designed courses, both here in Wisconsin and in other states.

Our cover illustrator, Jennifer Eberhardt, has created another masterpiece that records the history of golf course management in Wisconsin.

*The poet Walter Scott caught the spirit of the Christmas season in the image of a holiday celebrated in joyful defiance of the winter's storm and cold:*

Heap on more wood—  
the wind is chill;  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

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