



### Precisely the Trouble

"Just go through the movement of the stroke without using the ball."

"But that's precisely the trouble I'm trying to overcome, man!"

### Michael for Mayor

Elmer J. Michael, superintendent at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y., has been elected Mayor of Pittsford, N. Y.

Michael's capabilities have been recognized before by his fellow townsmen. He has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, President of the Rotary Club and Chairman of the Zoning Board. He has had charge of Oak Hill's grounds for thirty years and is a member of the USGA Green Section Committee.

No small part of Elmer's success is due to his lovely, tolerant wife, Hester. But Mrs. Michael, in her own right, merits recognition. One of her many community services was as member of the Board of Education for two terms, during which she played a significant part in the erection of a high school.

### Two-Day Round-Robin

One member club wanted to determine its champion by means of a round-robin and came up with an interesting solution to the problem.

All members are eligible who have qualified for the first sixteen.

All entrants play 18 holes on each day, Saturday and Sunday.

Each entrant's card is matched against every other entrant's card at match play and one point is given for a win and a half point for each in a tie. The high scorer is the club champion.

In case of ties for first and/or second, an eighteen hole play-off, with sudden death, is held the following week.

The sixteen players find themselves rated from first to sixteenth after this match. In lieu of beaten eight prizes, additional place prizes may be awarded.

In this competition no putts may be conceded by anyone, since each man is playing fifteen others.

### Mrs. Valentine, M.B.E.

Mrs. George Valentine, the former Jessie Anderson, of Perth, Scotland, who is reigning for the third time as British Champion, was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honors List and is one of the very few golfers to earn this recognition from the Crown.

Mrs. Valentine was a member of the Curtis Cup Teams of 1936, 1938, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1958. She won her British Championships in 1937 and 1955 in addition to last year, and she has held the French and New Zealand Championships.

On the heels of these many honors, Mrs. Valentine also has announced her retirement from serious competitive golf, and the game will be much the loser.

## Golf in New York

Backlanders are prone to think of the pavements and skyscrapers of New York and to assume the city is barren of golf courses—but not so!

Edward P. Brady, Director of Golf for the City of New York, has reported that 687,581 rounds were played on the city's ten 18-hole courses during the period Jan. 1, 1958 to November 30, 1958. Range of play was 55,421 rounds at Van Cortlandt Course in the Bronx to 103,604 rounds at Dyker Beach, in Brooklyn. All but four of New York City's courses close for the season on Nov. 30. Green fees are weekdays, \$1.50; weekends and holidays \$2.00. An additional 27 holes at Marine Park are in planning.

## Ralph Miller Honored

Ralph Miller, one of the founders of the Southern California Junior Golf Association and a member of the USGA Junior Championship Committee, was honored by the Los Angeles Times at its annual Sports Award Banquet.

He was presented a beautiful trophy for the many years he has given to golf and especially for his help in forming the junior golf program which is one of the most active in the United States.

## A Good Rule

The Poor Richard Club, in Philadelphia, informs its members: "Under this roof you need no introduction; speak to others as you would have them speak to you—and do it first."

## Welcome!

We welcome to the field of golf journalism a new, friendly rival who has set up shop only five blocks from "Golf House" to publish, ten times a year, a monthly magazine entitled "Golf" and dedicated to the week-end golfer.

The first issue, off the press as of April, is a most auspicious start, and this comes as no surprise. The editor is Charles Price, a knowledgeable magazine writer and golfer. The associate editor is Miss Judy Frank, the Metropolitan New York and New York State Women's Amateur Champion. The publishers are Universal Publishing and Distributing Company,

which publishes seven other magazines.

It appears that "Golf" will take full advantage of its opportunity to extend the good influence of the game's ideals.

## "Plus Fours"

The persistent attempts to revive "plus fours" in golf have raised questions as to the origin and precise meaning of the term, and we had one dickens of a time getting this fragment of information to supplement our supply of miscellaneous background information on the game of golf.

According to Mrs. Ruth Turner Wilcox, the author of *The Mode of Costume*, the term originated in the British Army when breeches were measured as reaching from the knees plus four inches.

## Junior Star

Dave Turner, 14, one of the bright prospects in the Washington, D.C., area, scored two holes-in-one at Kenwood Golf and Country Club within two months last summer. One was on a 155-yard hole, where Dave used a No. 5 iron. The other on a 212-yard hole, where he used a driver. Playing to a three handicap, Dave won Kenwood's junior championship for two years and has won most district competitions in the 14-and-under class.

Dave's family moved to Washington last year from Fort Worth, Texas. In manner and size, Dave is like another Texan, Ben Hogan. He is five-foot-four, weighs only 105 pounds and takes his game just as seriously as Hogan does.

## To Greener Grass

The wild geese swing down from Temiskaming,  
heeding the call of their kind  
The airways are filled with their music  
as they follow the path of the wind  
to a warmer, kinder climate  
That's just what I have in mind.

Where click of the ball  
sounds from morning till e'en  
and the putt-happy player  
takes three on the green  
The music is there for the golfer keen.

When the Ides of March come storming in,  
its time for the lads to add their scores  
and follow the path of the geese again  
to greener grass and Northern shores.

—BILL BEVERIDGE  
Wauwatosa, Wis.

## NEW PORTRAIT FOR "GOLF HOUSE"



A new oil portrait of Freddie McLeod hangs at the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md., and a full-size photographic reproduction now also hangs in "Golf House" as a result of the generosity of the Club. McLeod is, of course, the Open Champion of 1908 and the professional at the Club for forty-seven years. Presentation of the reproduction to "Golf House" was made recently by Vice-President Nixon, who is a member, at the Club. Others who took part were, from the left, Julian B. Heron, McLeod, Wm. Ward Foshay of the USGA Executive Committee, the Vice-President and George Ferris.

### Survey of Operations

The need for information on club management matters continues to increase as club boards face the constant problem of making ends meet without pricing themselves out of the market.

The Pacific Northwest Golf Association is the latest to recognize this need and to attempt to fill it by the publication of a 1958 Survey of Country Club Operations in that area. The six sections cover types of memberships; locker rentals, green fees and pro shop; power carts; clubhouse operations; salaries and wages; and miscellaneous matters.

The Metropolitan (N.Y.) Golf Association also has distributed to its member clubs a similar survey which it up-dates from time to time.

### Hill-of-Fame Trees

Trees on the Hill of Fame established by the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y., have been dedicated to President Eisenhower, Bob Jones, Walter Hagen, Cary Middlecoff, Chick Evans and Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias.

The listing of dedications in the last issue of the USGA Journal was incomplete.

## Gordon Elected

David W. Gordon, of Doylestown, Pa., is the new president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. He moves up to the office held in 1953 by his father, with whom he is associated in the William F. Gordon Co.

Other officers named by the architects at their annual meeting at Mobile, Ala., were J. Press Maxwell, Dallas, vice president; William B. Langford, Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

## Books

THE AMERICAN WAY IN SPORT by John R. Tunis (Duell, Sloan and Pearce,

### New "Conduct"

A new edition of *The Conduct of Women's Golf*, revised as of February, 1959 has been prepared and distributed. However, those who have been proceeding under the previous edition need not be unduly alarmed. There are only a few changes and they are not changes in principle.

For example, the following paragraph has been added to Section 14-3 regarding conceded putts and pick-up holes: "When there are more than two pick-up holes in a round, the score itself should not be used in handicap computation, but the round should be noted in the player's scoring record as 'No Card' (or 'N. C.')

 so that the handicap will still be based on the best 10 of the last 25 rounds played."

And Section 17-8a has been amplified as follows: "If a player belongs to more than one club, she should designate one club as the authority for her handicap and return to that club all scores made at all her clubs, together with course ratings and dates. However, if she maintains separate handicaps at different clubs, she should return all scores to all her clubs, with course ratings and dates."

In Section 26-3b, authority is now granted to a course-rating committee to walk a course, rather than play it, in developing a course rating.

\$3.50). An appraisal of sport, including golf, in the United States which describes the changes caused by growth and maturity during the last forty years.

GOLFERS AT LAW, by Geoffrey Cousins (Alfred A. Knopf, \$3.50). Mr. Cousins, a British golf writer, has now brought forth an American edition of his book that traces the historical development of the Rules of Golf.

## Baltusrol Host Again

The 1961 Women's Open Championship will be played at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J. Baltusrol has been unusually generous in entertaining USGA competitions. The 1961 Women's Open will be the tenth USGA event to be played there. The others were: Open in 1903, 1915, 1936 and 1954; the Amateur in 1904, 1926 and 1946; and the Women's Amateur in 1901 and 1911. The dates of the Women's Open will be fixed later.

## Necrology

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of:

Findlay S. Douglas, New York, N. Y., the Amateur Champion in 1898, president of the United States Golf Association in 1929-1930, champion of the United States Seniors' Golf Association in 1932, president of the USSGA in 1937-1941, winner of the Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship in 1959.

Mrs. Alice Cushing Underwood Gardner, Needham, Mass., well known golfer and former president of the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts.

Robert Harris, London, England, the captain of the 1922, 1923 and 1926 British Walker Cup Teams and the British Amateur Champion in 1925.

Lt. Gen Floyd L. Parks, Washington, D. C., member of the USGA Senior Championship Committee and previously Commander of United States Forces which entered and occupied Berlin at the end of World War II and Chief of Public Information for the Army.

Walter B. Pedersen, Wilton, Conn., president of the Pedersen Manufacturing Company.