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By MIKE ABRAMSON

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[[caption]] DR. LEON J. RICHARDSON
Octogenarian Golfer [[/caption]]

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REPEAT WINNER

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Stanford Appointment
RALPH ALTY, Oct. 15-1955
New David H. Everett, a graduate of the Chicago Law Theological Seminary, has received appointment as a member of the Claremont Country Club. President Wallace Starr.



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In addition to his golf, Dr. Richardson is busy in several other fields.

Although he retired from classroom teaching in 1939, he is still active in teaching correspondence courses for the university's extension division which he founded in 1919.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

From his home at 2335 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, he conducts language courses for students throughout the world. He also presents two courses which have grown from his own full and rich life, "Retirement and How to Take Advantage of It" and "How to Keep Intellectually Alive If You Find Yourself in a Hum-Drum Occupation."

He is also a poet, having published numerous books including "Old Cronies" which took the Commonwealth Club's 195[[?]] prize as the best work by a Californian author and "Singing in Sunshine" which will be [[?]] in another month.
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