P. G. A. championship drew only $2,000 less than the National Open, by far the best comparative gate performance it ever registered.

Thus the boys had, this year, a sample of the sort of pro promoting genius that steered Hagen and Horton Smith into the tall dough class. Harlow's schedule for the winter troupers is a great job of selling showmanship for the pros, in view of the undeniable fact that folks are not tumbling over themselves to put up money for Open tournaments. The playing pros' case to the other boys is that Harlow is able to sell the performances, bringing money into P. G. A. members' pockets, and show the Open sponsors, if needs be, how they can make a profit out of their shows. On the account, the players believe that the tournament players and bureau represents a profit to all members of the association that calls for thorough and enthusiastic support.

If You Haven't Heeded This Call, Get Busy

To the State, Sectional, and District Golf Associations:
The suggestion has come to us from the National Committee on Mobilization of Relief Resources that the golf clubs of the country be requested to conduct one-day competitions with nominal entry fees, and that the entry fees so received be forwarded by each club to some local relief fund as a contribution.

In war time, golf clubs through competitions of this kind gave substantial amounts to various relief agencies. The emergency is even greater at the present time, and we believe that the golfers of the country are willing to help now as they have in the past.

We urge that you suggest the idea to your member clubs, bearing in mind that this is not an attempt to raise a national fund, but that each club should be requested to forward the amounts received to some local relief agency.

Yours very truly,
H. H. RAMSAY,
President,
United States Golf Association.

Golf Work Gives Jobs to Unemployed

Numerous instances of golf course work having a part in local unemployment relief are reported. At Flint, Mich., a new municipal golf course was constructed mostly by labor of relief labor. At Braeburn C. C., West Newton, Mass., relief labor was used to clean up woods bordering fairways. At Louisville, Ky., much relief labor is being employed on municipal courses, one of which is to be the venue of the 1932 public parks championship.


Wages paid the men are equivalent to what would have been paid the unemployed through city charity departments. Study being given to the relation of municipal golf course and park construction and maintenance to the unemployment problem indicates considerable expansion in municipal golf course facilities unless general business improves.

Melbourne, Fla., Invites Pro Winter Residence

Frank Kennett, pro at Kalamazoo (Mich.) C. C. during the summer and at Melbourne (Fla.) C. C. in the winter, has made a move that probably will bring a number of pros and their families to Melbourne as winter residents.

Frank has secured from the Melbourne board of directors permission to extend use of the course to visiting master professionals of recognized clubs at no charge. Any pro with these qualifications will be permitted to play the course all season long if he so desires. The course is an 18-hole Donald Ross layout, with fine greens. It is a great place, says Frank, for the fellows to tune up for the winter championships. Melbourne is about in the center of the state on the east coast. Good roads extend to all major spots in the state. Living expenses are reasonable and Frank will dig up the dope on accommodations for any interested professional.

The Melbourne course courtesy offer is no go for the vags who pretend to be pros and whose brassy deadheading has put the pro courtesy privileges out at many clubs.