



View from tee of improved and reconditioned fairway at Green Lakes State Park, Syracuse, N. Y., one of the many courses throughout the country helped by the WPA.

\$5,500,000—GOLF'S WPA SHARE

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SEVENTY-FIVE new golf courses have been added by the Works Progress Administration to the nation's total courses, according to a survey just completed by GOLFDOM. A questionnaire sent to the WPA administrator in each state gives the first accurate information on what the WPA is doing for golf in a national way, and indicates in actual figures the upturn seen in the golf business, golf play, and in golfing interest this year.

That the WPA has done no little bit to increase golf playing facilities throughout the country is shown in the accompanying table. Two hundred forty-seven projects involving golf course work have been authorized through June 1st of this year. This has involved an expenditure of approximately \$5,500,000 directly by the WPA and an additional \$1,045,000, or approximately 19% of the project cost, has been contributed by sponsors of the various projects, making a total of around \$6,545,000 spent on golf course construction and improvement under the WPA, an average of \$26,479 per project.

Two hundred and six towns in 39 states have been benefitted either with new golf courses, new clubhouses or improvement to grounds or clubhouse. Of the 75 new golf courses, 13 are 18-hole layouts; the balance are 9 holes in length. Fifteen additional courses have been increased from nine to eighteen holes. A few ex-

amples of the WPA golf course work, information that could not be gained from the chart alone, follow.

In Washington, where no figures on actual money expense could be obtained, \$72,114 has been appropriated for the construction of a course at the University of Washington. The present nine-hole course at the institution will be retained. At Bethpage state park, Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y., renovation of one and completion of three golf courses under the T. E. R. A. has been accomplished through the expenditure of \$265,769 of WPA money.

The Famous Galloping Hills course, 27-hole layout at Union, N. J., has been graded and drained, has had driving path and park areas constructed, plus general landscape work, amounting to \$63,175 of WPA funds. One of the outstanding WPA golf projects was recently completed at Reno, Nev., where the Washoe County golf course, an 18-hole layout, was opened to the public. It is a par-72, 6,480 yd. course and will provide the best golfers with an exacting test of golf. A clubhouse, which includes spacious locker-rooms, pro-shop,

WHERE WPA GOLF FUNDS ARE GOING

State	WPA Funds Authorized	No. of Projects	—New Courses—		Old Cses Improved
			9 Holes	18 Holes	
Alabama.....	None				
Arizona.....	No report				
Arkansas.....	\$31,332	2	0	0	2
California.....	No figures	11	1	0	10
Colorado.....	238,017	5	3	0	2
Connecticut.....	362,918	6	2	0	4
Delaware.....	90,000	2	1	0	1
Dist. of Columbia.....	1,162	1	0	0	1
Florida.....	57,794	13	0	0	13
Georgia.....	83,000	14	6	1	7
Idaho.....	44,928	1	0	0	1
Illinois.....	No figures	13	3	0	10
Indiana.....	335,939	26	2	0	24
Iowa.....	No figures	9	4	0	5
Kansas.....	1,140	1	0	0	1
Kentucky.....	21,000	1	0	0	1
Louisiana.....	338,326	4	1	0	3
Maine.....	23,000	1	0	0	1
Maryland.....	No figures	2	0	1	1
Massachusetts.....	No figures	8	2	1	5
Michigan.....	46,960	3	1	1	1
Minnesota.....	No figures	15	5	0	10
Mississippi.....	No report				
Missouri.....	62,200	2	0	0	2
Montana.....	21,100	3	1	0	2
Nebraska.....	None				
Nevada.....	400,000	1	0	1	0
New Hampshire.....	No figures	1	0	0	1
New Jersey.....	94,808	3	0	0	3
New Mexico.....	7,685				
New York City.....	Est. of 300,000	10	1	1	8
New York State.....	392,560	5	0	1	4
North Carolina.....	61,155	6	6	0	0
North Dakota.....	20,011	5	2	0	3
Ohio.....	308,436	12	1	0	11
Oklahoma.....	No figures	1	1	0	0
Oregon.....	104,500	4	2	0	2
Pennsylvania.....	750,000	6	0	2	4
Rhode Island.....	None				
South Carolina.....	17,420	4	2	1	1
South Dakota.....	None				
Tennessee.....	20,231	5	3	0	2
Texas.....	53,176	13	2	0	11
Utah.....	17,358	4	0	0	4
Vermont.....	None				
Virginia.....	None				
Washington.....	No figures	8	3	3	2
West Virginia.....	None				
Wisconsin.....	167,062	11	3	0	8
Wyoming.....	37,300	5	3	0	2
Total.....	\$4,426,693	247	61	13	173

Plus estimated allocations
in 11 states not furnish-
ing figures..... 1,000,000

Probable total authoriza-
tion\$5,500,000

Information is through May 1st in most instances. Taking WPA approved expenditure figures through Dec. 31, 1935, of \$947,732,727, money spent for golf courses was one-half of one per cent of total. Amount spent for playgrounds, parks, etc., through Dec. 31, 1935, \$118,721,210, was 12.5% of total.

lounge, office and caretaker's quarters, has also been built through the WPA. Construction on the course was begun in May, 1935, under the E.R.A., but was taken over by the WPA, who have expended \$400,000 on the project.

A sharp contrast to this expenditure is in Indiana where 26 projects, including two new 9-hole courses, are in work or have been completed by the WPA. However, only \$335,039 is involved in these projects. A new swimming pool is being added to the new 9-hole course at historic Pottawatomie park near St. Charles, Ill. Actual figures were not available on the amount involved in this project.

Students at Ohio State University at Columbus will be provided with golf playing facilities by the summer of 1937, at which time the new 18-hole course built by the WPA will be completed. The cost of this project was not given and is not included in the total expenditure for Ohio in the chart. \$75,000 is being spent through the WPA for remodeling of fairways on the J. Edward Good Park Golf Club at Akron, Ohio.

Wisconsin, with four new clubhouses, leads the states in the number of WPA constructed clubhouse facilities. Georgia and North Carolina with three new clubhouses, and Wyoming and Utah with two each are other states benefitting most through WPA constructed clubhouses. A number of other states received one new clubhouse through the WPA.

Golf's Share Is Half of One Per Cent

Approximately one billion dollars had been approved for various projects under the WPA through Dec. 31, 1935, of which golf course work received one-half of 1% of the total amount. Through Dec. 31, 1935, \$118,721,210 was spent by the WPA for parks, playgrounds, etc., golf receiving approximately 4.6% of this total. Not such a large percent, perhaps, of WPA funds, but grants for golf course work were probably given whenever there was a sponsor for such an undertaking. In other words, few requests submitted to WPA officials for golf project funds were denied, and these with due consideration of all the facts.

In Alabama, Nebraska, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia no expenditures were authorized for golf course purposes.

In the majority of cases, new courses were constructed without a clubhouse,

although approximately 22 new clubhouses have been or are being built with WPA funds throughout the country. Sprinkling systems, caddie shelters, bridges, and tennis courts were frequent items in the WPA golf course work.

Approximately half of the 75 new courses constructed by the WPA are now in operation. The rest are scheduled for completion by fall, and will be opened to the public by next spring. All golf course work by the WPA necessarily was for the use of the general public, so these new courses will be classified as municipal layouts, either operated by the corporate towns, park districts, or public commissions. Approximately eight of the 75 new courses were begun under the C.W.A. and E.R.A. work programs, but were finished under the WPA administration.

Greenkeepers Planning for Big Annual Sessions, February 2-5

EARLY reservations for equipment and supply display space at the eleventh annual conference and show of the National Association of Greenkeepers to be held at Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., Feb. 2 to 5 inclusive, give evidence that the golf maintenance business is very definitely on the way up.

Frank Ermer, Box 2257, Brooklyn station, Cleveland, O., chairman of the show committee, says that space in the Wardman's Continental room, where the equipment display will be made, is going faster than at any other time since 1929. About the same amount of space is available for the 1937 show as was provided for the 1936 show at Cleveland and an overflow may be necessary for the latecomers.

Conference sessions will be held in a theater within the hotel. There is seating space for 500. Rooms at the Wardman for the convention will be quoted only at one rate—\$3 for a single with bath and \$5 for a double with bath.

Planning is under way on the conference program with the present indications being that it will feature best ways to catch up on work neglected during the period of enforced budget cuts and methods of raising the condition standards of small town courses that always have limited budgets.

AN EXPERT estimates 7,200 individuals were responsible for the 80,000 rounds played on an eastern municipal course in 1935. One player went 175 rounds.