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Golf Dots.... and Dashes...

By K. R. SUTPHIN

THERE'S been a lot of the old-fashioned “pitch in and help” business this spring at some of the small 9-hole clubs. Where budgets are reduced, and manpower scarce, many clubs have had a day or days where the men cleaned up the premises, burned rubbish, cleared the traps, etc., while the wives did a clean-up job on the clubhouse. A hot lunch, served by the women, usually followed the chores. ... Up until April 23, 98 PGA members had been enrolled in the nation's armed forces.

Work on the new clubhouse at West brook CC, Mansfield, Ohio, is nearing completion; members plan to begin using the building about June 15. Total cost of the new structure is expected to be $135,000, including fur-
For spring and fall feeding, most greenkeepers rely upon organics (principally Milorganite). They use it to supply slow-acting and long-lasting organic nitrogen. The practice is a sensible one. It provides a continuous supply of nitrogen, so grass grows at a uniform and steady rate throughout both seasons. This lessens dollar spot. Nitrogen starvation makes grass more susceptible to this cool weather disease. Too little is as bad as too much.

During summer, nitrogen is used sparingly to combat brown patch, which is a high temperature disease. Many greenkeepers switch to quick-acting soluble fertilizers, such as Urea, sulphate of ammonia, nitrate of soda, etc. Rates and frequency are adjusted to barely maintain color and growth. Urea and nitrate of soda are no longer obtainable as such, and sulphate of ammonia is scarce. The situation is apt to become worse, rather than better. This may necessitate a switch to organics for summertime use.

Some authorities advise against using organics during warm weather. They think nitrogen is released too fast. The objection is not justified except when excessive rates are used on greens which are watered generously. Too much soluble nitrogen is just as bad, whether it be sulphate of ammonia, Urea, ammo-phos, or nitrate of soda. With them damage is immediately apparent.

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nishments. It replaces the clubhouse destroyed by fire last May. . . . The Yale U. course has been selected as one of two state courses for the Connecticut Hale America qualifying rounds.

Cranwell GC, Lenox, Mass., opened the 1942 season with a new clubhouse. . . . Joe Stein succeeded Tony Manero as pro at the Salem (Mass.) CC . . . . East Chicago (Ind.) park board has ordered the name of the Tod park course changed to MacArthur golf course, in honor of the commander of the Allied forces in the South Pacific. . . . Ervin Houser, president, Fostoria (Ohio) CC, was worried earlier in the year about resignations; but that was before he sent out a folder to the members selling them on the advisability of retaining their club membership in these troubled times. Now, the club has 20 new members, and only 7 resignations since Feb. 1. Particular attention in the folder was called to the services of Dave Kober, pro, and Dixie Eichman, hostess.
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Walter Wally, formerly caddie master and asst. pro. at West Shore CC (Detroit district) and now a National Youth Administration dept. head, has been conducting caddie training classes. Nearly 300 boys have attended the classes which are conducted after Wally’s set working hours.

New York City’s Department of Parks expects that 1941’s 658,702 rounds on the Park Dept.’s ten courses will be exceeded because of added daylight on war time, shorter rough and fewer hazards. . . . Lou Galby, now pro at Mill River CC., Stratford, Conn., formerly was a professional cellist.

Women’s Western GA has cancelled its Junior Open and Derby. The

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WWGA Amateur has been transferred from San Antonio (Tex.) to Sunset Ridge CC (Chicago district). The WWGA Open scheduled for Elmhurst (Ill.) CC, June 22-27, was retained on the calendar.

Jesse Wetzel, newly elected president of the Club Managers Assn. of America, was guest of honor at a dinner given by the Detroit Chapter, CMAA, at Wm. Roulo's Rotunda Inn, Pine Lake, Mich., April 20. Harry Fawcett, Wetzel's predecessor as CMAA president, was among those who hailed the chief.

Among shortages in golf operations are those of assistant pros, caddiemasters, and club-cleaning boys. Pro staffs are working short-handed. . . .

Tire situation is curtailing tournament schedules of regional golf organizations. . . . Olin Dutra has been elected pres. of Southern Calif. PGA, succeeding Joe Novak. Charley Lacey is first VP; Bill Hickey, former sec. of the organization, now is second VP; Marvin Clawson is sec.

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Jack Cummins, Grandview GC, York, Pa., pro, heads YCI Junior College golf program recently established by the school's physical education department. Jack, Hugh McInnes, York CC pro., and Arthur Weeks, pres., York County GA, opened the program with a demonstration and instruction picture show to which the public was invited.

Golf now has an "Honor Roll" of 527 clubs, public courses and associations which have planned tournaments among their members for benefit of the American Red Cross War Fund, according to reports received by the USGA up to May 1. A total of 2,964 tournaments has been arranged by the 527 organizations thus far on the "Honor Roll." This means an average of nearly six events sponsored by each one. Forty-four states and the District of Columbia are represented. Thus, golf already seems in position to make a more substantial contribution to the humanitarian work of the Red Cross than was done in 1917-18. The number of Red Cross tournaments already scheduled for 1942 greatly exceeds the 1917-18 figures.

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