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Hillcrest (Los Angeles) had 235 players tee off one Sunday in December, of which 227 were men in the services—which gives you an idea of how golf aids the war effort. . . . Crime wave, striking Greensburg, Pa., on Dec. 22, resulted in loss of golf equipment and proshop stocks at both the Greensburg CC and the nearby Mt. Odin muny course. . . . First U. S. golf pro to be killed in action during this war was 20-year old Frank Fahrenwald, formerly asst. pro at Kenwood G&CC, Washington, D. C., where many Jap diplomats used to play. Frank, a marine, was killed at Guadalcanal. . . . Salt Lake City's three muny courses had more play and $4,600 more profits in 1942 than in 1941 . . .

Clayton Heafner, hard hitting golf circuit-rider, who has been in defense work in recent months, was tagged by the army for induction Jan. 20. . . . Pneumonia was fatal Dec. 30 to Raymond F. Delahant, one of the founders of the Eastern New York GA and for many years green-chairman of Wolferts Roost CC, Albany. . . . George Corcoran, Greensboro (N. C.) pro, suggests that golf clubs should now be classified as "health clubs," rather than places of amusement, now that gas rationing has hit the east coast so hard. . . .

The Navy has asked the Indianapolis Park board for permission to use the clubhouse at Coffin muny golf links to house a contingent of WAVES. Another muny clubhouse, Riverside, is already in use by the Navy for naval officers and enlisted men. . . .

Ely Park muny course at Binghamton, N. Y., had receipts of $7,224 in 1942, approximately $300 less than in 1941, but with only 3 week-ends in '42 with favorable weather conditions, the year's results are considered good. . . . Hotel Del Monte has been taken

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over by the Navy as a pre-flight training school, but the golf course will be open to play as usual . . . The Coast Guard, too, is taking over clubhouses. Latest is the building of the Jumping Brook CC, Neptune, N. J . . . Louisville, Ky., reports 84,000 golfers played the city’s muny layouts in ’42, off 11,000 from the previous year . . . Fire totally destroyed the clubhouse of Oak Hills GCse, Belleville, Ill., on Jan. 1 . . .

Just to show it can be done, consider Concord (N. H.) CC, which in 1942 had $2,200 less revenue than in the previous season, yet showed $450 profits for the year, best showing in many seasons . . . Tuxedo GC (Tuxedo Park, N. Y.) lost its 3-story stone and wood clubhouse in mid-January when fire caused damage estimated as high as $700,000 . . . The three muny courses of Houston, Texas, had a good year in 1942, according to word from Hugh Watson, manager. Total rounds for Herman Park, Memorial Park and Glenbrook were 100,276 and income $51,767, against budgets of $45,000, not all of which was spent . . .

Minikahda, famed Minneapolis establishment, has a 1942 annual reporting showing results of wise adjustment to wartime basis. Net profit was $14,678.59 against a loss of $6,734.01 in 1941. Restaurant showed $4,877.89 profit against 1941 loss of $3,208.45 . . . Frank Walsh, formerly pro at Rumson, N. J., has replaced Mortie Dutra at Red GC (Detroit district). Mortie’s gone into manufacturing . . . Happy Valley (Lynn, Mass., muny course) begun in 1931
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and built by ERA, CWA, and PWA labor, will open in 1943 after a big year in 1942... Much of the course's play is by General Electric war plant workers, many of whom, according to Col. John Morrissey, local supt. of Parks and Playgrounds, and Larry Gannon, Happy Valley pro, get their only recreation exercise at the course.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Jeanne Rehling, of Dayton, O., to Corp. Robert Douglas Rickey, son of Clarence, president of MacGregor's.

Westchester and Fairfield Women's GA and the Long Island Women's GA have postponed final decision on 1943 tournament plans until gas rationing effect is determined. Meanwhile, Women's New Jersey GA has abandoned 1943 tourney play.

Dr. R. A. Keilty is new pres. of the Maryland State GA... Harry G. Pitt is Middle Atlantic Ass'n new chief.... Mrs. Carolyn B. McCallum, 69, mother of Walter McCallum, widely known golf writer of the Washington (D. C.) Evening Star, died at her home in Washington, Dec. 17. Mrs. McCallum and her husband, who died in 1914, were among the pioneer golfers of the Chicago district.

Walter Hagen, pro golf's biggest earner, is having a record year's earnings in war production business. Walter represents tool, building material and coal interests and is really working. Walter is one of the guys who won't beef about the taxes. If Uncle Whiskers takes it all, instead of somebody else, as has been usual, it adds up the same to the cheerful Haig. Some of his payment will come back to the family as young Walter is a lieutenant in the tank corps. The lad is an excellent officer and soldier, so authoritative reports state....Golfers at Rackham and Chandler municipal courses in Detroit spent a total of $66 for lessons at those courses last year.... San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning to promote a whopping big war benefit exhibition match in the near future.

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