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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

By **HERB GRAFFIS**

Smiley Quick, one of the young men who break faithless putters says Carnoustie is the toughest course he played abroad. . . Windom, Minn., establishing a golf club. . . E. W. Harbert, Chick's dad and pro at Hamilton (O.) Elks club, says Chick was so pleased at getting back on his game he wasn't badly disappointed in losing the PGA title to Jim Ferrier.

If financial arrangements can be made there'll be several British pros playing the American winter tournament circuit regardless of what happens to the plan to have Ryder Cup matches in the U. S. this fall or early winter. . . Flory van Donck, 35-year-old Belgian pro who's been doing well in British tournaments, also is a possible visitor. . . Bobby Locke will be back for the winter circuit. . . His American and Canadian debut should gross him about \$26,000. . . It will put him well ahead of the rest of the field for the period during which Locke was competing.

Frank Strafaci, NY Met district amateur star, has been partially crippled by recurrence of a jungle infection he contracted when he was a GI in the Pacific. . . Clubhouses made of used army and navy buildings are being erected at a number of small town and munny courses. . . Long Beach, Calif., Meadowlark fee course is in a new men's clubhouse, lockerroom and shower-room converted from former Army barracks.

Golf practice range business generally keeping up at record figure. . . Golf range pros are selling pretty fair amount of high-priced equipment. . . Columbus (Ga.) CC

lets contract for \$200,000 clubhouse improvements. . . American Legion opens new 9-hole sandgreen course at McPherson, Ks. . . Buddy Troyer in San Jose (Calif.) News junior tournament had 30 one putt greens in 54 holes.

Stockton, Calif., considering new 18 hole munny course. . . Dayton, O., golfers planning to buy Northmoor course for \$125,000 and spending \$50,000 in improvements. . . Jack G. Dew is pres., new Sacramento (Calif.) River CC on which construction will begin soon. . . Riverside Town & CC, Winnebago, Minn., completing new clubhouse. . . Ten per cent of Calcutta pool in swanky Piping Rock's member-guest tournament went to Glen Cove hospital. . . The winning team paid off \$6,869.40.

—O. B. Keeler figured out that Nelson's average for 28 rounds in the U.S. Open was 73 15-28 and Jones' average for 44 rounds in the Open was 73 43-44. . . O. B. reminds his public that Jones won 4 U.S. Opens playing without the wedge and Nelson won one. . . So who d'ye think O. B. believes is the greater golfer? . . . We suggest you

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quit worrying about it. . . Nelson with his exhibitions and syndicate ghost writing and club royalties is doing quite O.K. and Jones with his law practice, Coca Cola plant, club royalties and other investments is in the higher brackets. . . Looks like Bob and Byron survived that oft-mentioned terrifying strain of tournament competition with less damage to the nerves than suffered by a lot of guys who have to compete against the grocery-man and landlord.

Russ Fankhauser, pro, Marietta (O.) CC has been writing a fine series on "How to Play Golf" in Marietta News. . . Abilene (Ks.) CC in \$15,000 clubhouse improvement. . . Tracy (Minn.) GC completing new course. . . U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce who were brought into sponsoring of pro tournaments, by Bob Harlow are having good success with their national junior championship. . . In several states entries of qualifying rounds for event scheduled for Peoria, Ill., starting July 29, exceeded 100.

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Rome, Ga., Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsoring a \$10,000 open at Coosa CC Oct. 2-5. . . Tommy Armour says that Ben Hogan's record is unique in that experts declare Ben the most expert of today's competitors although he's won only one "major" championship, the 1946 PGA. . . The Silver Scot told Ed Bang of the Cleveland News that being able to stay in and fight after taking a beating is one of the signs of a real champion. . . On that basis we'll cheer for Porky Oliver who has been nosed out in many close finishes and has shown no indications of unbearable pain. . . The Great Armour lauded Jimmy Demaret as comparable in public opinion with Hagen. . . Tommy hailed Lawson Little as a great champion with 2 U.S. Amateur, 2 British Amateur, a U.S. and a Canadian national open titles.

American Legion at Goshen, Ind., promoting \$70,000 campaign for course and clubhouse. . . W. H. Diddel to design course. . . Bill Picard, 15-year-old son of Henry,

former PGA champion and pro at Canterbury CC, Cleveland, now is Cleveland district junior champion. . . In the final match which went 19 holes young Bill gave a demonstration of putting that would have deeply impressed a lot of his pappy's pals.

Wick Dickerson, pro at Columbus (O.) Indian Springs course is hailed as a candidate for honors as "The Man Who Has Done Most for Columbus Golf in 1947" by Paul Hornung in Columbus Dispatch. . . Wick's 82 students in his free kid classes were described by Paul in his lively sports column. . . When Johnny Revolta was 20 years old he held 17 course records in Wisconsin and Minnesota. . . Goldsboro, N.C., organizing golf club.

Newspaper sports writers have been making a lot of comment on the USGA making championship conditions much more stringent than PGA. . . Consensus is that by allowing laxity of tournament circuit playing conditions and rules observance to creep into the pros' major championship its reputation as the toughest and most testing of title events is a long way from being what it used to be.

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Wilfred Crossley who won the National Public Links title brought Atlanta its first national golf championship since Charley Yates won the British Amateur in 1938. . . George Lake, Long Beach, Calif., Recreation Park pro and his asst., Frank Grant, have had 3-year-old kids brought for the far-famed junior instruction classes George inaugurated. . . George and Frank tell the tots' parents to bring the kids back later.

Howard V. Millard, sports columnist of Decatur (Ill.) Review, closes the books as far as we're concerned on the debate about pros wearing numbers in the All A-May-rican tournament. . . Millard says maybe wearing numbers isn't dignified but as far as he has been able to learn the pros are playing to be paid off in money and not

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Frankie Elston, deputy sheriff of Yolo county, Calif., is the longest hitter in amateur golf according to Nelson Cullenward of San Francisco Call-Bulletin. . . Lenox (Ia.) GC erecting former Army building as clubhouse. . . Former Women's National Golf & Tennis club purchased by syndicate of Sound View GC, Great Neck, LI, N.Y., members headed by Fred Grieve, former pro. . . Sound View, formerly known as Great Neck GC, was bought for real estate development. . . Its remaining 9 holes may be abandoned. . . Ernest Jones was pro at Women's National, which was established in 1924 and shutdown during first war year. . . Ernest still holds course record of 66 made in 1928. . . Jones in his indoor school at Spalding's New York store, is reported to have his lesson time engaged until far into next year.

Lyons (Neb.) GC to build clubhouse. . . Greymere G&CC, Columbia, Tenn., to build clubhouse replacing one burned 4 years ago. . . Cleveland Springs CC, Shelby, N.C., to enlarge clubhouse and add another 9 holes. . . Charlotte, N.C. to build clubhouse at Bonnie Brae many course replacing one



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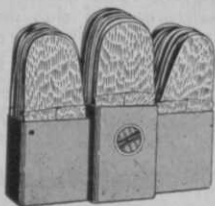
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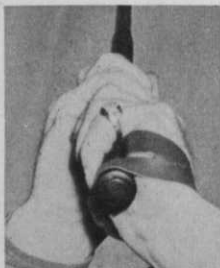
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Byron Nelson is figuring on exhibition matches with Bobby Locke in the east before Locke returns to South Africa in Sept. . . . Frankie Stranahan is cheered by O. B. Keeler's reminder that Bobby Jones went 7 years before winning a national title then won 13 in the next 8 years. . . O. B. also calls attention to Fred Daly's winning score in the British Open at Hoylake this year being 2 strokes higher than Jones' winning score 17 years ago on the same course.

Leo Fischer, Chicago Herald-American sports writer, quotes an unnamed tournament pro suggesting that the point rating system be restored on tournament golfers to determine "a clear-cut, undisputed professional golf champion each year." . . . Oak Hills CC, Ada, Okla., to remodel clubhouse and build swimming pool.

Babe Didrikson Zaharias likes the British small ball for driving and putting but says it lies so close it gave her trouble on iron shots. . . Yet the British consider The Babe the finest woman iron player they ever saw. . . The worst round she had in the British Women's was her 75 in the morning round of the finals. . . Twice she made the out 9 in 33, which is 4 under men's par. . . At Gullane admission wasn't charged and the British Ladies' Golf union lost a great opportunity to cash in on The Babe's drawing power.

Until the final day the British amateur didn't draw more than 800 galleryites a day, says Golf Monthly. . . Field of 115 competed in Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Assn. championship at Gleneagles. . . Sir Alexander King, Scottish film magnate, who recently became pres., Scottish PGA, plans to encourage Scotch clubs to engage pros and provide them with business and

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Russ Leonard, pro at Marquette (Mich.) G&CC has installed a 9-hole pitch and putt course for members' kids. . . Kinston (N.C.) Free Press in editorial campaign for a golf club similar to those of neighboring cities. . . Duncan Barr signed as pro by Schroon Manor course at Schroon Lake, N.Y.

Tom Mahan, Jr., 17-year-old son of widely known pro at United Shoe course and New England PGA official, is one of the stars of New England junior golf. . . Young Tom aspires to be a concert singer. . . Edward E. (Tex) Butler, former California caddie and now a skipper in the Merchant Marine, sampled Bobby Locke's talent long before Locke arrived in this country. . . Butler, visiting Johannesburg, played against Locke.

Willowick at Santa Ana, Calif., recently completed 6 holes to bring course up to 18. . . Art Roux is Willowick pro-mgr. . . He was at Hacienda CC, LaHabra, Calif., for 19 years. . . Art Stewart, pro at Green Acres range in LA, recently set record of 30-32-62 on San Fernando Valley CC. . . Some years ago before the course was remodeled Fred Morrison, then the club's pro, shot a 60 on the layout.

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We think the USGA and PGA are overlooking etiquette by not presenting to clubs that are hosts to their championships handsome gifts as tokens of appreciation which could be placed in the clubhouses. . . In going around the country we note inside some clubhouses framed gracefully written letters of appreciation for receiving USGA championships of bygone years but that amenity seems to have fallen into the mere formality of business correspondence. . . Both organizations might be reminded that if members of the host clubs were paid for the free work they do in putting on a championship there would be very few championships that would show in black figures. . . A tournament is often some honor to a club but always one hell of a lot of nuisance, work and risk. . . George Schneiter, PGA tournament committee

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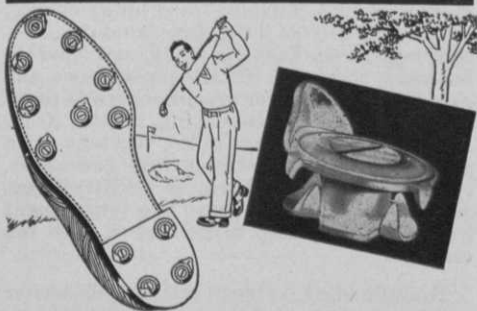
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Now for the screwy shots recently reported. . . Tom Ferguson of Norfolk (Va.) Virginian-Pilot tells of shots by J. S. Barnhart and Jim Lightfoot colliding in midair above apron of 18th green of Norfolk CC. . . Golf in Australia reports that at Shirley, N.Z., Sir Joseph Ward sliced into top branches of a pine tree and stayed there. . . A week later Sir Joseph made the same sort of shot, his second ball hit the one he'd previously lodged in the tree and both balls fell to the ground. . . It's that kind of thing that makes golfers take to drink.



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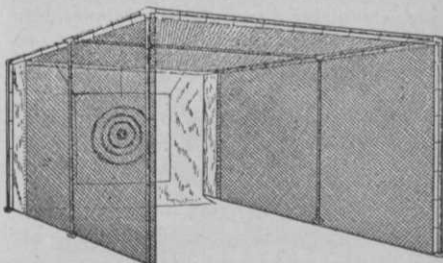
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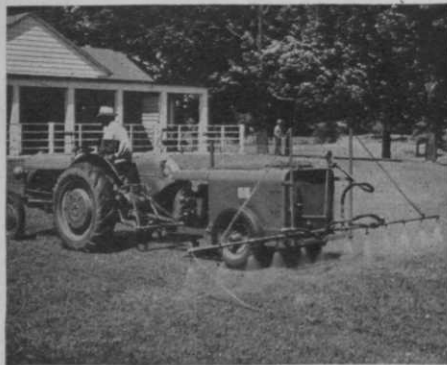
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R&A has revised its rule to now make a player who has been a pro less than 5 years eligible for reinstatement as an amateur after a 3-year period of grace in amateur ranks. . . The USGA considers for reinstatement one who has been a pro not more than 5 years and who has been 2 consecutive years in probationary status as an unpaid player.

Nathan Bills, 91, paper maker who gave Springfield, Mass., \$50,000 to establish its fine Franconia munny course, died in that city recently. . . League of the Iroquois, consisting of Bellevue at Syracuse, Oakhill at Rochester, Wanakah at Buffalo and Yahnundasis at Utica, held its 35th annual tournament this year. . . Jim Dante's pro shop at Spring Meadow GC, Belmar, N.J., robbed with loss of \$1000 in merchandise.

Sam Snead's 245 yard ace at Winnepeg last year wasn't the longest ace ever made. . . Longest was made by Frank Mellus in 1932 when he made the 374 yard second on Los Angeles CC in one shot. . . A gale blew his ball. . . Golfer's Handbook also says longest ace in Britain was 340 yard shot of George Kirby, home pro, at Stoneham, Southampton, Sept. 24, 1928.

Grand plug for greenkeepers in Akron (O.) Beacon-Journal story by Betty French on "Lawn Problems by the Acre." . . Illustrated 6 column interview with Charley Burns, mgr., J. Edward Good munny course, told of problems of course maintenance and how greenkeepers study and operate to solve them. . . Charley continues the great work he did for greenkeepers as press agent for the Greenkeeping Supts. Assn. . . Bobby Locke plays in the Western Open at Salt Lake City without any guarantee. . . He did that as a favor to "Scotty" Fessenden who sure has given pro tournament golf plenty of help in getting it into big money.

Fred Proctor, veteran retired golf writer of Chicago Herald-American, is still laid-up after several years' illness. . . Fred was one

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Course at Bay View, Mille Lacs lake, Milaca, Minn., rebuilt and opened. . . Construction work progressing on Troy, O., munny course. . . Frank Strafaci went a record extra 11 holes before defeating John Humm, Jr., in semi-finals of Long Island amateur championship. . . Instruction sessions prior to exhibition matches are getting to be customary routine. . . Nelson, Hogan, Harbert and Demaret exhibition at Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor, Mich., drew 1000 at \$2 gate and customers were highly pleased with the demonstration preliminary as well as rest of the show. . . At Shreveport, La., munny course youngsters not only get free instruction four days a week but can play free from 8:30 A.M. until 12 Monday thru Friday, except holidays.

John Brennan, Long Island City Star & Journal golf scribe, reports "Dr. Ernani D'Angelo, noted psychiatrist, has joined the hole-in-one club." . . A lot of them become psychiatrists' customers after making aces. . . John also quotes Dr. Frank Mazzolo as saying only the greens of the Olympic club at San Francisco can compare with those of Pomonok CC (NY Met. dist.) for excellence. . . We don't know how John's doctor pal rates as a greens authority but it's always good to hear some traveller bragging about a greenkeeper's performance. . . Sam Whiting is gkpr. at Olympic club and Hugh J. Clasby at Pomonok. . . That reminds us, wonder why the hell clubs don't have their greenkeeper's names displayed somewhere on a bul-

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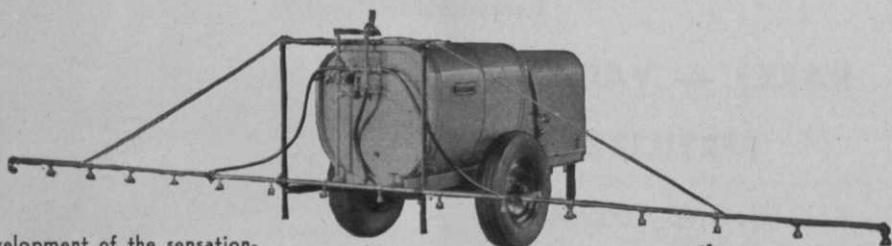
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letin board so visitors (and some members) would know the name of the guy responsible for the fine condition of courses?

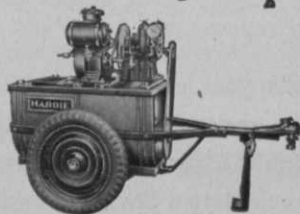
Belle Haven CC, Alexandria, Va., to spend \$130,000 on clubhouse improvements and building 9 more holes. . . Leonard Macomber, prominent in course design, construction and supply work in the mid-west some years back, is green-chmn. of Belle Haven. . . NY Met district club officials getting behind Jack Level's idea to have a postage stamp for 1948 commemorating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Apple Tree gang. . . Stamp would be a popular number with the public as well as collectors if Postmaster General Han-negan would have the glue on the stamp flavored with the stuff that was in the jug under the apple tree.

Tommy Barnes, Louise Suggs and Dot Kirby given a party and presents by Atlanta GA in collaboration with Capital City CC, East Lake CC and Druid Hills CC. . . Pierce Harris, Atlanta columnist, commenting on the social graces of the three feted champions and Bobby Jones and Charley Yates as being on a par with their high golfing ability, said, "When we send another golf team to England, I'm going to suggest that we send Emily Post along



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as co-captain with Francis Ouimet. They needed her this last time." . . . The Harris column ran under the head "Good Manners and Athletic Prowess" and really laid it on. . . Another line in the Harris column was: "They (the Scots) spoke of Bob Jones in the same hushed, reverent tones the early Christian used in discussing the Apostle Paul." How those Atlanta reporters have got around over the years!

Bobby Locke says there are about 200 courses and 50,000 golfers in the southern part of South Africa. . . Bill Dowie going as pro to Tuxedo Park GC (NY Met. dist.) succeeding the veteran Cecil Belwood who is retiring. . . Charles Skafec, 25-year-old, 6 ft., 190 lb. ex-GI, is hitting 3000 balls a day at a driving range at Akron, O., testing a hard rubber "wood" head developed by Firestone. . . Skafec hit 5000 the first day. . . He starts at 10 A.M., takes time out for meals and finishes from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. . . His drives are between 200 and 250 yards. . . He wears gloves and soaks his hands in salt water to toughen the skin but still has sore paws. . . After he finishes this summer job he goes back to a Cleveland chiropractic school.

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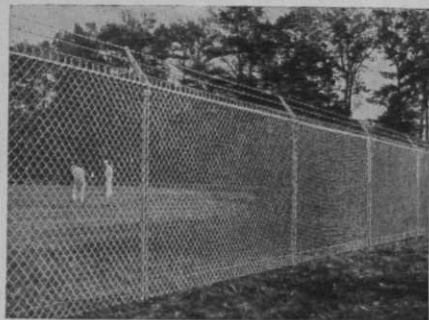
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week on his job than Willie Turnesa does and Willie saying that business kept him out of New York State and Met amateur championships really meant that Willie didn't think it would look good for "a British champion to be beaten in an early round of a sectional tournament."

Second annual veterans' amateur Texas championship was played at McCloskey VA hospital course which was built by contributions from Houstonians. . . Orville Clapper told us just the other day there were scorecards of more than 300 New England clubs used in his 25th anniversary display at the GSA meeting. . . William D. Richardson, veteran golf writer of N.Y. Times, suggests that 6 or 8 clubs be built in various sections of the country as venues for the national championships. . . Bill says he got the idea after thinking what St. Louis CC and Plum Hollow CC members gave up and what added work they undertook in holding championships for prestige and publicity they didn't need. . . He suggests the cities donate the land and wealthy golfers finance construction and "endowment" of the courses.

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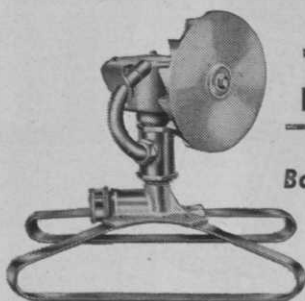
all nappiness and excess bent out of the greens may have something to do with the beefs. . . Complaints aren't especially strong and most of them come from the alibiers but they're just one more headache for the greenkeeper.

Joe Novak, PGA sec., in LA Southland Golfer, takes issue with Bobby Locke who is quoted as having said American golf couldn't have two sets of rules; the USGA and PGA. . . Joe says PGA abides by USGA rules except in three instances; 16 clubs instead of 14, abolition of stymie and winter rules.

Novak says traveling pros need two putters for fast or slow greens, an extra driver in case of breakage and a No. 1 iron. . . He cites Western GA discard of stymie as precedent for PGA action. . . Also says USGA permits local or "winter" rules. . . Probably the latter situation would be clarified and the ball wouldn't be carried instead of hit around the course on the tournament circuit if the club committees, the PGA tournament committee and the players would read "Recommendations for Local Rules" on Page 54 of the USGA rule book and specify in each tournament allowable deviations from the rules.

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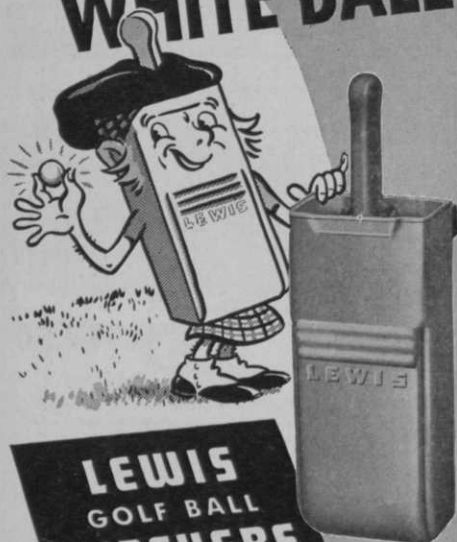


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local rules the suggestion of "winter rules" for "preservation of the course" is a practice most greenkeepers will tell the USGA is illogical. . . The player of "winter rules" puts the ball on a good piece of turf, knocks that away as a divot, and badly damages instead of preserves the course. . . Winter rules actually are for preservation of the score rather than of the course, so why kid ourselves?

Brentwood CC (LA Dist.) to change back from fee to private course status. . . Olin Dutra and Stanley Anderson, British golf writer, starting correspondence school of golf instruction. . . Trade-ins of old sets again getting to be active business at some pro shops. . . Rancho Don Lugo course has arranged for golfers to be flown from LA airport to the club at \$5 per passenger. . . Ride is 10 minutes by air, 50 by auto.

Gene Sarazen and Harry Todd recently made successful exhibition tour in Maine under Wilson Co. sponsorship with Joe Conway as pilot. . . Fred Bowman, Wilson v.p., in Kansas City for reunion with World War 1 37th Div. . . Fred's captain, also at the reunion, was a thin, fighting young man named Harry S. Truman.

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Bob Craigs, for 34 years pro at Audubon CC, Louisville, Ky., wrote a fine article on golf rules as one of the Courier-Journal series on "How to Play Golf." . . Col. Lee S. Read, Southern GA and Audubon official, says Bob's remarkable record of developing young pros in his area, his tutoring of amateurs and his relations with members make the Monifieth product one of the most beloved golfers in the south.

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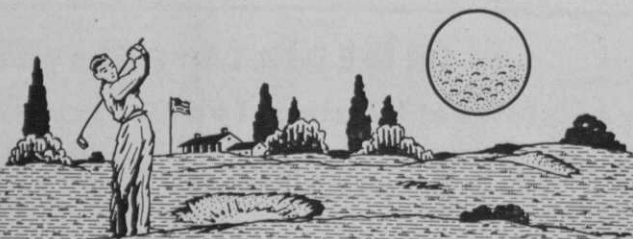
declared that PGA tournament players now commit themselves 60 days in advance to appear at events.

In Britain there are 195 artisan golf clubs with 10,000 members. . . No more courses have been opened to artisan clubs hence no more such clubs can be formed. . . Maurie Luxford, widely known Southern Calif. golf promoter, is establishing his own sporting goods and sports apparel company. . . Fred Eaton has become Pacific Coast distributor for Springfield clubs and balls, making his headquarters at Claremont Fairways, Foothill Blvd., Claremont, Calif.

Kid classes of Fred Bolton, Pendleton (Ore.) CC pro, getting big play. . . Johnny Armour, Tommy's younger, who's a time-study man for Goodrich Rubber at Akron, got an ace on the 150 yd. third at Fairlawn. . . More than 600 Goodrich golfers were in the company's annual tournament at Akron. . . Pederson boys got a fine illustrated story on their club making in a recent issue of Pic magazine.

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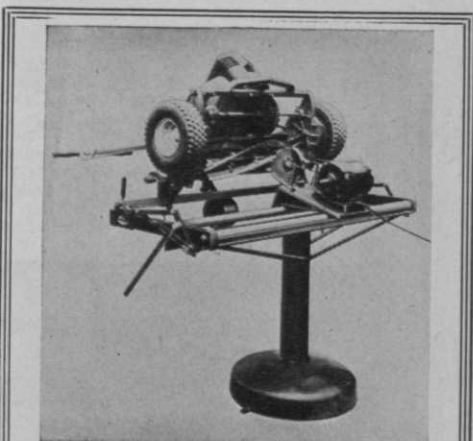
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lie Smith in the 1899 National Open. . . Cleveland Plain Dealer in big illustrated story on the party Mayfield gave Bertie called him "Cleveland's No. 1 golf citizen." . . . Bertie was given \$3800 and a wrist watch by members. . . Ten of Mayfield's charter members were among those present.

Billie Bell building a new 18 hole course for 14th Naval District in Hawaii. . . Joe Mayo in charge of construction there for Bell. . . Bell and his son are completing another Bell-designed course for Tuscon CC. . . Jimmy Hines will have winter pro job there.



Ralph Gul Dahl, who's setting the same sort of merchandising records he hung up as player, makes good use of his Golfcraft display material in his shop at Medinah (Ill.) CC.

USGA Green Section, Beltsville, Md., making greens mowing survey of nation's golf courses. . . If you haven't received your mowing questionnaire asking for data on mowing height, kind of grass and dollar-spot attacks and control, write Green section for a copy. . . St. Andrews golf fairway at Los Angeles features a "Golf-burger" (whatever that is) in its snack-shack. . . Brookside muni course at Pasadena, Calif., being revised by Billie Bell preparatory to making bid for a national public links championship.

Byron Nelson told Bill McGoogan, veteran St. Louis sports reporter, he had to quit the 1933 winter tour because pickings were so slim. . . In 1945, Byron's big year when he won \$53,000, his caddie fees were \$4600. . . Nelson says now a tournament pro does well to get by on expense of \$250 a week. . . When winning high money a pro is lucky if he has 25% of his earnings left, Byron told Bill. . . Well, 25% of big money isn't too bad.

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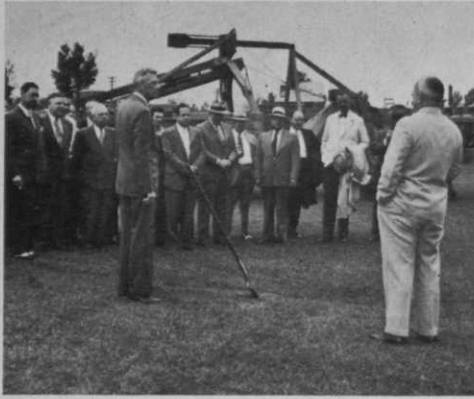
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Billy Sixty, widely known golf editor of Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal, has written an excellent illustrated golf instruction and "refresher" manual the paper is distributing as a promotion feature. . . Newspaper circulation men estimate Billy's golf and bowling coverage are best circulation-getting features any newspaper in the country can boast of in its sports section.

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The two brothers, Ted and Rudy, of Grace Lenczyk (pronounced Len-sick) were caddies at Newington, Conn., and got her interested in the game. . . They financed her tour which resulted in her win of the

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women's division at Tam O'Shanter, runner-up in the Women's Intercollegiate, medalist in the Women's Western Open and third in the Women's National Open. . . Grace is transferring from Arnald college to Stetson university in Florida so she'll be able to golf in the winter.

George Lake, pro at Long Beach, Calif., munny Recreation Park and one of the game's most effective promoters, says a big reason golf is so active in Long Beach is that the local Press-Telegram gives national, state and local golf better coverage than any other newspaper in the country. . . Meadowbrook GC, Ashtabula, O., has opened its second 9 for public play. . . Original 9 was opened by R. S. Morrison in 1942. . . P. E. Taggart is pro-mgr. at Meadowbrook.

Three courses designed by Alfred H. Tull of New York recently have been opened. . . They're the new 9 of Woodmont CC, Bethesda, Md., the 18 at Brandywine CC, Wilmington, Del., and the new second 9 at New Canaan, Conn. . . Rebuilt first 9 at New Canaan will be opened about Labor Day. . . Tull also is architect of Ledgemont CC, Providence, R.I., which is under construction. . . Al says the Ledgemont layout is going to be one of the nation's finest.

Tavistock CC (Philadelphia dist.) mem-

bers raised \$350 for pro Dick Renaghan's tournament expenses just chatting one evening in what's left of their burned clubhouse. . . Fitchburg (Mass.) Sentinel gives sport section picture feature to Oak Hill pro Tom Lamey's free weekly kid classes. . . Jim Ferrier made his television debut as PGA champ on station WBKB, Chicago. . . With Jim on the televised program was Cary Middlecoff, one of Jim's team-mates on the Wilson staff.

Let there be dancing in the streets and tell the peasants to open a cask of vintage wine and celebrate the birth of Ellen Gail Schneiderman, July 10, at Allerton hospital, Brookline, Mass. . . Her pappy is Jack, pro at Mt. Pleasant CC, Leicester, Mass. . . It's the first baby for the Schneidermans. . . Biggest attendance at any of the regional turf conferences or short courses this year was 320 at Purdue. . . Purdue's now got three graduate assistants in the agronomy dept. . . They're Richard R. Davis, Ethan C. Holt and Willis H. Skrdla.

Golf Illustrated of London says babies and dogs have been in "usual quota" in British galleries this year. . . Only noticed one dog in a big U.S. gallery this year; a cocker at the National Open. . . And only a few babies but prospects of many. . . The young men back from the war brought their wives out to the Open and the PGA. . . The doctors probably had told the expectant young women to walk a lot and the expectant young papas wanted to see the tournaments.

New golf club being organized at Charlotte, N.C. by group headed by Banks McClintock, Jr. . . Rehabilitated Lincoln Hills GC formerly known as Evergreen at Upper Sandusky, O., reopened. . . Franklin Lodge and course at Asheville, N.C. bought by George K. Bowden, Chicago. . . Highland Hills CC, near Irving, Dallas, Tex., suburb, to begin construction soon. . . Phelps Manor CC, Teaneck, N.J., to be subdivided which revives Bergen County, N.J. clamor for public course.

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania amateur championships played in midweek due to inability to get private courses for weekend dates. . . "Spec" Hammond must be doing a good job for PGA tournament bureau as its road mgr., judging from newspaper comments and "all quiet" condition on tournament player front. . . Denver gave Babe Didrikson Zaharias a 250 lb. key to the city. . . The Babe picked it up without any trouble. . . Gosh she must have been getting weight-lifting tips from Frank (Muscles) Stranahan.

New York policewomen have held their first golf tournament. . . PGA tournament

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at Plum Hollow set gate record with 52,800 tickets sold. . . Next figure was Dayton's 36,000 in 1945. . . North and South Open, oldest continuous major tournament in the nation, holds its 45th annual renewal Nov. 3-6. . . It'll be an invitation affair this year as field has grown too large to play in one day.

Fred Daly, first Irishman to win British Open, is reported to have said he wasn't going to make an American visit for a while because he didn't consider his game hot enough. . . The little ex-caddie of Portrush won the Irish Open, the Irish pro and the Ulster Open championships last year. . . Since the British Open was started in 1860 it has been won 39 times by Scots, 22 by Englishmen, 13 by Americans and once each by a Frenchman and an Irishman.

Muirfield where 1948 British will be played is home of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers. . . That organization in 1744, when known as the "Gentleman Golfers" wrote the first known rules of golf. . . Curtis Cup U.S.-British women's matches will be resumed next year with American team going abroad. . . Last Curtis matches prior to war were played at Essex CC, Manchester, Mass., Sept. 7-8, 1938 and were won by U.S. team 5½ to 3½.

Tom Williamson who played in his first British Open at Hoylake 50 years ago when he was 17 took an 84 in the qualifying round this year, one stroke better than the best of his 4 rounds a half-century ago. . . West Palm Beach, Fla., new \$500,000 muni course built by Dick Wilson now opened. . . Clyde Usina, Sr. is mgr., and Clyde, Jr., pro. . . Hatherly GC, N. Scituate, Mass., burns. . . Loss, \$100,000.

Swedish Golf assn. has hired pro James Dornan to tour various clubs in Sweden and teach members. . . Golf Illustrated of London suggests R & A "engage a young assistant professional or two" to provide a good example of hiring pros to other clubs in Scotland and England. . . Committees organized at Montecito CC, Santa Barbara, Calif., to confer with new owner Avery Brundage on course improvement.

Bar business has slumped at many country clubs. . . Resort courses are getting heavy play. . . Nick Orlich, pro at Gateway GC, Land o' Lakes, Wis., says new 9-hole Robert Bruce Harris course there is a big factor in filling the hotel. . . Completed 9 holes of the 18 Robert Trent Jones designed for Skyline GC at Tamiment, Pa., is having great first season says pro Peter J. Sesso and gkpr. Floyd Stoerner.

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