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vich and their associates have built near Napa, Calif., has a diary of his great-grandfather Willie Dunn that's rich source material for the golf historian . . . Glenview (Ill.) has passed a bond issued involving $474,000 for purchase of Chesterfield GC.

Honolulu Junior Chamber of Commerce asked to sponsor Hawaiian Open to be played in late Nov. or early Dec. . . . Nut to be about $25,000 . . . Ralph K. Ebling, pro at Haverhill (Mass.) CC, lauded by George Lane, pro at Merrimack Valley CC, Methuen, Mass., at Kiwanis Club lunch meeting . . . Lane after lecture and demonstration, named Ebling as "one of the great golf instructors in the country."

Charlie Hall, veteran pro at Country Club of Birmingham, Ala., and former national pres., PGA, feted at big dinner of club on June 25 . . . Charlie has been with the club since 1911 . . . Jerry Caldwell, club sec.-mgr., put on a dinner that was a championship performance in cuisine . . . Realty company considering building new 18 in Augusta, Ga.-Alken, S. C. territory.

Charles Smith, mgr.-supt., Guadalajara (Mex.) CC, says their big annual golf party which draws many U. S. guests, will be held Oct. 12-15, following Mexico inter-club matches, Oct. 9-10, at Guadalajara . . . Smith is helping golfers in Durango and Culiacan get 9-hole courses . . . Byrne Bauer, formerly mgr., Sunset Hills CC (St. Louis dist.) has bought famed Red Lion Inn at Stockbridge, Mass.

P. V. Beckett, who's pro at Blaney Park (Mich.) CC, is one of the first home-bred pros and, we believe, the oldest U. S. pro still on a job . . . He started in 1900 as asst. to Davey Hunter at Baltusrol when it was 9 holes, and in 1901 went as asst. to K. B. Wilson at Deal Beach, N. J. . . . He did a lot of clubmaking for Slazenger's too, in the pioneer days . . . He is mighty sound of mind and meat still.

Business Week, issue of June 25, has big story on golf business growth, accenting angle that a community without attractive golf facilities is deficient in qualifications as location for industry . . . Features course-building at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. (pop. 5,483) as giving the town a new look that interested corporation officials seeking factory sites.

Mrs. H. C. May, 87, mother of George S. May, owner of Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) and noted promoter of tournaments, died June 18 at St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . May was at the National Open when advised of his mother's passing and flew to funeral services at Windsor, Ill.