chairman and a young man of excellent courtesy and judgment, could do plenty of a job in this respect for the PGA as too many clubs complain that after the prize money is paid out they never hear from their guests.

Philco radio which sponsors Bing Crosby is reported to be considering a $50,000 tournament for 1948. . . First time Lew Worsham appears in USGA record book as a National Open contestant was in 1938 at Cherry Hills, Denver. . . Lew got 83-70-83-withdrew. . . E. W. Sherwood is pro-mgr. of Scenic G&CC, Pigeon, Mich., 9-hole 3350 yard course on north shore of Saginaw bay, with membership of Detroit’s first families.

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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Nathan Bills, 91, paper maker who gave Springfield, Mass., $50,000 to establish its fine Franconia muny 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 Winnipeg 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 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 muny 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.

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Course at Bay View, Mille Lacs lake, Milaca, Minn., rebuilt and opened. . . Construction work progressing on Troy, O., muny 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., muny 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 Mazza as saying only the greens of the Olympic club at San Francisco can compare with those of Pomonomok 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 Pomonomok. . . That reminds us, wonder why the hell clubs don't have their greenkeeper's names displayed somewhere on a buil-

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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 midwest 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 commemo- rating 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 Hanne- 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, commen- ting 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..."
as co-captain with Francis Ouimet. They needed her this last time." . . . The Harris column ran under the head "Good Manners and Athletic Frowess" 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 Skafee, 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. . . . Skafee 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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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.

Some complaint about composition cleat soles of golf shoes scuffing up greens too much... Some greenkeepers suspect that wet spring which kept them from getting

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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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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 the course, so why kid ourselves?

Brentwood CC (LA Dist.) to change back from fee to private course status. Olin Dutra and Stanley Andersen, 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.

Pete Stewart sends us a piece from a Scotch paper telling of a 2 mile drive... It

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