

OPEN SEASON FOR \$

St. Louis First of Fall Opens
—Miami Moves Up—
Movie Money Jingles

PRIZE MONEY of \$2,500 for pros is offered for the 72-hole St. Louis Open which will be played at Meadow Brook C. C., Oct. 6, 7, and 8. Prize money will be split 14 ways among the pros with \$1,000 to the winner. Entrance fee is \$3 and should be sent to John Scott, Meadow Brook C. C., Overland, Mo. About \$500 worth of amateur prizes will be offered in addition. A good field is promised. Arrangements have been made for low rates at the Coronado hotel, which is owned by people who are owners of Meadow Brook.

Following the St. Louis affair, the tourney trotters are invited to flock to Greensboro, N. C., where \$300 is hung up for the leading stroke misers on Oct. 28 and 29.

Next on the tournament swing is the Capitol City Open to be played at Kenwood G. & C. C., Bethesda, Maryland, Nov. 12 and 13. Prize money will be \$2,500. Mid-South at Pinehurst with \$2,300 prize money is slated for Nov. 15 and 16. That fixture, or any other Pinehurst event, always draws a large, fast field.

According to present plans the Miami-Biltmore \$10,000 Open will be moved ahead on the calendar so it will be played Nov. 23 to 25 this year. This puts the event on about the time of the opening of the hotel and gives the hotel people a better chance, in their opinion, to get some of their 10 G returned by customers brought into the hostelry by the attraction of the biggest eastern coast winter golf event.

Tournament bureau of the PGA, according to its director, Francis Powers, is attempting to spot some new events in Florida after the California season has concluded early in the year. Present efforts promise some success, says Powers, who entertains high hopes of adding enough of the smaller money events to make up for the absence of the Miami-Biltmore tourney on the 1933 schedule.

The California schedule stands as it did last month. There are a few spots where tournaments may be dropped in. One of the California tournaments will have a sliding scale of prize money—so much for the pro prize guarantee and then prizes according to the gate.

Efforts to hold some late-season exhibitions with Sarazen, Dutra, Hagen and

Jones doing the batting were made but fell through. These events were to be staged for the benefit of the 1933 Ryder cup fund which is beginning to give the PGA officials some concern. There has been some suggestion that a cut of the winter tournament prize money be taken for the Ryder cup fund, but no official consideration has been given the suggestion as yet. It has been forecast by not altogether unqualified guessers that such a cut would be received with a pro squawk that would make a presidential salute sound like a whisper. Comment in rebuttal is that probably the prize winners would make up the greater part of the Ryder Cup team, and they would be ahead dough anyway. Take your side and start to argue.

Steam that blew off when papers printed the yarn about Sarazen and Ouimet taking on any pro-amateur duel was wasted power on two counts. Gene didn't make the challenge and Jones, who immediately was considered as the amateur end of the opposing team, is positively committed against playing any more exhibition or tournament golf, according to a close friend of Robust Robert.

It is rumored that Bob will do another stretch in Hollywood this winter. Hagen also is promised as a forthcoming treat at "your neighborhood theater." Walter has mugged well and given the customers entertainment for their dough in previous appearances. Current report is that he will be the head man in a movie called—believe it or not—Playboy.

The PGA championship probably will be one of the live points of discussion at the pro organization's annual meeting to be held at Peoria, Ill., in November. The pros are intent on making this event the big gate money event of the golf year. One of the troubles the present system brings is in the elimination of domestic and foreign gate names during the qualifying rounds at the championships, a difficulty that the National Open system avoids. Failure to qualify of fellows like Sarazen, Armour, Cooper, Burke, Farrell, Al Espinosa, Jurado and Diegel kept folks from laying the dollar and tax on the ticket-taker's little shelf.

Bobby Cruikshank, who tied for second place in the 1932 National Open, has been signed as pro at the Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, the contract becoming effective Oct. 1, according to John C. Burns, general manager of the organization.