

GOLF MARCHES ON

London, Eng.—George Duncan gets Mere G&CC (near Altringham, Ches.) pro job, reputedly at the highest pro salary in England.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Bellevue GC installs fairway watering.

Colony, Kan.—New golf club started. Instead of initiation fee, members must work on course construction tasks.

Rochester, N.Y.—Play on Genesee Valley and Durand Eastman public courses was 108,702 in 1934 compared with 130,770 in 1933; drop caused by late spring, unpleasant summer and Durand course being torn up for remodeling. Receipts fell off \$375.35 to \$25,176.50.

Madison, Wis.—Park commission considering purchase of Black Hawk CC (private layout) to replace Glen Way muni course which may be used for cemetery.

Detroit, Mich.—Local newspaper tells of \$120,000 FERA money spent on 9-hole course and clubhouse in Keweenaw county (population 5,076, of whom 3,045 are on relief rolls.) Project reported 60% complete. If dope is true the \$200,000 will be nation's top for 9-hole course cost.

Champlain, N. Y.—FERA and 25% local funds to build \$12,000 course on land donated by Andrew Weston. Ed O'Connor in charge.

Amsterdam, N. Y.—Council considering construction of muni course.

Assining, N. Y.—During the late depression, County Park commission made money on every one of its public courses.

Harvey, N. D.—FERA money building new muni course. First rock out of course site was gilded and displayed in local store window as "golf gold" nugget. As a concession for work being done on the \$6,000 course, the local golf club which will operate the plant has agreed to let all boys and girls 18 years old and under play free of charge week days until 4 p.m.

Chicago, Ill.—Sports goods makers and dealers committee decides not to petition for abolition of 10 excise tax of athletic goods. They figure all industries must stand rap for financing recovery and pork barrel gravy to congressmen.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Cazenovia muni courses to be enlarged to 18 holes of championship calibre and renamed Ganson Depew memorial course, honoring late USGA official and famous sportsman.

London, England.—Fred Pignon, noted sports expert of Daily Mail, says Britain's average pro lucky to make \$1,500 a year; many of them not making half that amount. Australian average pro's salary stated as \$5.00 a week, with all pro shop income in addition, of course.

Quotes club officials and prominent amateurs as pushing policy of members buying all playing merchandise at pro shops so good men can be attracted and held in golf profession. Lacking good pros, clubs and players suffer, Pignon points out.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Hillcrest CC (formerly Avalon) puts a practice net in the pro shop during the winter as an inducement for members to come out to the club and get limbered up for spring.

Falfurrias, Tex.—Directors of local course decide to turn over caddying rights to Boy Scouts.

Washington, D. C.—Recommendation that municipalities of 8,000 or more inhabitants should provide recreational areas on a minimum of one acre to each 100 persons, is made to President Roosevelt by National Resources board.

Portland, Ore.—The Backswing, house organ of the Alderwood CC is conducting a successful campaign for business reciprocity among Alderwood members.

Mineral Wells, Texas—To boost winter tourist traffic, local G&CC votes to invest up to \$8,000 changing greens from sand to turf.

Houston, Texas—Cost of 18-hole course and \$40,000 clubhouse under construction at Memorial Park, shared by city and Texas Relief commission.

Reno, Nev.—New courses, possibly on site of Reno GC, considered for PWA work.