



IN the ROUGH

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SPURRED by the successful experience of St. Paul's Voiture 39 of the 40&8 organization, the American Legion at its St. Louis convention decided to establish a National Junior Golf tournament along the lines the Legion has followed in its brisk promotion of junior baseball.

Kieffer Vaux, Voiture 39's man who has headed the annual junior golf tournament work so capably during its five years' history, is the one who will steer the Legion's work in this field. Vaux already has been in touch with the PGA and has been assured of the pros' earnest cooperation.

WHEN the "Happy" Chandler-Joe Burman combination hacked successfully through the Kentucky gubernatorial campaign, golf finally scored in American statesmanship.

Chandler is the first governor to have added to his list of achievements that of competing in an open golf tournament. It was at the famous Hazard (Ky.) Open



A. B. (Happy) CHANDLER

in 1934 that Chandler entered as one of the field and went the route. At Hazard as local pro was Joe Burman. Chandler and Burman had played golf, baseball and football together and when the Chandler chances for election as the Blue Grass governor were about 1,000 to one, this athletic relationship of the two was

strong enough to decide Burman on taking a chance.

Touring the state with Burman at the wheel of a second-hand car while Chandler grabbed snatches of sleep, Chandler conducted his campaign. Joe was muscleman, pilot, stooge and in-between guy for Happy throughout a campaign unique in American politics. The Chandler campaign was run on less cash than any other gubernatorial drive for many, many years.

National observers, attracted to the Kentucky scene by the interesting intensity of the Chandler campaign, already have begun to name the new Kentucky governor as the outstanding man in American politics.

A BIT of sunshine's breaking through. Another 10% dividend recently was paid on the \$14,000 the National Association of Greenkeepers had in a Cleveland bank when the bank folded.

That brings the total returns up to 31%—and how the association could use that other 69%! Who couldn't?

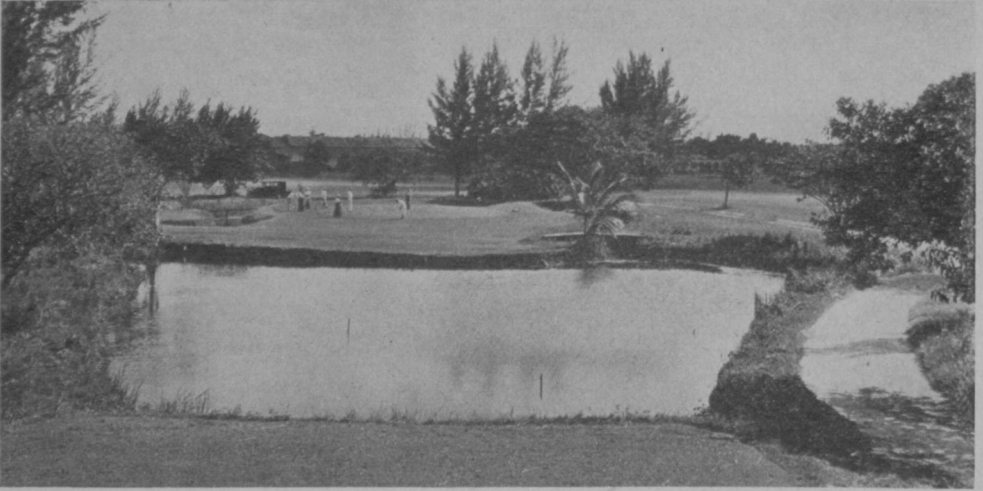
PROS' indoor golf schools opened earlier than usual this winter. What influenced the boys was the prospect of Christmas golf gift business.

Many of them—Ed Garre of LaGrange (Ill.) CC, for instance—put out advertising linking the instruction and Christmas gift business at the indoor spots and scored so well that they are beginning to think the panic is over.

TODA and Chin, two members of the Japanese team that toured the U. S. this summer, will return for the winter tournament schedule, picking up the tour when the Pacific Coast events start.

Japan GA plans the heavy work on financing with some American and Japanese sportsmen resident in the U. S. kicking in for part of the expenses, against which advance any prize money won by the two Japs will be applied in a pay-off.

With Australia, Japan and Cuba now represented and the prospect of players



This eighth at the Miami (Fla.) CC avenges the dubs who think water holes were invented by pros to help ball sales. The hole is short and looks simple but winter season pros, who rate this hole as one of their favorites, plunk plenty of balls into water in front and at the right of the hole.

from England and Scotland joining the winter circuit after the first of the year, the tourney tour has plenty of international recognition as golf's school of higher learning.

HERE'S one that shows how the ambitious boys are working in the golf business. Ed Newkirk, pro-greenkeeper at Country Club of Lincoln, (Neb.) races from the club to the University of Nebraska to take courses for several hours a week in agricultural subjects that help him in his course maintenance work.

LEONARD MACOMBER, veteran in golf course construction, has returned from Russia where he completed arrangements to introduce golf in the Soviet republic.

According to present plans, Russia will begin construction of five courses around Moscow in the spring and by the end of 1937 plans to have approximately 150 courses. The Russians have a sports program that promises them a prominent place in international competition.

A preliminary part of their golf campaign is the construction of many practice tees throughout the country. One Soviet sports authority is committed to the plan of having every native who wants to play on a Russian course first take 10 lessons under competent instruction at the practice tees. Proposed playing fee

for a round on the USSR public courses is about 1 1-3 cents in American money.

Macomber says that E. J. Peterson (Petrovsky), prominent sports writer on the Moscow Daily News, formerly was a caddie in New Jersey.

THIS year's Miami International four ball stands a chance of being a real international golf event, and the first one of its kind.

Around the time of the Miami event there will be in Florida leading pros from Australia, Japan and Canada. Whether the field is to be handled to make the International event international, or whether the visiting nationals will not get invitations, still is a toss-up.

AT THE Meadowbrook GC (Detroit district) a compilation of scores made by Class A, B and C players rating holes by difficulty of getting par figures has been found valuable in preventing hasty and biased revision of hole design.

MAC SMITH, who, as a PGA member and a tournament veteran, rates as an authority on the subject, considers the PGA championship the toughest of all athletic title events. Length of the tourney and the sharply personalized competition make the event the most severe nervous strain in the entire field of sport, Mac believes.