

Ted Longworth (right) and Ivar Unis hold some of the clubs members donated to junior golfers.



PORTLAND PLAYERS BOOST JUNIOR GOLF WITH 400 CLUB DONATIONS

MORE than 400 golf clubs, some of which were rather late models, and a dozen golf bags were collected for Oregon junior golfers as a result of the campaign conducted by PGA members in Portland, and George Bertz, sports editor of the Oregon Sunday Journal of Portland. Clubs were given contestants in the junior championship. Bertz explains:

"The clubs were not offered as prizes, as was the first idea, but were given the players defeated in the second round of the even-numbered flights and the first round of the odd-numbered flights. In that manner we were able to give the players who did not have complete sets some of the clubs and spread them out among the greater number of players. The youngsters were given a chance to designate what clubs they wanted.

"Some were given complete sets, two players from Kelso, Wash., about fifty miles from Portland, who hitch-hiked here with borrowed clubs, and did work around the course for their meals, sleeping in the machinery house at nights, were given sets of eight clubs as well as bags."

Collecting the clubs and refinishing them before the implements were passed on to the youngsters, were the following pros: Ted Longworth and his assistant, Ivar Unis, of Waverly CC; Lawrence Lamberger, pro, and "Red" Hagen, Portland GC; Ivan Johnson, Tualatin CC; Bill Brower, West Side practice course; Joe Mozel, Lloyd course; Emory Zimmerman, Columbia-Edgewater CC; Al Zimmerman, Alderwood CC; Boyd Bustard, Lake Oswego CC.

Officials of the Oregon Golf association, headed by Charles Wintermute, president,

and Roscoe Hurst, who directed playing of the junior event, and Fred Zaugg, president of the Riverside G & CC, scene of the championship, declared the campaign was the best thing ever done for the development of young golfers in Portland.

The club solicitation campaign will be conducted again next year prior to the junior tourney. The junior championship for boys and girls from ages of 10 to 18 was started in 1927 by Mel Smith, now pro at French Lick Springs, Ind. In 1928 the Oregon GA, through Ralph Tomlinson, took over sponsorship of the event. The tournament is open to juniors from any part of the United States. About 30 lads and lassies from without the Portland territory competed in this year's tournament.

The Portland pros in this fine, foresighted golf promotion tie-up with the Oregon Journal, gave kid golf a strong boost in the district and provided a tip-off to other pros that the junior idea associated with the plan for collecting unused clubs makes a lively newspaper publicity idea.

The Journal is especially strong in golf coverage, Bertz having C. T. Haas conducting a golf rules question box among other features and news treatment.