

GOLF DIVOTS

BOBBY Locke, 21-year-old South African golfer in his first year as pro, is said by some Britishers in the know to have made more money than Henry Cotton, generally regarded as the world's first pro money earner. Locke is backed by three of South Africa's richest millionaires. They'll bet on him against anybody, and reward Locke richly out of their winnings . . . L. H. Buckton, coach of the Peekskill (N. Y.) HS golf team, claims a national record for his lads. In two seasons they have been undefeated by the classy teams of the Hudson Valley high school league. Mike Colucci, one of the team kids, shot 68 (3 under par) at the Scarsdale CC (NY Met. district) course . . .

California's chambers of commerce estimate the state has \$300,000,000 worth of golf courses . . . At the 14th annual Utah Open tournament there was a new printed program each day. Although Fort Douglas, scene of the 1939 tournament, is a small city, the program's advertising was strongly supported by alert local advertisers . . .

Associated Golfers of America, organization of Chicago district fee course owners, has issued *Chicago Golf & Sports*, interesting magazine of golf features and member course ads . . . Owatonna (Minn.) CC scores big success with sixth annual Tired Business Men's tourney, one of the liveliest of smaller city invitation affairs. For sample of clever announcement you might send stamped return envelope to Merle Allen of the club . . . Fourteenth annual Totem Pole tournament at Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta, Can., Sept. 3-9, expects record amateur field. You might tip off members vacationing in Canada that they'll be welcomed . . .

Club Managers' Assn. already asking members for suggestions for educational program at annual convention, Statler Hotel, Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25-29 . . . Essex County (NJ) CC lower course, opened to the public April 25, while upper course

was reserved for members of the old distinguished club, has been averaging 1,000 players a week . . . PGA championship eligibility squabble making the papers all over the country, chilled plans of at least two likely candidates for financing the 1940 or '41 PGA championship.

Memorial services were held July 25 at Crestmont GC, West Orange, N. J., for the late Hal Sharkey, sports editor of the *Newark News* and first tournament bureau manager for the PGA. A pro's 18-hole competition preceded the memorial services, during which a tree was planted in Sharkey's memory . . . Golfers at municipal course at Gardner, Mass., chipped in \$1 and \$2 each to furnish a clubroom and a locker-room of clubhouse. Move was independent of, but with blessings of city's golf commissioners . . . Plans under way to organize a Southern Indiana GA. About 40 clubs south of US highway 40 are expected to join ass'n.

Virginia CC, Long Beach, Calif., has sold strips 150 feet deep on three sides of its property for home sites. Golf holes destroyed by this move being replaced on other acreage club owned; at completion, course will be rerouted. A smart way to raise dough . . . Pittsburgh gets new 18-hole fee course around Labor Day when Suncrest GC opens for play. Par will be 72 over this 6,455 yard newcomer . . . Manila GC, oldest golf course in the Philippine Islands, opened new modernistic clubhouse May 30. Costing 72,500 pesos (\$36,225), the structure is said to be the most artistic club home in the Far East.

July *Photogram*, Chrysler auto's magazine, features an illustrated story "Caddies Today—Pros Tomorrow", which is topped by a picture of Tom O'Hara, veteran caddie-master of the Denver CC, and two of his lads . . . Best instruction for tournament marshals and scorers we've ever seen is that furnished by Philadelphia CC for the National Open. It helped to provide the finest gallery-handling at any big tournament for years . . .