

and plug on teaching golf to members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Claude Whalen at Fort Worth's Colonial CC, gets a strong boost from sports scribe Amos Melton for the work Claude is doing with his kid class at Colonial.

Denny Champagne, pro at Highland CC, Grand Rapids, Mich., is given a swell story in the Grand Rapids Press on his six-week golf course at the local YMCA.

Pictures of university and high school golf teams, and frequently of their pros,

abound in this spring's newspapers. Stories and pictures of pro classes at clubs have been printed by the hundreds. Newspaper sports editors know that this kid stuff is certain of reader interest, regardless of what any pro may have against the kid class idea as an approach to the parents who may be induced, eventually, to spend some money with the pro, and keep the fellow in a job that may get much better than it now is when those kids grow up to be enthusiastic golfers.

School Golf Grows at Paterson

By Karl Sutphin

EACH year since 1936 the Passaic County Park Commission, Paterson, N. J., has offered the services of its professional, Myron Kniffin, without cost to the schools in the Paterson district, and this opportunity to get started early and right in golf has been accepted to the point where the number of students enrolled has increased from 363 in 1936 to 933 in 1939.

The Commission purchases and makes available all of the clubs necessary for use in the golf classes. Instruction is begun

immediately after the Christmas holidays, and from 4 to 8 periods are given in each school, depending upon examination and vacation schedules. Prior to this year, two additional instruction periods were given at the Passaic County GCse, where the students actually hit out balls. These outdoor periods were discontinued last winter in view of the fact that Kniffin made use of a net during his regular classes in the school gymnasiums.

As a direct result of this program, the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic Golf



Students at Central High School in Paterson, N. J., are shown receiving golf instruction, under Myron Kniffin's direction, in one of the indoor group instruction classes conducted last winter by the Passaic County Park Commission.

Conference was organized and has operated in each of the past four years. Golf squads composed of twelve of the best boy golfers from each school compete against each other under a schedule which begins about April 10 and continues until the middle of June.

The Park Commission furnishes encouragement to the extent of selling a \$25 season ticket to each school effective during the period of the schedule, permitting all team members to play on the one ticket. A few matches with teams outside the county also are permitted. There is one exception to the personnel of the teams, in that Miss "Snooks" Kell of the Butler High School team is the only girl that competes in the matches. She was developed by Kniffin since the school golf program began and can hold her own with the best of the boys.

The program was auspiciously started four years ago with personal appearances before the classes by George R. Jacobus, president of the PGA, under whom Kniffin served at the nearby Ridgewood CC. At the beginning of each winter's course it has been the practice for Kniffin to show one or two reels of motion pictures in which the various golf positions and swing are illustrated by such outstanding golfers as Bobby Jones and others.

The Passaic County Park Commission has felt that this was a very worthwhile project and that, in addition to the services rendered to the school students, it will pay dividends in the future when these boys and girls take up golf as a regular pastime.

Golf Week Is Success in First Year of Plan

GOLF WEEK has clicked in the locations where the event has been put on by PGA units. Two very successful Golf Week enterprises were put on in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and the Tri-Cities of Rock Island, Davenport and Moline. In the latter spots local pros gave golf instruction lectures, and demonstrated shots and presented equipment displays in movie theater lobbies.

In Minneapolis and St. Paul exhibition matches were conducted by PGA members. Prominent pros played with amateur lads and with Patty Berg and Bea Barrett.

The Golf Week idea as conceived and

planned by Frank Sprogell, chairman of the PGA publicity committee, has done so well in its initial presentation that there are high hopes held for its extension as a strong national annual affair.

Pros Compete for Team Award—Professionals of the Oklahoma, Mid-West, Iowa, Nebraska and Eastern Missouri sections of the PGA will compete for a team title on May 9-11 during the playing of the \$750 added golf open to be held on the Swope Park GCse, Kansas City. The tournament will be a 72-hole medal event, and each section's 72-hole score will be totaled to determine the winner in the team play.

The tournament, sponsored by the Palace Clothing Co. of Kansas City, is taking a prominent place on the local golfing calendar, especially since the Kansas City \$5,000 Open has been cancelled this year. The \$3.00 entry fee charged each professional entering the tournament will be added to the original purse of \$750. Proceeds from the amateur entry fee of \$2.00 will be turned over to the Kansas City Salvation Army Penny Ice Fund.

Sponsors of the tournament have assured the pros that if this tournament is a success, it will be put on an annual basis. Local golfers hope that the event will be a forerunner of similar events sponsored by other firms in the different cities of the district.

ARNOLD F. FIRLE, manager of the Golf Bag Division of Canvas Products Corp., Fond du Lac, Wis., was married to Miss Meta Stoecker at Fond du Lac, on Saturday, May 6th.



This is Firle's 10th year with the Canvas Products Corp. He has developed a wide acquaintance among professionals and his many friends join with Golfdom in wishing him much success and happiness.

Firle has won numerous golfing championships and now holds his third Fond du Lac county amateur title. He has a hole in one to his credit and has played a 153-hole marathon in 10 hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Firle will make their home in Fond du Lac.