

# GOLF DIVOTS . . . . .

**E**XPERTS who have watched Catherine Fox, 14, daughter of Jack Fox, Glen Ridge (N. J.) CC pro, predict she'll be another pro's daughter who'll get close to the top in another year or two, when her wrists get stronger. She won Class B honors in 1937 in the Metropolitan junior tournament, and this year competed in the Women's National, although failing to qualify. . . . An 18-hole golf course will be built in the Magnolia State Park area, Millen, Ga., by the park authorities. They offered to do so if 100 \$20 memberships could be secured, and J. F. Bates, chairman of the committee for securing the memberships, had them signed within half the allotted time.

*In contemplating the construction of a new municipal course at Greensboro, N. Car., park officials contended that no fancy course was needed for the beginners who would dig into the turf more than they would strike the ball, anyway. So a course for beginners and one for advanced playing may be evolved by the committee and council . . . Mrs. John Inglis, wife of the veteran Fairview CC pro, Elmsford, N. Y., recently turned detective to assist in apprehending a thief who had made off with an electric toaster from her kitchen . . . Who said miniature golf courses are history? Three miniature courses have begun operations in the Chicago district this year, the most recent of which is the one opened at Walter Keller's Practice Fairway. Holes range from 20 to 60 feet and all provide a real putting test.*

Walker Cup matches in 1940 have been awarded to the Town & Country Club in St. Paul, the event taking place in August. Greenkeeper Gil Foster is planning additional course conditioning. . . . A total of 2,162,265 rounds of golf were played on Southern California's 71 golf courses in 1938. One has to walk 217.4 miles to play all these courses . . . Jimmy Thomson caddied for Willie Hunter at the British Open in 1921 and Sam Snead carried clubs for Helen Hicks at the Women's National at Hot Springs in 1928.

*Additional data has been assembled on the possibilities of scoring the miracle of*

*golf—an ace. At the conclusion of the eighth annual World-Telegram hole-in-one tournament recently, the odds against an ace had jumped to 7,267 to 1, because only three 'ones' have been scored since 1932 when the novel event began. 4,360 players have fired 21,800 shots in the attempt, all but three in vain . . . Richard Tufts, president of Pinehurst, has scheduled the North and South Open for March 19-21 next year . . . The Stricklands had things pretty much their own way in the national Negro open championship, played over Los Angeles' Brookside munny course. Cliff Strickland, Riverside, Calif., won the event with a 296, and his cousin, Erroll, also of Riverside, tied with Edison Marshall of Indianapolis with 305. G. A. Price of Chicago won the Negro amateur championship.*

Fire has again caused considerable damage to quite a number of golf plants this year, but in most instances, losses have been almost completely covered by insurance. Several clubs, however, took it on the chin when their equipment barns and shelters, not covered by insurance, went up in smoke . . . Sandy Armour, pro at the Bloomington (Ill.) CC, figures he has one of the game's future greats as another one of his pupils. He is 12-year-old Pete Elliott, who won the Bloomington championship with a 36-hole total of 163. Jeanne Cline, 15-year-old girl star, is another of Sandy's pupils at Bloomington . . . Work on the new municipal golf course at Santa Fe, N. Mex., has been slowed by vandals' activities. Sixteen lengths of 6-inch pipe, which will be used in the course's watering system, were found stuffed with rocks and there were numerous footprints around the pipe.

*Vic Peterson, Portland (Ore.) golfer has a hobby of wood-carving. A series of his recent carving shows successive stages of the golf swing . . . If you think a club magazine has to be fancy and expensive to be good you should see the swell job done on The Country Club Cracker of the Racine (Wis.) CC. It is mimeographed . . . A debate between officials of the Glen Oak (Chicago district) CC about who'd be first to officially enter the club's new pool, was settled by a committee of husky*

members. The committee threw the debaters into the pool—clothes and all. . . .

Something J. Martin Watson, well known pro, had printed on scorecards of the Boise (Ida.) CC might well be used on other cards. The Watson line: "The real golfer is a gentleman who has the greatest consideration for his fellow players." . . . Highly successful annual event now on the Illinois PGA calendar is a Pro-President event, pairing pros and respective presidents of their clubs. It's a one ball selective drive affair. . . . J. A. Mudd, Jr., prominent veteran amateur of Chicago, lost a Braid-Mills putter he'd had for 25 years, in a robbery of the Beverly CC pro-shop. Mudd offers \$5 "and no questions asked" for return of putter.

*George Lake, Long Beach (Calif.) Recreation Park South Course pro, has a student who'll bear watching. It's 16-year-old Ted Richards who defeated the 14-year-old Beaumont, Tex., star, Tyrell Garth, Jr., 4 and 3 in the 18 hole finals of the Sixth Annual Long Beach Open Junior championship. The field was 51. Richards was medalist with a 65, one over par, and was 5 under par in his match play rounds. Very few pros have done better over the course.*

Clayton Heafner is giving warning he may burn up the next winter circuit. Among his latest performances was 65-61—18 under par—in a competition over the Myers Park course at Charlotte, N. C. . . . Caddie Routine, a booklet on how to caddie, is a concise, clear educational treatise written by W. H. Nolan, Box 384, North Bennington, Vt. Nolan has been training caddies for 20 years. New England clubs are using his system with satisfaction. The booklets sell for \$10 per hundred.

*Australian golf authorities who have been seeing Babe Didrikson in exhibitions say The Babe would finish sixth in an Australian Open. . . . After Arthur D'Arcy (Bobby) Locke beat Richard Burton, British Open champion, 10 and 9 in a 72-hole exhibition match, the British are saying the 21-year-old South African is the greatest golfer they've ever seen. He won 250 pounds sterling in the Burton match. Gossip in England is that Locke, through exhibitions, challenge matches and side bets, has beaten Henry Cotton's income for the past 12 months.*

## Greenkeepers Honor John Morley on His 73rd Birthday

FIFTY golf superintendents from Ohio and Pennsylvania gathered at the Southern Hills CC, Youngstown, Ohio, Monday, August 21, to do honor to John Morley, President Emeritus of the Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn., on his 73rd birthday.

The "Dean of Greenkeepers" as he is so often referred to by his associates, has spent 45 years in the golf club field and the past 25 years as greenkeeper of the Youngstown club. He was one of the organizers of the GSA, it's first national president and the only one to hold that office for more than one year. A title of "Colonel" was conferred on him several years ago by the Governor of Ohio in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the business of growing turf.

Brief talks congratulating Morley were given by GSA president Frank Ermer, Dave Bell, president of the Tri-State Golf Supts' Ass'n., Lawrence Huber, president of the Ohio Golf Supts' Ass'n., Paul Truckenbrod, president of the Cleveland Greenkeepers' Ass'n., and John Pressler, who has served the Allegheny CC, Pittsburgh, for 43 years.

Morley appeared to be in very good health and responded with the statement, "That there is no greater honor a man can receive in the twilight of life, than the admiration and respect of his fellow men." He added that the two most important rules for success in his opinion were: "to always respect and obey authority" and "always do more than is assigned for you to do."

**Massachusetts Greensmen Hold Outing**—August meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of Mass., held August 7 at the New Bedford CC, North Dartmouth, Mass., was a joint meeting with the R. I. Greenkeepers Association. Following an 18 hole medal handicap tournament, a clam-bake was served some 75 members, wives, and guests. Notable during the day was the fine hospitality of the club's officials, which included Pres. and Mrs. Morrissey, Pro John Gilholm, Greenkeeper-host Mike Grady, and several members who donated prizes for the golfing events.