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to collect at the last minute to pay off notes and other obligations. We have made no plans for a celebration after the drawings are over, and I doubt if we will. The hurrahs will be held in abeyance until the next annual meeting, which will be in January, 1941. However, it seems certain that we will repeat the membership plan."

Jarnagin points out that the Sheldon

club does not wish to claim that the plan it is using is of its origin. He concludes, "The plan was 'borrowed' from the Ida Grove, Ia., club, which is now using it for the second time. We understand that other Midwest clubs have used it, too. It was largely upon the recommendation of Chas. W. Lakin, associate editor of the Ida Grove Pioneer-Record, that we investigated the Ida Grove plan and adapted it to fit our needs."

Recent Golf Divots

MRS. BABE Didrikson Zaharias had a round of 70 over the tough Lakeside (Calif.) course the other day, with all putts holed. Babe's best round so far is a 65 over her home course, Brentwood, making the 18th hole in an eagle 2. The course is 6,600 yards in length. . . . Construction of a \$30,000 clubhouse has begun at the Bobby Jones course (Atlanta, Ga.), and plans to lengthen the layout 460 yards have been completed. . . . A mortgage burning ceremony was the highlight of the stag party staged late in February at the Manistee (Mich.) G&CC.

Charlie Erickson, greenkeeper at the Minakahda (Minneapolis district) CC the last 39 years, suffered a broken hip in an accident at the club last Feb. 21. Charlie, who is convalescing in the Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, would appreciate your dropping him a line. . . . Attendance at short courses this year has reached an all time high. Dr. John Monteith estimates he has appeared before 600 persons at the various conferences. . . . Watertown (S. Dak.) municipal golf course opens this spring with every one of its 18 holes in grass, which makes it the only all-grass course in that part of the country. The course, which is more than 20 years old, has been having its putting surfaces grassed the past four years. Greenkeeper there is Owen Palmer.

Woody Laffoon, 22-year-old brother of Ky Laffoon, has been appointed professional at the Park Hill GC, Denver district. Woody assisted his older brother for 5 years at Chicago's Northmoor club, before coming to Denver. . . . Maurie Lufford, past president of the Lakeside (Los Angeles) GC, has been chosen chairman

of the 41st annual California State golf championships, which will be held over the Lakeside course June 17-23. . . . Cyril Wagner, formerly pro at the Chicago district Tam O'Shanter CC, has been appointed to the pro post at the Mohawk CC in the same district. Cyril spends his winters as pro at the Ponce de Leon course in Florida. . . .

Clarence "Doc" Yockey has been named golf pro at the White Lakes GC, Topeka, Kans. . . . Melvin 'Chick' Harbert, Battle Creek's outstanding amateur golfer for nearly a decade, has quit the amateur ranks to sign as professional at the Battle Creek (Mich.) CC. . . . Joe Kirkwood, Jr., 20-year old son of the famous trick shot artist, has taken up his new duties as assistant to Pro Howard Beckett at the Capital City GC, Atlanta Ga. . . . Joe Rush, Minneapolis CC supt., succeeds Len Bloomquist, Superior GC, as Minnesota Greenkeepers Assn. president. . . .

Denny Shute recently underwent a wrist operation and will not know for six months whether he can compete again. A cyst was removed from the bone of his right forearm at the wrist joint and the defect was filled with bone grafted from his shin. We're all pulling for you, Denny. . . . Ben Hogan, so often a 'bridesmaid,' finally got that win he has been seeking. Ben took down top honors in the North and South with a record 277. He did even better just a few days later when he also won the Greensboro (N. Car.) \$5,000 Open, with a record score of 270—and each of his 4 rounds was under the 70 mark! . . . They liked the way the Tri-State Greenkeepers Assn. officers handled things in 1939—the entire slate was re-elected for 1940.