

# Recent Golf Divots

**FIRE** has again caused heavy losses to clubhouses this fall and winter. Biggest loss was the fire of undetermined origin that swept the clubhouse at the French Lick Springs (Ind.) CC on Dec. 9, destroying the building and most of its furnishings. The clubhouse was built at an approximate cost of \$150,000 in 1921. Just the day previous, the Glengarry CC clubhouse at Toledo, Ohio, built at a cost of \$55,000, was destroyed by fire. A few days earlier, smoke and flames caused \$10,000 damage to the locker-room of the Hempstead GC, Hempstead, L. I. Only the use of a new communications system in combating fire prevented greater damage to the structure. Clubhouse at Hickory Hills CC, Springfield, Mo., was totally destroyed by fire in the late fall, and recent word from Hickory Hills officials indicates work has already begun on building a new \$10,000 clubhouse.

*Sam Snead's final round of 64, enabling him to win the recent \$10,000 Miami Open, ranks among the best concluding round scores in a major tournament. . . . Members of the Hampton (S. Car.) GC have leased a 32-acre tract in Hampton, and work has begun on laying out a new 9-hole course. . . . Pro golfers within the Carolinas have been given assurance they will be granted a special charter for a new PGA district organization when they produce signatures of 15 PGA members living within the confines of the proposed Carolinas district. George Slingerland, Greensboro (N. Car.) CC pro, reports they expect to have the charter by March. Efforts to secure a Carolinas district charter were started by Slingerland last summer because the current Southeastern section, of which the Carolinas has been a part, was too large, and pros in this area were required to travel too great a distance to compete in tournaments.*

Mrs. Dorothy Poynton Hill, champion woman swimmer, proved herself a first-class golfer, too, when she won the recent Class A women's event at the Riviera CC, Pacific Palisades, Calif. . . . Bill Brown, Los Angeles pro, who suffered fractures of both legs in an auto crash a couple of months ago, has left the hospital and is now convalescing at home. It will be two years, though, before he can play golf.

. . . Installation of Max B. Kaesche of the Ridgewood (N. J.) CC as president of the Metropolitan Golf Assn. was marked by the plea of his predecessor, Henry S. Sturgis, to combine four minor groups into one powerful and influential body for the salvation of the Metropolitan Open championship. Sturgis pointed out that the operation of associations in New Jersey, Long Island, Westchester and Fairfield brought about needless expense and considerable duplication of efforts, much of which could be eliminated.

*Columbia CC (Washington, D. C.) members got quite a shock not long ago when D'Arcy "Reds" Banagan was seen on the practice tee. Reds admitted it was the second time in his near 30 years as assistant pro. . . . Annual Florida West Coast Seniors tournament is again being held at the Pasadena GC in St. Petersburg. Event is scheduled to be played March 6-8. One hundred twenty-two senior golfers in that district took part last year.*

A series of exhibition golf matches by Henry Cotton, leading British pro golfer, has raised nearly 5,000 pounds for the British Red Cross Fund. Cotton, incidentally, was married in mid-December to Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss, wealthy 37 year old Argentine woman. Cotton is 32. . . . The Western Amateur championship, one of the oldest events in the game, returns to the central states again this year. The tourney will be held at the Minneapolis GC the week of July 9. Harry Todd of Dallas, Texas, is defending champion.

*E. G. (Eddie) Fitzgerald, widely known veteran manager of golf clubs and resorts, now is associated with Milton C. Smith in the ownership and management of the Kirkwood Hotel, Camden, S. C. . . . Wisconsin PGA's annual wild game dinner was well disguised by its menu. The affair was held at Westmoor CC, Milwaukee, Nov. 6. The pros did away with fowl and meat shot by their nimrod comrades. Gopher broth, mole giblets, roast young June bugs, hearts of chickweed and dissolved sulphates were features of the cuisine, so the menu said. . . . Alice Marble, women's tennis champion, is taking up golf seriously. She has been receiving instruction from Charley Lacey, pro of the Hillcrest club in California.*