

# Recent Golf Divots

**A**L CIUCI, Fresh Meadow CC pro, cannot be budged from the conviction that one of the most beneficial circumstances under which the average golfer can play is in the teeth of a strong wind. "A straight ball is a straight ball in wind or calm," Al contends, "but the wind shows slicers and hookers up for just what they are." . . . Charlie Erickson, veteran Minikahda greenkeeper who is recuperating in Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis from injuries suffered in a fall, says all the letters, cards, flowers, etc., from his friends are keeping him in high spirits and make the time of healing hurry along. . . . Pro Charlie Laing is back for his 14th season at Metuchen CC, Plainfield, N. J. Laing built the Metuchen layout and the club has never had any other professional.

*Golf-house at South Side CC, Decatur, Ill., was completely destroyed by fire May 2, with total damage estimated at \$20,000, most of which was covered by insurance. Stored in the building was approximately \$2,500 worth of golf clubs owned by Bert Montessoro, club professional. The building served principally as a golf locker house and concession room. It was not connected with the regular South Side clubhouse. . . . Another disastrous fire in early May was the \$30,000 blaze at the Beverly Hills (Detroit District) GC clubhouse. . . . The new qualifications for GSA membership will become effective July 1 instead of May 1, the date set at the New York meeting. The postponement was necessitated by the illness of Leo Feser, qualifications committee chairman.*

Clarence Clark, Forest Hill Field Club pro (Metropolitan district), took off 30 pounds by rigid dieting during the winter and is happy to discover that it has added 50 yards to his tee shots. . . . A street in Houston has been named after Jimmy Demaret, hero of the winter golf tour and a Houstonian. . . . Leonard Biles has taken up his duties as pro at the Watertown (N. Y.) GC. Mrs. Biles will act as manager. . . . One of Bill Entwistle's first acts when he began his duties as pro-greenkeeper at the Bellevue CC, Syracuse, N. Y., 26 years ago was to sign Jimmy DiMarco as his assistant on the course. Both Bill and Jimmy are still teaming up 100% at

Bellevue today, a fact that brought forth a feature article in a recent issue of the *Syracuse Post-Standard*.

*All tournaments the USGA has scheduled for 1940 are at clubs whose superintendents are GSA members. . . . Ralph Guldahl recently toured the Manito (Spokane, Wash.) G&CC course in 65; the round was made in an exhibition match that featured Guldahl and Johnny Revolva against Bud Ward, Amateur champion, and Ken Storey. . . . Traps for Japanese beetles will be painted yellow this year; this color has been found most attractive to the beetle. . . . Students and faculty members at the U. of Pittsburgh are learning the game in a golf school recently begun at Pitt. Two lessons a week are supervised by Sam Parks, former National Open champion.*

The first hole-in-one ever officially recorded on the Fessenden (N. D.) GC course was made by the club's president, H. D. McGuinness, this spring while playing the first 1940 round of golf on that course. . . . Four Detroit professionals played an unusual test of golf on May 19—an 18-hole medal play event on 18 of the most difficult holes selected from 18 golf courses in the Detroit district. Pros competing were Al Watrous, Joe Belfore, Jack Winney, and Bob Sutherland. . . . The greenkeepers' group formerly known as the Toledo District Greenkeepers Assn. is now "The Northwestern Ohio Golf Superintendents Assn." . . . Guy Ingram, Vero Beach, Fla., took over the pro duties at the Boston Hills CC, Hudson, Ohio, in mid-April.

**Clubs Team-Up '85' Shooters**—The Kansas City GA, consisting of 10 private golf clubs in that area, is adopting a tournament idea that has been very successful in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The event is a competition between two-men teams with an average ability of about 85. Teams meet other teams in the competition in elimination matches. The matches are played at various clubs on Sunday afternoons. A 72-shooter must pick a player whose handicap is based on 98; or two who are handicapped for 85 may constitute a team.