

# Recent Golf Divots

THE New York State Golf Assn., in its recent annual meeting, decided to do completely away with the stymie. The motion for such action was carried unanimously. . . Pros visiting Florida this last winter are raving about "J. C.", husky Negro caddie at Bradenton CC. The word is that "he can positively hit a golf ball as far as Jimmy Thomson, or any man alive." . . . Midwest Greenkeepers' Assn. 1940 officers are Graham Johnson, Park Ridge CC, president; Ray Gerber, Glen Oak CC, vice-pres.; John Darrah, Beverly CC, re-elected secy.-treas. Directors elected were Harold Clemens, Al Purvey, Frank Mastroleo and Norman Johnson.

*Members of the Ryder Cup Squad made the statement that amateur golf is slowly, but surely, deteriorating, following the pros recent match with a team of star Texas amateurs, the simon-pures taking a 26 to 4 beating in a 2 and 4-ball charity match. "Not that these boys don't have fine shots," said one pro, "but it seems they fight an inferiority complex. They seemed awed by the very sight of the professionals" . . . Clarence L. Young, greenkeeper at the Springfield (Ohio) CC for the past 12 years, died Feb. 8 at his residence in Springfield, following an illness of eight weeks. He was 60 years old.*

On February 15 Willard Hutchinson assumed his new duties as pro at the Valley Club of Montecito in Santa Barbara, one of the wealthiest clubs in California. Hutchinson had previously held pro posts at the Pasadena and La Cumbre clubs. . . Don Schumacher, Texas amateur champion and one of the finest golfers Texas ever developed, is considering turning pro. . . Sammy Byrd signed recently to become the playing pro and assistant to George Sayers at the Merion GC (Philadelphia) this coming season. The former New York Yankees' baseball star had been assistant to Ed Dudley at the Philadelphia CC the last three years.

*Sayre, Okla's., golf-minded citizens can hardly wait for the golf season to arrive. The city council recently okayed the plan to build a 9-hole grass green course in Sayre, and work has already begun on the project. . . . A year ago the Manistee (Mich.) G&CC was so hard up financially*

*it was thought that the course would have to be abandoned. Today, the picture, happily, is entirely different. When new officers of the club were elected at the recent annual stockholders' meeting, the treasurer's report revealed the organization is now entirely free from debt and is able to start the 1940 season with a small cash balance. . . . John A. Monroe, secy.-treas., Iron River (Mich.) CC, reports a balance on hand of \$224.08, this being the first time since the establishment of the club that the figures are on the black, instead of the red, side of the ledger.*

A new golf course is virtually assured for Bluffton, Ohio, golfers this summer. It is planned to establish the 9-hole course on a 74-acre farm two miles south of Bluffton. . . . George S. Turpie, pro at New Orleans' Audubon club, has been named president of the New Orleans Professional Golfers Assn. Turpie, known as the "dean" of the pros in that section, has held pro positions in the New Orleans district for 30 years. . . . The USGA has 'cracked down' on the practice of removing loose impediments on the green with a putter, by adding this footnote to Rule 29 (1) in the 1940 issue of the Rules of Golf: "Testing the surface especially prepared for putting by roughing or scraping it with a club or otherwise will be considered as placing a mark on the putting green, and the player will be subject to the penalties of this Rule."

*Bob Alva, assistant pro at Lakeside GC, Hollywood, Calif., has been named pro at the Hillview (Calif.) club. . . . A new clubhouse is going up at the Bear Hill GC, Wakefield, Mass. This replaces the club structure destroyed by fire last September with a loss estimated at that time at about \$15,000. . . . George Fazio has signed as pro at the Glendale CC, Glenolden, Pa. The 27-year old Fazio has been one of the Philadelphia district's first-flight pros for three years. . . . Charles Erickson, veteran course superintendent at Minneapolis' famed Minikahda CC, is in his 40th year of greenkeeping.*

Wes Ferrell, veteran pitcher, won the baseball players' golf championship for the second straight time when he defeated Jack Russell, former Chicago Cubs hurler, 2 and 1, in their final 36-hole match at

the Palma Ceia club, Tampa, Fla. George Jacobus was publicity director for the successful tournament; Henry Bolesta was host pro. . . . Edwin L. Lennox, 81-year old president of the Indianapolis (Ind.) District Golf Assn., was recently feted by admirers, who gave him a testimonial birthday dinner party in the city's Columbia Club. His age is still par for him, and it started being that when he was 71, because during his 71st year he played several 18-hole rounds in that figure.

*Modesto (Calif.) golfers point with pride to their excellently operated and conditioned municipal golf course, which not so long ago was little more than a goat pasture. There are now 115 players holding memberships, and last year there were 32,793 rounds played over the layout. Ian Macdonald is pro at the course. . . . Mrs. J. Frank Guthrie, 68, manager of the Cypress Point CC, Monterey, Calif., died Feb. 4 from injuries suffered in a fall. Affectionately known as 'Ma' Guthrie to hosts of society folk and golfers throughout the West, she had managed the San Francisco G&CC before moving to Cypress Point in 1922. . . . Virgil E. Morey, pro at Stadium GCse, Terre Haute, Ind., for several years, has been named manager-pro at Brazil's (Ind.) municipal golf course.*

## Purdue Golf Clinic Plans are Maturing

THE Golf Clinic to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., on April 10-11, under the sponsorship of the PGA, is an educational feature that will be listed right at the top of important PGA functions for 1940, and every member of the association who can possibly attend is being urged to do so, according to Frank Sprogell, Grand Rapids, Mich., division vice-president.

PGA officials have been working out details of the Clinic with M. L. Clevett, Purdue Recreation Director, who has assured the complete cooperation of the university to make the Clinic successful in every way. There will be four separate sessions: the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 10, and the morning and afternoon of Thursday, April 11. Tom Walsh, PGA president; Capt. Charles Clarke, secretary; Alex Cunningham, division vice-president, and Sprogell will act as chairmen at these sessions. All PGA

members attending will hear lectures in psychology, public relations work, salesmanship and other subjects of value to all golf professionals.

Highlights of Wednesday's program are: pros' inspection and reporting own ideas of Purdue's new golf layout; moving pictures and golf instruction demonstration (especially for Purdue students); an indoor demonstration—"Golf Show," with Tom Walsh at the "mike" and group class instruction technique (300 Purdue students as golf pupils).

Alex Cunningham will act as chairman at Thursday morning's sessions. Subjects include: "Golf in High Schools and Colleges"; "In Behalf of the 'Average Golfer'"; "Selling Yourself, Your Services, Your Merchandise"; and golf aptitude tests. Thursday p. m. Capt. Clarke will supervise the showing of movies—as an instruction aid; animated pictures; research and recent developments in golf; and an outdoor demonstration of golf technique on the Purdue 3-hole course and intramural field.

Some of the leading tournament professionals are expected to be on hand for the Clinic, and every member of the association who attends is expected to take an active part in the sessions, especially in the group lesson instruction. Walsh, in discussions with Purdue officials, has brought up the idea of a regular PGA sponsored short course of from 4 to 6 weeks, at Purdue, and possibilities along this line seem very promising at present.

## Snappy Selling Job Done by Club Booklet

OLYMPIA FIELDS (Ill.) CC has just issued one of the finest, most compact booklets on the club—what it offers, that we have seen for quite a while. The booklet is printed in two colors, contains 16 pages, and space is given to picturing and describing every club department and outstanding club activities. The history of the club is given, plus diagrams and description of the four Olympia Fields' courses.

GOLFDOM has been noticing a return to some of the more elaborate country club booklets in recent months; a healthy sign, and good too, for club membership committees who, in many cases, have been sadly lacking in readily available facts concerning their clubs when starting out on membership solicitation.