

For the first time in the 35 years of the NY Metropolitan GA Open championship, the final has been scheduled for Sunday. Dates: May 24-26; at Forest Hill Field club, Bloomfield, N. J. It's an effort to restore NY sectional championships as gallery attractions.

machinery, and from the water department it got a ditching machine. The grader, doing the work of about 10 teams, built the greens and tees, each with from 5,000 to 7,000 sq. ft. of surface, within a few days.

Experienced crews dug the ditches and laid the pipe to the tees, greens, and along the fairways at remarkably low costs. Nevertheless the use of machinery, labor, and materials all were charged against the course. The only chiseling on other departments was in the matter of trees. From the parks' nursery the course got 1,600 4-year-old trees without cost, but the city commission believed this was justified since the course has been made part of the parks system. To plant the trees, the city sponsored a WPA project, which represents the only relief work done on the course. All other work was done without government help.

The greens were seeded last summer with cocoos bent grass. W. A. McConnell, veteran Texas and Kansas professional, reports a fine stand of grass in spite of the rather severe winter. The fairways have been cultivated in preparation for the Bermuda grass seeding. However, care was taken not to destroy the native grasses, which will protect the Bermuda until it gets a good stand.

The result of the \$41,929.28 expenditure is a truly fine course—declare golfers who have been on the ground. It is 6,426 yards long, par 71. It will be remembered that this part of Texas not many years ago was dubbed a "dust bowl," and there were certain individuals who suggested its depopulation. Nothing of the sort has happened, of course. Amarillo in the last five years has gained more than 10% in population, and the trade territory surrounding it has done at least as well.

Mayor Rogers and the other commission members have dedicated the course to the people of the entire Panhandle area. They announced 50 cent week-day green fees, with a 75 cent charge for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

There are some new ideas embodied in the course construction. One instance of this is that trees serve as windbreaks,

as well as to outline the fairways, greens, and tees. Another example is that the course has no sand traps. The builders reasoned that since the winds whip sand out of the traps as fast as it can be carted in, they would get along without them. Sandless traps, they said, are unfair hazards. Instead, the course has grassy hollows, grassed embankments, and tree hazards.

This is all in the area long believed golf's great American desert. Nevertheless the Amarillo municipal course isn't the pioneer grass course in this section. Amarillo Country Club's grass course, also built by Mr. McConnell, is 12 years old. The city can claim, though, the only public 18-hole grass course in the Texas Panhandle, the only one between Wichita Falls, Texas, and Denver, Colo. It pioneers an entirely new field for grass green golf for public course players.

Amarillo public course players, in appreciation of the mayor's interest in the links, have named the new Amarillo munny the Ross Rogers Golf Course.

New "Golf in Schools" Book Emphasizes Pro Instruction

"GOLF in Schools" for 1940 has just been released by the National Golf Foundation. This booklet, containing useful information on extending golf participation in schools, was mailed all golf professionals as well as to the physical education departments of all high schools and colleges in the United States.

The book emphasizes the need of competent golf professionals in school instruction work and contains among other interesting informative articles, one by Ray Hall, chairman of the PGA committee on college and high school golf, outlining the methods successfully employed in teaching high school and college classes fundamentals of the game.

Space is also given to the Pasadena plan of coordinating schools and municipal courses, and an article by Tom Walsh, PGA president, points out the part professionals in America are taking in the national program of increasing participation in golf by the student bodies of schools and colleges throughout the country.

Any pro who has not received a copy of "Golf in Schools" may obtain same by addressing the National Golf Foundation, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, enclosing 5c to cover cost of mailing and handling.