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## GOLF DIVOTS OF THE MONTH

E<sup>D</sup> "Porky" Oliver has returned to the golfing wars, after making a quick trip east in response to an urgent call from his draft board in Wilmington, Del. Oliver, who has been deferred because of his status of sole support of his parents, had the following to say about what the draft would do to a pro golfer: "Army life would be the ruin of a pro golfer unless, of course, he was fortunate enough to be assigned to a Southern camp where he might use any leisure hours to hit out practice shots and try to keep his edge." . . . E. E. Van Meter, pro at Troy (Ohio) CC, on Jan. 14, was attacked and beaten by thieves when he chanced upon them while they were ransacking the clubhouse. Van Meter, while receiving severe bruises, was not seriously injured.

Old Dominion GC, Newport News. Va., has announced plans for the construction of a new 18-hole course. The club was forced to vacate its present site when the city annexed the property preparatory to beginning construction on housing facilities for the national defense program. . . . Robert Bruce Harris, golf architect, has been selected to lav out 9 new holes at the Janesville (Wis.) muny course. . . . One of the hockey centers in New Jersey is the Essex Fells CC where Billy Lynch, assistant pro, and Albie Leitch have developed the "Comanches."

A remodeling program at the Evansville (Ind.) CC, to cost \$45,000, has gotten under way and will be completed by early April. The entire clubhouse will be remodeled, enlarged and decorated. . . . In a move to establish closer and more cordial relations with the people of San Bernardino, Calif., Arrowhead Springs hotel officials recently offered to give its country club and golf course to the community, Erec-

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MERCK & CO. Inc. RAHWAY, N. J. Manufacturing Chemists NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA ST. LOUIS In Canada: Merck & Co. Ltd., Montreal and Toronto tion of a \$15,000 clubhouse was the only major obligation asked. . . . Joe Valentine was recently elected to his third term as president of the Philadelphia Assn. of Golf Course Superintendents.

Officers of the Central Ohio Greenkeepers Assn. for 1941 are: pres., Glen Van Voorhis; vice-pres., John McCoy; secy-treas., Bob Williams; state director, Mac Parsons. . . . Immediate construction has been ordered on a new \$50,000 clubhouse at the Stockdale (Calif.) G&CC. This building will replace the one which burned last July. . . . Eddie Kirk, pro at the Glen Oak club in the Detroit district, has taken his physical examination and will probably become the first of Detroit's leading golfers to be taken under the Selective Service Act. . . . Clubhouse at the Topeka (Kans.) CC burned the night of January 2, with \$10,000 damage resulting. Members had not decided at this writing whether to repair, or build new clubhouse.

The GSA is organizing a speakers bureau, and is appealing to all who can speak on a given turf subject to have their names listed with the association. . . . L. B. Sipe of Broadmoor CC, has been elected president of the Oregon-Washington Greenkeepers Assn. . . . Carl "Gus" Hook of Mount Pleasant, Baltimore muny layout, has been named new president of the Mid-Atlantic Greenkeepers Assn. . . . Frank Maples, Pinehurst, N. C., superintendent, is making a fine recovery from a recent illness. . . . Lincoln (Nebr.) CC is planning a \$10,000 remodeling job that will include furniture replacements, a new kitchen. room rearrangement and general decoration.

Johnny Malutic has been named pro at the Hawthorne CC, Cleveland. Malutic, unattached since he held the pro position at the Mahoning CC two years ago, succeeds Luke Ross, who recently resigned. . . There has been wholesale turnover in the pro jobs at Indianapolis district clubs since the '40



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season ended. Changes have been announced at the Meridian Hills, Hillcrest, Lake Shore, and Speedway clubs. In addition, there will be a new assistant pro at Highland G&CC, and it is likely a new pro will be named at the South Grove muny layout.

Denny Shute is making a great comeback on the current winter circuit. On the shelf for many months with an injured wrist, then an appendectomy, Denny has been shooting fine golf in the West Coast tournaments. . . . Jock Cairns, former golf professional at Peoria, Ill., and operator of a golf school there. died Jan. 8 in Long Beach, Calif. Jock had been in ill health for several years. . . . Roy Smith, recently ap. pointed Meridian Hills (Indianapolis district) pro, opened a free golf school for women only, January 29 at the Bush-Feezle Sporting Goods Co. store in Indianapolis. . . . Ray E. Livermore is the new manager at the South Shore CC (Buffalo, N. Y.). He succeeds Edward Metzger.

A fee of \$3.00 is being charged non-members of the GSA for admittance to the Detroit convention's educational sessions. Club officials of GSA members, however, will be admitted free. . . . Herb Shave, general chairman of the 15th annual GSA convention, was first president of the Michigan-Border Cities Golf Supts. Assn, official convention host. . . . Don Boyd deserves a hand for the fine job done in his capacity as GSA show chairman. There is more exhibit space reserved for the '41 show in Detroit, Feb. 4-7, than ever before.

Connecticut Assn. of Golf Course Supts. 1941 officers are: pres., A. M. Locke, Longmeadow (Mass.) CC; vice-president, Edward J. Casey, Wykagyl CC, New Rochelle, N. Y.; secy-treas., Charles Traverse, Mill River CC, Stratford, Conn. A. B. Longo, Woodbridge Hills CC, Woodbridge, Conn., was chosen asst. secytreas. Added to the board of directors for a 3 year term was Irving R. Pierson, managing superintendent of New Haven (Conn.) Municipal GC.