

**Golf Promotion Committee**—Great impetus given golf in schools and colleges in 1940 by PGA sectional, national and individual efforts and coordination with National Golf Foundation. High school and college student group of 7,000,000 studied as market for tripling number of American golfers within next decade.

Class lesson methods being made more effective by study and exchange of experiences of pro leaders in this work.

Junior competitive events encouraged by pro attention and development of entrants.

Propose closer cooperation with inter-collegiate championship.

Cite Michigan PGA formation of state school golf extension program.

**Secretary Charles Clarke**—Total membership: 1,900. Increase of 44 from 1939. Secretary's office received 12,258 letters and 200 wires during the year.

**Board of Trustees**—Proposed benefit match fund-raising for maintaining PGA insurance policies of drafted members.

Loans and other payments from Benevolent fund for the fiscal year were \$4,622.25.

**Publicity Committee**—Senior's championship, golf clinics, golf "weeks," annual "get-together" dinners of pros, amateurs, sports writers, reported as having produced especially large volume of favorable publicity for pro golf.

**Manufacturers' Relations Committee**—Policed misuse of PGA label on store-sold goods.

Wrote officials of companies whose purchasing agents were buying golf goods "wholesale" for employees.

Asked discontinuance of store demonstrations during tournaments by players on manufacturers' staffs. Contracts with some players whose names are on goods also sold at stores prevented complete discontinuance of practice. Legal and public relations angles make the situation delicate for PGA. Curtailment of demonstrations was agreed upon.

Expressed appreciation for manufacturers' advertising pushing pro golf instruction and other services.

Proposed study and report on golf manufacturing and distribution problems to be made by committee of 3 neutral businessmen.

**Tournament Committee**—Suggested national pro-woman tournament with sectional qualifying rounds.

Proposed publication of booklet of PGA tournament rules and regulations.

Proposed naming of honorary Ryder Cup team for 1941, notwithstanding probable inability to play the matches.

Expressed pleasure at visit of Argentine pros.

Announced renewal of Tournament Bureau Manager Fred Corcoran's contract for 1941.

**Tournament Bureau Mgr. Fred Corcoran**—Renewed every 1940 tournament for 1941. Conducted 26 tournaments in fiscal year; purses totaled \$160,000.

Suggested that PGA-sponsored tournaments allow free admission to boys and girls younger than 16, also free gate for groups of school-age children.

**Educational Committee**—Based 1940 work on study of member questionnaire. Clinic and magazine educational publicity was featured.

Declared for further study of educational needs of members and recommended that each section conduct its own business clinic.

## Boys' Camp Solves Wheeling's Caddie Problem

**CADDIE** shortage that became acute in several districts in late summer 1940, revived interest in caddie recruiting and training. A notable job in this field is being done at Oglebay Park, Wheeling (W. Va.) municipal course.

Homer Fish, supt. of Oglebay Park, tells that the caddie camp was started because it was noticed that many of the caddies were under-privileged boys who left home as early as 4 and 5 a.m. Many of the boys went without breakfast or lunch. Their activities enroute to the course and at the course awaiting employment frequently were ruinous to property and made discipline difficult.

The Oglebay Park GC raised \$1,000 for setting up and operating a caddie camp. A kitchen and dormitory were put in two buildings formerly used as a CCC camp. A camp director was employed and 40 boys were enrolled for the camp's first season. The boys paid sufficient amount from their earnings to make the camp self-supporting.

The kids chosen were those who were regulars in week-day and week-end caddying. They became educational and control influences on the kids who were en-

gaged to handle the heavy weekend demand for boys. As the caddie camp became practically a country club for kids, and on a very low cost basis, youngsters clamored to get admitted. The camp put the underprivileged kids on a wholesome living basis and definitely improved their social relations inasmuch as the place grew into high desirability with kids from all classes of families. It proved to be a good job of democracy at work.

Most of the youngsters saved fairly substantial sums during the summer and returned to school in excellent physical and temperamental condition.

Success of the camp as a "boy's town" enterprise attracted much interest in Wheeling and received recognition from a local good fellow in the form of a recreation building and dining hall. There is in prospect construction of sleeping cottages and more extensive toilet facilities.

Pro Bob Biery solicited a fund that paid 18 of the first camp's stars a bonus of \$5 each, which was paid at the annual caddie banquet.

Program of the caddie camp day includes nature study tours with a competent field man in charge, camp maintenance, green weeding, caddie instruction, golf, swimming, crafts and evening study and recreation, in addition, of course, to the usual caddie duties.

Eighty-five boys attended the Oglebay Bay camp during the first season. The kids were charged \$5 a week. Earnings averaged \$6.50 a week.

Physical examinations were given the caddies. The job of feeding the boys was expertly and abundantly done.

## Sarasota Again Is Scene of PGA Seniors Event

THE twenty-fifth anniversary year of the PGA will be fittingly launched January 10-12 when seniors of that organization meet in Sarasota, Florida, for the annual Seniors championship. The tournament will be played at the Sarasota Bay CC, which, while known as the North Shore CC was one of the two courses over which last year's seniors' event was played.

The players agreed after last year's tournament that they did not wish to again split the tournament between two courses; accordingly the entire event will be played at the Sarasota Bay course, a private club

which offers one of Florida's outstanding courses.

In voting a spot for this year's tournament, it was decided to return to Sarasota where George Jacobus, at the Bobby Jones course, had provided so well for the veterans, and their wives, last year. This year Jacobus is engaged as managing director at the Sarasota Bay club and will again have the opportunity to act as host and provide every enjoyment for the pros' honored group.

### Hackbarth Holds Title

Defending seniors' champion is Otto Hackbarth, who won the 1940 title only after two 18-hole playoffs with Jock Hutchison, with both players shooting golf of the variety expected only from golf's younger tournament stars. An invitation has been extended by the seniors to all the younger PGA members to attend the championship and join in the silver anniversary celebration and the seniors' annual reunion.

Seniors' officers are: Pres., Dave Ogilvie, Augusta (Ga.) CC; Vice-Pres., W. C. Sherwood, Memphis G&CC; Secy., Capt. Charles Clarke, Willoughby, Ohio.

## Proposes Fee Courses Issue Rain Checks

GEORGE HERMANN, of the L. A. Young Golf Co., tees up an idea: Says George:

"After the beating weather gave golf in 1940, we'd be negligent if we didn't study every possibility of protecting the game against decreases in play resulting from adverse weather conditions.

"One hunch that pops up is the use of rain-checks. That helped baseball reduce its weather problem. The idea can be applied at fee courses by issuing rain-checks good for a week-day 18 holes, free in the morning or at about ½ price in the afternoon, according to how the traffic is distributed on week-days.

"If a fellow hasn't played more than 9 holes and gets rained out, he deserves price consideration for coming to the course when the weather's threatening.

"If he gets a good soaking during his 9-holes the chances are that locker-room income from him while he's drying outwardly won't make the issuance of a rain-check much of a net loss to the fee course."