

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."