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GOLF DOTS AND DASHES

BY the time this issue reaches its readers, practically every golf club will have completed its "official season opening" ceremonies and will be well under way with what promises to be the biggest golf season in history—and that statement is backed up with plenty of facts. Pronouncements this spring from clubs already open for play are, by a wide margin, the most optimistic in years.

To settle down to some specific instances of "what's going on" at golf clubs during the past month—the new Parris Island (S. C.) GC was opened recently at the Marine base; gala ceremonies marked the opening. Pro at the club is Sergeant Ray. . . . Buster Peel, 23 years old, has been named pro at the University of Kansas City club for the '41 season. He succeeds Leland Pyle, who has signed as pro at the Ivanhoe CC in K. C. . . . The first phase of a remodeling project has been completed at the Mattoon (Ill.) CC. It's a lounge room in the basement of the club. Not yet started, but scheduled for completion before the sum-

mer season opens is the construction of a pro-shop and caddie house.

New tees have been constructed at the Monett (Mo.) GCse, which now makes the layout (9 greens) an '18-hole course'. . . . Clubs in the Boston area celebrated Patriots' Day in April with gala and varied programs. In Brockton, Jug McSpaden was a special guest at the Thorny Lea GC and gave an interesting and instructive exhibition of shots. Various tournament and dinner-dances were the order of the day at surrounding clubs. . . . Dave Hendry has resigned as pro at the Maysville (Ky.) CC to accept a government position as inspector of defense materials.

From a recent clipping, and a condition that clubs everywhere should make every effort to control insofar as possible: "Probably the most harassed spectators in any form of sports are those who follow a golf match. They must have the speed of a sprinter, the stamina of a marathoner and the nerve of a

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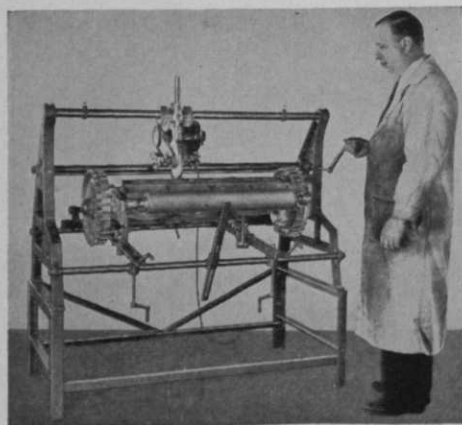
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book-peddler as they scamper around the course from one vantage point to another to watch their favorites." Gallery attendants well schooled in their duties, and the setting up of grandstands and scoreboards at several strategic points over the course, will help considerably in alleviating this problem.

Herman Keiser, who enjoyed moderate success on the recent winter circuit, took up his new duties as pro at the Firestone CC, Akron, Ohio, in early April. . . . Jack Redmond, trick-shot golfer, is planning a driving range and clubhouse in the Miami, Fla., district, at a cost of \$35,000. Approximately \$25,000 will be spent on the 2-story clubhouse. . . . Henry Clay Poe, returning for his second year at the Reading (Pa.) CC, was accompanied by his bride. She is the former Lillian Craig of Durham, N. C. . . . The site of the new clubhouse to be built at the McCook (Nebr.) CC has been determined, and the stakes set for the construction of the foundation. Actual building operations will get under way shortly.

Indiana greenkeepers at their annual meeting elected Everett Whitehead, Highland G&CC, president. Tex Harvey was re-elected secy-treas. . . . Hans Moen of the Broadmoor Club is the new prexy of the Oregon-Washington Greenkeepers



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August 20th edition of the Boston (Mass.) Globe carried an 8 column illustrated writeup on "Why the Grass is Always Greener on a Golf Course Than on Your Lawn." . . . Rackham public course in Detroit is to be equipped with a fairway watering system. . . . New clubhouse of the Cambridge (Mass.) muni golf course was officially opened April 19. There are locker accommodations for 183 persons. Cafeteria, men's locker-rooms, showers, pro-shop and boiler room are located in the basement of the building. . . . Jack Beckett is starting his 26th year as Yountakah CC, Nutley, N. J., pro. He's been in the golf business since starting as shop boy for George Low at

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A legal battle between golfers and pigs was continued indefinitely by Justice of the Peace G. H. Miller when Dave Groggins, hog rancher, promised to build a new dining table for his swine. The Hillview CC, San Jose, Calif., brought Groggins into court on a charge of maintaining a public nuisance because his ranch next to the golf course "exuded unpleasant odors" that impaired the golfers' games. . . . Henry Picard, pro the past 7 years at the Hershey (Pa.) CC, was tendered an elaborate farewell dinner by members of the Hershey club. An armchair for his new home in Oklahoma City (Henry was recently named pro at the O. C. Twin Hills club) was given Picard by Hershey members.

Officers of the Carolinas PGA Section, newest of the regular PGA sections are: pres., George Slingerland; vice-pres., Arthur Ham; secy-treas., Guy Paulsen. . . . C. C. Darnell, Minneapolis GC member, has been named chairman of the steering committee which will bring about the formation of the Northwest District Golf Assn. The meeting was held at Town and Country Club, St. Paul; Nine clubs

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in the Twin City area have already approved the plan. . . . Forsyth CC, Winston-Salem, N. C., is in the midst of a reconstruction program. A new clubhouse, fairway watering system, and changes in course design are now under construction.

Darsie L. Darsie, widely quoted veteran golf writer of Los Angeles, recently devoted several of his columns to describing Bill Hickey's boost of school boy and girl golf. Bill's plan coordinated Pasadena Park Department and Junior High School physical education functions to give students golf lessons, memberships in the Pasadena Junior Golf Assn., 15-cent green fees for 9 holes, and club rental at a 15-cent rate.

Pete Norton, sports editor of the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune, suggests that Cuba is ripe for inclusion in the winter golf circuit. He tips off the PGA that Col. Jaime Marine, sports director of Cuba, is favorably inclined toward sports promotions that get American newspaper datelines. Norton also proposes that Harry Root, Jr., pres. of the Tampa Golf Assn., appoint a 10-man committee to begin work on a \$5,000 Tampa Open. . . . The Tobacco Belt golf league has been reor-

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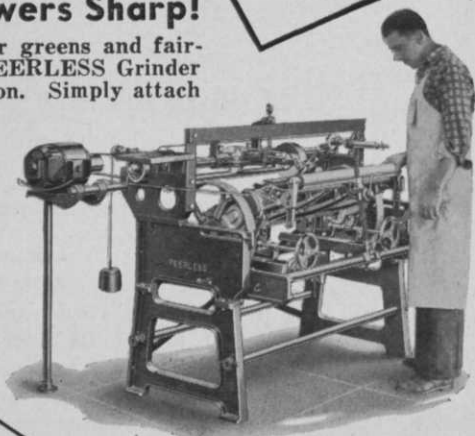
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How a title boosts pro business is demonstrated by Joe Paletti, pro at Fairfield (Ia.) CC. Joe won the Iowa PGA title last year in a play-off with Vic Bass. Paletti's lesson business took an immediate hike and this spring there is more golf interest at the Fairfield club than ever before. . . . California CC awarded a box of 1 doz. golf balls to each member who got a new member during a membership drive. . . . An interesting trick event for some Saturday is suggested by Johnny Simpson, Chicago district pro. Johnny had an event in which 5 ft circles were drawn around each flag and any shot coming to rest within these circles was considered to be holed out. . . . Tommy Wright, whose 132 made at East Lake (Atlanta district) in the 1939 National Open qualifying rounds was low for the nation that year, has been signed as pro at the Longwood CC, Dyer, Ind. The Longwood club is opening the new season with a roster numbering 215 members.

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