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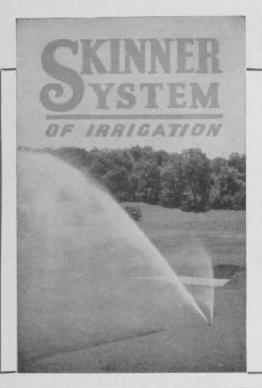


Golf Dots.... and Dashes---

By K. R. SUTPHIN

THE Hale America Open tournament, dedicated to the improvement of the general public's health in connection with national civilian defense, will be the most important war relief event ever conducted in the game. The tournament will be held July 18-21 at the Ridgemoor CC in the Chicago district. The event, which will be a 72-hole medal play competition with 18-hole rounds each of the four days, will be under the direction of the USGA championship committee, of which Francis Ouimet is chairman. . . . Annual winter dance of the Chicago district Club Managers Assn. was held January 21 at the Medinah Club on N. Michigan Ave.

John Edgar Thompson (Pop) Warner, veteran golf pro, died January 19 in Rome, Ga., at the age of 60



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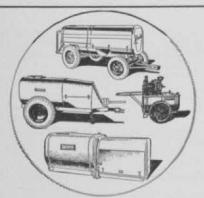
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. . . Quoting an AP January 24 dateline from London: "When the Bank of England recently transported its facilities to a more isolated region its staff built a golf course near headquarters." !! . . . New and earlier dates for the \$15,000 Tam O'Shanter Open tournament, which will run concurrently with the All-American amateur, have been announced by President George S. May. The tournament, originally scheduled for September, will be held July 13-19.

Women's Western Golf Assn. has voted to donate its share of the gate receipts of its tourneys to war relief. The tournaments at which gate receipts are received are the Open, scheduled for Elmhurst (Ill.) CC. June 22-27, and the Amateur, to be held at San Antonio (Texas) CC, October 26-31. . . . Following an illness of two years, James Gillison, 69, resident of Portland, Ore., for the last 30 years and the golfer credited with introducing the game in the Northwest, died December 20 in Portland. ... 1942 officers of the Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. are: pres., John Darrah,

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Comment from various sections indicate forthcoming spring's news will not include references to threatened or actual caddie strikes. In discussing the problem many golfers say inability to engage kids will result in players either using carts, or carrying their own bags of 7 to 9 clubs and reducing golf expenses appre-ciably. Annual national caddie bill is estimated at about \$13,000,000. . . . Stuart Henderson reports opinions of pros at a Connecticut meeting: "Wealthier clubs will experience little change. Smaller clubs in for a bad year. Equipment buying which began last fall promises heavy play, Pros who have been careless about their credit rating won't be able to get shop merchandise. Course maintenance standard slump inevitable."

Carl J. Suedhoff, sec.-mgr., Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC, says club publicity If you want

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New York Philadelphia St. Louis In Canada: Merck & Co. Ltd., Montreal and Toronto in newspapers this season will need smarter push than ever before to fortify value of club as social as well as sports center. Suedhoff says pictures of members' children are surest to make society pages. . . . Bel-Air CC (Los Angeles district) has prepared its clubhouse for operation during blackouts. "Keep fit and fighting" is Bel-Air slogan in reminding its members of the club's many facilities for recreation, relaxation and exercise.

Fred J. Busch, Box 1982, Cristobal, C. Z., formerly pro at Cincinnati, O., is instructing soldiers in the Canal Zone. Fred wants to install practice ranges for soldiers in outlying camps but is shy of equipment for operating these ranges. The boys would appreciate used clubs and old balls. . . . Variety, amusement business journal, advises show people to "Lose the Blackout Blues." . . . Club Managers Assn. has been campaigning to get pay-check deduction plan for buying defense stamps widely adopted by club employees.

Dealers at the National Sporting Goods Assn. 12th annual convention, Chicago, Jan. 18-21, clamored for golf balls at manufacturers' exhibits. . . . Arrangements were made for a survey of sports rubber requirements. . . . Survey was suggested by OCD Physical Fitness Division. . . . Ray Hill of Fitness staff made a stirring practical address, counseling sports goods factors to get together and demonstrate war-time value of their business. . . . Fitness campaign and sports trade tied together, as campaign will be weakened by sports goods shortage. ... Folks don't go with zest for ropeskipping, peasant dances, and one-andtwo - and - three-bend-and-grunt exercises.

GOLFDOM'S suggestion that golfers use defense stamps for settling golf bets has been extensively adopted. Two Pinehurst (N. C.) bridge players propose golfers' use of the stamps as wagering tender be adopted by bridge players. . . Clubs selling stamps in 10c and 25c denominations should have clubhouse signs promoting the sales. . . . Darsie L. Darsie reports in his column Green Tee that Los Angeles district courses saw greatest December play in their history. . . .

L. A. Open set a new attendance record. . . . Griffith Park's 45 holes of public golf are crowded daily.

Bob O'Link GC, Chicago district men-only club, tells its members "In these days of national strain, the hours we can find for rejuvenating recreation under the sky at Bob O'Link have suddenly become doubly precious. There will always be a Bob O'Link!" . . . Walter McCallum reports from Washington, D C., "In spite of war and long working hours in Federal service, the golfers who work for Uncle Sam will have a schedule prepared for them." . . . Neighboring golf clubs in numerous communities are considering engaging school busses during off-hours to care for club member transportation. . . . A daily fee course owner plans his 1942 season advertising to feature the line, "When you come here to play you can buy a ball."

President Charles E. Curtiss, 2d, of Wampanoag CC, in the club's Echo writes: "Some holes on a golf course are more difficult than others; so are some years in a golf club more difficult than others. When we come to a difficult hole we do not pick up and go to the next easier hole. But rather the difficult hole is a challenge to our skill as a golfer. So should the hard years of a golf club be a challenge to our executive ability. We should not be afraid of them and resign from the club because we cannot see ahead." Also from the Wampanoag Echo: "Your pro George Siebert will have golf balls by Jan. 10. They will be given out on an allotment basis, as that is the only way he is getting his. Please let him know how many you will want for the coming season and he will try to take care of us all."

Wally Mund, Midland Hills (St. Paul) CC pro, and PGA vice-pres., is the proud father of an 8 lb. 4 oz. baby girl. Birth date was December 19. . . Officers of the Nebraska Greenkeepers Assn. for 1942 are: Orville Belknap, Lincoln CC, reelected president; Oscar Johnson, Happy Hollow Club, Omaha, vice-pres.; John Peterson, secy-treas. . . . The \$5,000 Mahoning Valley Open, which opens the summer pro tourney swing, will be held June 4-7. Event is held at the Mahoning CC, Girard, Ohio.

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