

oughly adequate for the purpose intended, and release many thousands of pounds of brass needed for defense use. The synthetic "rubber" now being used for gasoline pump, and military fuel pipe lines, re-

inforced with rayon, may in later days go into lighter, tougher, weather and rot-proof irrigation hose. Just now, no red or green hose is allowed to be made, only black and brown.

## CHICAGO, DETROIT DISTRICTS TELL '41 HIGHLIGHTS; '42 RECOMMENDATIONS

**T**WENTY-EIGHTH annual meeting of the Chicago District Golf Assn. on Dec. 16 played to a full house of over 450 golf officials and committeemen. The turnout included presidents from 42 member clubs of the 65 in the association. The new president of the CDGA is Thomas G. McMahon (Skokie CC), succeeding Maynard G. Fessenden (Bob O' Link GC).

Highlights of the annual report:

**Caddie Committee:** Organization of club caddies throughout the district was most satisfactory during '41 and an adequate supply of boys are available for next season. But the war effort will bring smaller boys into the picture and it is up to clubs to recommend and golfers to use lighter bags and fewer clubs.

**Green Section Committee:** Urged a budget of \$250 in place of the \$25 budget heretofore available, in order that the chairman might have the funds to organize and hold several meetings each season with interested officials and greensmen.

**Handicap Committee:** Found that the CDGA handicapping system is sound and practicable. Ratings of course difficulty are equitable and district handicaps of individual players are working out well for all classes of golfers.

**Open Tournament Committee:** Chicago Open, held at Elmhurst CC on July 18-20, brought a profit to the association of \$4,741.09.

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Highlights from the 1941 annual report of the Detroit District Golf Assn.:  
Empire Day tournament .....\$2,000  
British War Relief .....no record of amount  
USO Ryder Cup-Jones team event.....18,000  
United China Relief ..... 2,500

**Publicity committee** put in scrap book about 8,500 column inches, representing at display advertising rates about \$70,000.

Income of \$1,882 from sale of handicap cards.

**Caddie Welfare committee** recommended that organizations playing at DDGA clubs be required to give a written guarantee as to number of caddies required and to pay on that basis. Michigan Dept. of Labor enforcing caddie minimum age of 14 years and require working permits for boys between 14 and 18. Employment of caddies 14 to 16 years old approved by Labor Dept. for twilight golf. Due to caddie shortage the DDGA is trying to get Labor Dept. to lower caddie age limit to 13 years. Lighter bags recommended. DDGA and Women's District Assn. to hold major events when caddies are not in school.

**Green Committee** reported rainfall 4 inches under normal for season; much brown-patch, dollar-spot and insect pest trouble. Hour rate paid workmen by reporting clubs varied from 60 to 75c. Entire maintenance cost (exclusive of clubhouse grounds, tennis courts, swimming pools, etc.) ranged from \$12,812.59 to \$19,887.

Slight falling off in private and public course play reported.

**A**N advertisement in the leading German golf publication, which has continued surprisingly strong through the war, offers lifetime playing privileges on all German golf courses to the inventor of an ersatz golf ball.

Chief specifications of the ball are: "Diameter of at least 41 mm., maximum weight 46 grms., high elasticity and resilience, and an even, high resistance to hits."

President of the German Golf Assn., who signed the advertisement, conceded that it was unlikely that any substitute material would possess all desired characteristics but said "even a partial solution can be of decisive use and pave the way for later, surprising results."