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Golf Dots and Dashes ---

By K. R. SUTPHIN

TWENTY-THREE Detroit district semi-public golf clubs, comprising the membership of the Metropolitan (Detroit) Golf Assn., will be available to non-commissioned members of the Army at half the usual green-fee rates, for the duration. . . . George W. Blossom, Jr., retiring chairman of the USGA museum committee, and president-elect of the USGA, with the assistance of Earle F. Tilley of the museum committee, has drawn up a form whereby individuals possessing collections of golf articles and books who might consider leaving them to the association, can include such a bequeath in their wills, on the USGA form.

F. A. Vediola, chief accountant, Medinah (Ill.) CC, has informed GOLFDOM he will be glad to effect an exchange of financial reports with other interested

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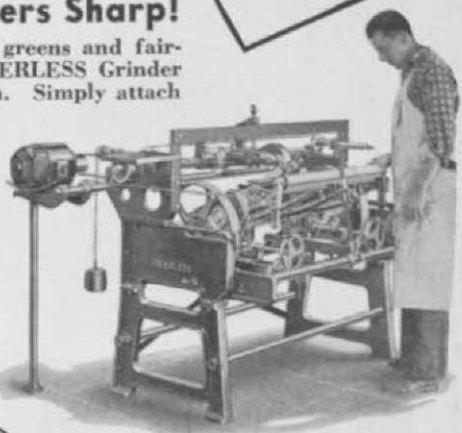
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clubs. . . Freddie Corcoran, PGA tournament bureau manager, and recently appointed to the post of golf deputy of the Division of Physical Fitness by John B. Kelly, asst. director, Office of Civilian Defense, recommended, and saw appointed, Bobby Jones, Craig Wood, and Ed Dudley as golf advisers to the Hale America movement now being launched by the Civilian Defense division. . . Brooke Grubb, one of the most colorful sports figures in Metropolitan Washington, is now a golfer. Last year Brooke opened a driving range north of Silver Spring, and in the course of affairs, he took up golf. Brooke's regular Sunday feature at the range was a driving contest, mule race, softball game and free beer.

Harry Cooper has signed a long term contract as pro at Golden Valley GC in Minneapolis. . . Skip Alexander, North and South amateur champion, started his professional golfing career in the recent Miami Open. He failed to qualify for the final two rounds. . . Clarence Gamber, pro at the Tam O'Shanter club, Detroit, died of a heart attack in early December. Gamber was noted as one of the game's longest drivers. . . Joe Roseman, veteran golf pro-

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The air-conditioned seed warehouse and store of Stumpp & Walter Co., which is its neighborhood's only modern steel, stone and concrete building, has been selected by the New York City defense council as a daytime air raid shelter. S&W's staff is receiving regular drill on handling people in an emergency, and two wardens are being kept on duty. The sub-basement and third floor of the building have been cleared of equipment, emergency supplies have been put in and windows have been blacked-out.

Normandy Isle GC, Miami Beach's new \$700,000 golf layout, was opened formally December 18 with an exhibition match between Craig Wood, Normandy Isle head pro, paired with Dick Chapman, against Vic Ghezzi and Frank Walsh. Art Gleason is N. I. manager. . . . Houston, Texas, city council has approved the purchase of the 161-acre Glenbrook CC property from the Taub estate in Houston for \$160,000. The 18-hole golf course and clubhouse soon will be opened to the public, according to Mayor Neal Pickett. . . . New pro at the Pine Bluff (Ark.) CC is Horace Lacey, who has been stationed at the Little Rock CC the last three years.

Harlem fee course in the Chicago district has been purchased by the government; a plant for munitions construction will be built on the property. . . . Angelo Mainero, assistant at Wee Burn Club, Noroton, Conn., the last four years, has been named Wee Burn head pro for '42, succeeding Jimmy Demaret. . . . Ben Hogan pocketed \$18,358 in prize money during the 1941 golf season, and became the first golfer to capture the Harry Vardon memorial trophy two years in succession. Hogan's earnings left him \$1,242 short of Sam Snead's record \$19,600, but the 553 points he amassed in winning the trophy beat Snead's record of 520, established in 1938 when he set the money high. Snead in 1941 finished second in both money winnings and Vardon trophy points, winning \$12,848 and 444 points respectively. Byron Nelson finished third in both classifications.

District Judge J. Arthur Phelps has ordered Pueblo (Colo.) county and city of-

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ficials to return to the Pueblo GC \$149 and a dozen golf balls seized last spring in a raid on the club's slot machines. . . . Early construction of a municipal golf course adjacent to Iroquois Park, Louisville, Ky., has been assured following the completion of a deal for the 63-acre tract by the board of park commissioners. Present plans call for the building of 9 large grass greens, and 18 tees. . . . Ralph M. Barton, 66, well-known golf architect in the East, died November 14 at his home in Concord, N. H.

A 200-page history of East Hampton, Long Island, as a summer resort has been published by the Maidstone Club as part of its golden jubilee celebration. The book, titled "Fifty Years of the Maidstone Club," contains considerable information on golf's history at the club. Two former USGA presidents—A. M. Reid, and the late H. H. Ramsay—and a former Amateur champion—Jess Sweetser, are on the list of Maidstone membership.

Funeral services were held January 3 for George W. Blossom, Sr., who died December 31 in Pasadena, Calif., at the age of 87. Mr. Blossom is survived by two sons, George, Jr., president-elect of the USGA, Francis R., and a daughter, Mrs. W. S. Bacon. . . . PGA national headquarters is now located at the Chicago Towers Club, 505 N. Michigan Ave. Address up to December 31, 1941, had been 14 E. Jackson Blvd. . . . Paul F. Schulte, 84, founder and owner of the Decatur (Ind.) CC, died December 21 following a short illness.

Pat Johnson has been named manager of Westwood Hills club in the Minneapolis district, this in addition to his regular job as greenkeeper at the 27-hole layout. . . . Bob, Jr., son of GSA director Bob Pollock, is now in the service. . . . Harold (Jug) McSpaden is the new pro at the Philadelphia CC. Jug leaves the Winchester (Mass.) CC for the Philly post. . . . Purchase of 55 acres for a golf course and other recreational activities has been announced by the student activity board at Macomb (Ill.) Teachers' College.

Richard S. Tufts, who spoke before the recent annual meeting of the Metropolitan (N. Y.) Golf Assn., returned to Pinehurst with the conviction that the USGA, at its annual meeting, would advocate a policy for associations, clubs and players to follow during the war. Tufts is of the opinion that practically all golf associations and clubs will base their activities on the program announced by the USGA.

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