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raise funds for buying gifts for members of the club now with the nation's Armed Forces. Older women golfers at the club add to the youngsters' fund by having penalty days and giving the penalty collections to the service men's gift drive.

Caddie supply for the wartime players is kept adequate by such affairs as a recent party at which a club member in the ice cream business provided the Fort Wayne CC kids with many gallons of his ice cream, and wafers. Louis Fritz, the club's caddie-master, has an attractive program for the boys. Several of the lads have bought \$50 War Bonds and almost all of them are devoting part of their earnings to stamp and bond purchases.

## Southern California's Situation In Golf Better Than Expected

A Los Angeles district pro observes the golf situation in that territory in the following comment to GOLFDOM:

"Public fee courses still doing swell. Private club play light. That's the story out here . . . tire rationing, for some reason, hasn't made much difference in the play. Sunset Fields and Griffith Park are having the best summer in ten years. Best play ever. I think this can be laid directly to location . . . both are in the middle of heavily populated sections . . . the story there is just this-many golfers who did not like the crowded conditions or the lack of interest in the courses (Sunset Fields and Griffith) were driving on out into the country 9 to 10 miles to play on a more interesting courses. NOW, they are playing on the golf course closest to their homes. We have several golf courses that are taking a beating and in every case it is the distance from town that I think is doing it.

"Tournaments going like hell.... The American Golf Assn. just finished its State Medal Play championship at Ellsworth Vine's Southern California G&CC, with a record entry list... crowded the course all day long in spite of daylight time. Inglewood City Championship, just a little event the past few years all of a sudden becomes an important event... golfers anxious to play in events. Maybe a little more money jingling in the boys' pockets. At any rate, it is encouraging to see the response to tournaments.

"Driving ranges. BAD! Night dimout will close most of them in California. Ball shortage is going to close them anyway, but heavy play Saturdays and Sun-

days on some ranges.

"Equipment is not selling as it should., Trade-in rather slow in spite of more money in the pocket. . . . Soldier participation picking up. . . . Newspapers not giving golf any too much space, but that's not exactly golf's fault Space is tight everywhere. . . . From present indications gallery interest in Open tournaments this winter an unknown quantity . . . with the boys going in the service I just don't know what kind of a show we'll have for the golfing public. . . . Winter tournaments should draw good galleries with the lack of night amusements, etc. Money may be available for gallery tickets. . . . All in all, golf holding up far beyond my fondest dreams . . . to date, at least."

Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich., announces its annual golf course superintendents' conference for March 11-12, 1943. The conference fee will remain at \$1.