

a lot more for the war effort by participating in war relief matches. Lieut. Bud Ward and Corp. Pat Abbott have received permission to play in such local matches that are staged for war relief. It is preferable that the matches be staged over the week-end and, of course, at a club which is easily accessible.

Many clubs will invite service men on leave to a round of golf. Likewise, there are a number of USO centers where playing equipment can be had by these service men for the asking. All PGA members are behind this plan 100% and will do everything to see that the boy in uniform is made to feel right at home.

Caddie Program to Start

Our most recent move, which I think is very vital other than "all-out" for the war effort, is the Caddie Welfare program. This phase of golf has been sadly neglected in a good many sections and at clubs throughout the country. Our young boys need training and we feel that the PGA working along with the Western G.A., can help in this picture and aid the youngsters from 12 to 17. Boys in high school and grammar school should keep themselves fit during these times by staying out in the open. Caddying would be to their advantage. During the summer vacation, there are a number of boys who come out to the clubs but may have to wait several hours for a job. The PGA and WGA are working on a plan whereby some form of recreation will be provided at the club for the boy while he is not caddying. There is a big job to be done for the caddie and there is no better time to inaugurate it than at the present.

During the past year, golf has been seriously handicapped by an adverse psychological influence, due to the fact that many who wanted to play the game and get beneficial exercise were afraid that they would appear unpatriotic by doing so. This was a stigma that for some reason did not appear to attach to any other game.

The PGA cancelled all tournament play in order not to impede the will to victory in any way. But I have never felt that it was unpatriotic for people to get relaxation and open air exercise. For that reason, I made an effort to get in contact with a representative of the Government in order to find out just what official reaction would be to this situation.

I saw Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, and explained this matter to him. Mr. McNutt was sur-

prised to learn that this psychology prevailed. He said that he had never before heard that this was the feeling.

Mr. McNutt pointed out that there was a physical fitness division in the Offices of Defense Health and Welfare Services of which he is a Director. He pointed to the emphasis which the armed services place upon physical fitness through recreation and exercise. While certainly professional sports can never expect any kind of favored treatment either in draft deferment or in competition with essential or war-time industries, recreational sport as such, he felt, would be a good thing.

This, of course, does not mean that they should disabuse transportation privileges, for it is of paramount importance that transportation remain primarily for winning the war. But if country clubs can provide horse-drawn vehicles to get their players to the courses, or if people can reach them by public conveyances, there is no reason why they should not play in their spare time. Only in their spare time, of course. The war effort comes first, but don't be afraid to get out and exercise and relax on the golf course at the right time. Our enemies are great believers in physical fitness. And we have always been the most physically fit of nations, as witness our Olympic Games record. Let us remain so, but never forget that our prime aim in life is to win the war—and win it as soon as possible.

Don't feel that it is unpatriotic to play golf.

Chicago Managers Relax—Chicago District Club Managers' Assn. held their annual stag at Medinah Club, Chicago, March 26. The evening gave the managers and their purveyor friends a chance to get together and enjoy a few hours relaxation. That kind of get-together was quite a change from the serious managers meetings to discuss management problems that are getting more acute.

Gardens for Caddies—Remember the caddies in Victory Garden plans. Some of these youngsters may welcome the opportunity to bring home some garden produce as well as earn cash from the golf club. Victory Garden work, will give them a hand in war production while awaiting their call to caddying assignments. The caddie section of a club Victory Garden would have great publicity value for the kids and the club.