

## "At Ease, Men", at Palm Springs



L. B. Icely, taking a bit of his own advice to men to relax once in a while to be in better shape for tough jobs of wartime, visits Palm Springs, Calif. (Left to right) George Howard, pro at Palm Springs in winter and Canton (O.) CC in summer; L. B. Icely, president, Wilson Sporting Goods Co.; George Shaw, long-time True Temper shaft representative and now of Wilson's Pacific Coast division; Thomas A. O'Donnell, owner of Palm Springs and noted veteran oil magnate.

More rounds of golf have been played at Palm Springs this season than all last year. Considerable of the play was by officers and men of the many army camps near Palm Springs.

### Urges Players to Adopt Victory H'cap System

A new method of informal handicap play, called the "Victory Handicap System," is proposed by John A. Topping, well known eastern golfer. It includes a pay-off in War Savings stamps and arranges matters so the losing side in a four-ball match is not likely to be more than six or seven points (or stamps) down, and the loser in two- and three-ball matches will normally ante not to exceed three or four stamps.

Here are Topping's rules for the Victory Handicap system:

**For a two- or three-ball match**—Players start from scratch on the first tee. No handicap, no strokes are given. When a player is two holes up on an opponent, he gives one stroke on the next hole, regardless of distance. So long as he has the opponent two or more down, he continues to give him one stroke a hole. If the opponent reverses the situation and goes two up, then he gives a stroke a hole so long as he maintains a lead of two or more holes.

**For a four-ball match**—The principle is the same, but the method of scoring is different. Foursomes should play high and low (best and worst), whereby the best ball wins one point and the worst

Lads in war camps are eager for sports movies. There's a great chance for the PGA to hunt up those instruction pictures it took last year at the Tam O'Shanter Open, and previously, get them edited and make copies available for projection at camps.

Baseball movies are going over in swell shape. Golf now has an opportunity to keep interest of its uniformed players keen and to make converts by giving wide distribution to a PGA instruction film. It would be about the most effective wartime propaganda the PGA could put out for pro golf.

There's money in the PGA treasury that could be devoted to editing and making prints of this picture, and with that energetic Instruction committee headed by Joe Novak to get the picture under way, nothing should delay action on the tip that GOLFDOM passes on to the pro organization.

How about it, pros? Many of your own members and your sons are in the service and they can tell you what a welcome reception a golf instruction film, brightly edited, would have.

ball loses one point. If one side goes four points up, the opponents are given one stroke on the next hole. The stroke is given only on the low (best) ball. So long as one side is four or more points up, it continues to give at the next hole one stroke on the best ball throughout the game.

Winner takes all—in War Stamps—one for each point up at the end of the game. For the duration, take your winnings in war stamps. Paste them in your stamp book each time you win. When the book is full, trade it in for a war bond. Bonds pay interest and also buy planes, tanks, ships, guns, etc.

Do not penalize your patriotism. Play the new Victory System. Play for stamps and help stamp out the Axis.

You may obtain War Savings Stamps from your club secretary.