

## G. W. "Pop" Mattern, Golf Industry Pioneer, Dies

**G**EORGE WELLER MATTERN, 76, formerly vice pres. and gen. mgr., Crawford, MacGregor, Canby Co., died at Miami Valley hospital, Dayton, O., July 12, following a brief illness.

"Pop" Mattern, as he was widely known in golf in this country and abroad, was born in Pomeroy, O., and came to Dayton in 1888. He and his father became associated with the Barney and Smith Car Works as cabinetmakers. In 1894, both of them joined the MacGregor company, which then was known as the Dayton Last Works.

Early in the 1900s, he designed the first MacGregor clubs. In 1908 he was made vice pres. and gen. mgr., which position he occupied until his retirement in 1936.

"Pop" was a member of the Miami Valley GC, the old MacGregor club and several other clubs in Dayton. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, all of Dayton, two brothers who are Dayton residents, and a sister residing in Lexington, Ky.

George Mattern was a genius in club design and construction and in many respects a trailblazer for the industry that has become gigantic during his time. He was a genial personality, widely beloved in the golf field, and to his excellent judgment and work golf owes much.

## Dime-a-Round Drive Has Raised \$6,000 in Chicago Area

**T**HE golfers' Dime-A-Round fund, originated by the Chicago DGA and being sponsored nationally by it and a number of other golf assns., showed a total of over \$8,400 already collected by August 21. Funds raised through the plan, whereby golfers starting a round drop a dime into a milk bottle on the first tee, are turned over to the Chicago Servicemen's Centers, to be used at their discretion.

Jackson Park muni course leads all Chicago with \$1,420 raised. Leading daily-fee course is Westgate Valley, where \$570 has been contributed by players. Glen Oak is ahead of all private clubs in the district, having raised \$289.

## W. B. Bangs, Vet Manager, Dies

**W**ILLIAM B. BANGS, father of William R., jr., manager of Exmoor CC (Chicago district) and Charles R., sec. of the

Club Managers Assn. of America, died, aged 79, at Chicago, July 7.

Mr. Bangs was one of the club managers of the nation. For 56 years, until his retirement, seven years ago, he was manager of the Chicago Club. In addition to the two sons above named he is survived by his widow and another son.

He was a grand gentleman of the old school, competent and gracious. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him personally and professionally, and by the business leaders of Chicago whose club interests he managed for many years. He was regarded as a warm friend who was the peer of all club managers.

**Soldiers Get Spares**—Sam Dickie, pro at Forest Park course (N. Y. Met. Distr.) until he shifted to a war job, is moving to Seattle, Washington. In packing his belongings, Sam found 25 irons and 15 woods, all in good order, for which he had no need, so he donated them to the servicemen at nearby Fort Totten. Sam's generous gift could be duplicated by hundreds, perhaps thousands, of pros and golfers who, if they'd just look around, would find long discarded clubs that are doing nobody good now, but could be a source of much pleasure if donated to servicemen.

**Build Links for Wounded**—Army patients at the Valley Forge general hospital, Phoenixville, Penn., will soon be able to hasten their recovery on a nine-hole golf course being laid out by Joe Valentine, supt. of Merion GC. The course was originally proposed by Leo Diegel, and 8 or 10 Philadelphia district pros are helping Mondays and Fridays with the construction and with offers of free instruction to the patients.

**Aulbach's Father Dies**—Frank J. Aulbach, father of George Aulbach, well known Amarillo (Tex.) pro, died August 14 in Boston. The senior Aulbach was a foreman toolmaker for a Boston concern.

**OPA Gets Over-Efficient**—While members of Glen Oaks (Great Neck, L. I.) were busy in the clubhouse and on the course raising \$540,000 to buy a bomber, investigators from the OPA were roaming the club parking lot putting tags on automobiles which ordered the owners to explain how they could drive to the club under the East's driving ban. High OPA officials blamed certain small fry of their outfit for the boner.