

Of Golf Of Course

Hillcrest (Los Angeles) had 235 players tee off one Sunday in December, of which 227 were men in the services—which gives you an idea of how golf aids the war effort. . . . Crime wave, striking Greensburg, Pa., on Dec. 22, resulted in loss of golf equipment and proshop stocks at both the Greensburg CC and the nearby Mt. Odin muny course. . . . First U. S. golf pro to be killed in action during this war was 20-year old Frank Fahrenwald, formerly asst. pro at Kenwood G&CC, Washington, D. C., where many Jap diplomats used to play. Frank, a marine, was killed at Guadalcanal. . . . Salt Lake City's three muny courses had more play and \$4,600 more profits in 1942 than in 1941. . . .

Clayton Heafner, hard hitting golf circuit-rider, who has been in defense work in recent months, was tagged by the army for induction Jan. 20. . . . Pneumonia was fatal Dec. 30 to Raymond F. Delahant, one of the founders of the Eastern New York GA and for many years green-chairman of Wolferts Roost CC, Albany. . . . George Corcoran, Greensboro (N. C.) pro, suggests that golf clubs should now be classified as "health clubs," rather than places of amusement, now that gas rationing has hit the east coast so hard. . . . The Navy has asked the Indianapolis Park board for permission to use the clubhouse at Coffin muny golf links to house a contingent of WAVES. Another muny clubhouse, Riverside, is already in use by the Navy for naval officers and enlisted men. . . .

Ely Park muny course at Binghamton, N. Y., had receipts of \$7,224 in 1942, approximately \$300 less than in 1941, but with only 3 week-ends in '42 with favorable weather conditions, the year's results are considered good. . . . Hotel Del Monte has been taken

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MILORGANITE and Dollar Spot at Woodhill

A preliminary report by L. J. Feser on the relation between Milorganite usage at Woodhill, and dollar spot, appears in September-October 1942 issue of THE GREENKEEPERS' REPORTER.

Since 1938 the use of mercury at Woodhill has been confined to one application each fall, for snow mold control. There have been light attacks of dollar spot, but no severe injury until August 1942.

After 1935 greens received no chemical nitrogen. They were topdressed 4 to 5 times each year. The compost had a reaction of pH 7.5. It was rich in phosphoric acid and potash. MILORGANITE was the only supplementary fertilizer used. Light rates of 10 to 15 pounds per 1000 square feet were applied on greens showing dollar spot. In 1942 Milorganite feeding was curtailed, because greens were mowed only 3 to 4 times a week.

Heavy rains were common during the summer. Loss of nitrogen by leaching was apparent. On August 15 the tenth green was severely attacked, and by the 17th it was badly infested.

This green was used to test the effect of Milorganite, hydrated lime, and sulfur, alone and in combination. Milorganite was used at 20 pounds, and the other two at 10 pounds per 1000 square feet. Within five days results were startling. Sulfur was without apparent effect, improvement from lime was slight. Milorganite-treated plots were outstanding in comparison with the rest. They seemed to resist further attacks, and recovered quickly. These results were further verified by additional applications on August 22 and on August 31.

Feser does not attribute benefits from Milorganite entirely to nitrogen feeding. He suggests that some of the organisms responsible for the breakdown of Milorganite are toxic to species of Rhizoctonia, the causal organism responsible for dollar spot, and cites reasons for postulating this theory.

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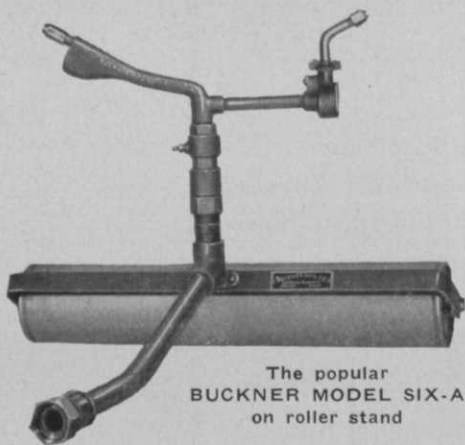
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over by the Navy as a pre-flight training school, but the golf course will be open to play as usual. . . . The Coast Guard, too, is taking over clubhouses. Latest is the building of the Jumping Brook CC, Neptune, N. J. . . . Louisville, Ky., reports 84,000 golfers played the city's many layouts in '42, off 11,000 from the previous year. . . . Fire totally destroyed the clubhouse of Oak Hills GCse, Belleville, Ill., on Jan. 1. . . .

Just to show it can be done, consider Concord (N. H.) CC, which in 1942 had \$2,200 less revenue than in the previous season, yet showed \$450 profits for the year, best showing in many seasons. . . . Tuxedo GC (Tuxedo Park, N. Y.) lost its 3-story stone and wood clubhouse in mid-January when fire caused damage estimated as high as \$700,000. . . . The three many courses of Houston, Texas, had a good year in 1942, according to word from Hugh Watson, manager. Total rounds for Herman Park, Memorial Park and Glenbrook were 100,276 and income \$51,767, against budgets of \$45,000, not all of which was spent. . . . Elmira (N. Y.) golfers have been asked to write the city council if they plan to support the Mark Twain many layout this summer. Council was toying with the idea of not opening the course for the duration, but the golfers point out their fees will pay for maintenance and thereby really save the city money, since there is no thought of letting the course go to seed. . . . Eight former members of the USGA Green Section are now working directly in the war effort, six of them working on turf for airports.

Minikahda, famed Minneapolis establishment, has a 1942 annual reporting showing results of wise adjustment to wartime basis. Net profit was \$14,678.59 against a loss of \$6,734.01 in 1941. Restaurant showed \$4,877.89 profit against 1941 loss of \$3,208.45. . . . Frank Walsh, formerly pro at Rumson, N. J., has replaced Mortie Dutra at Red GC (Detroit district). Mortie's gone into manufacturing. . . . Happy Valley (Lynn, Mass., many course) begun in 1931

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and built by ERA, CWA, and PWA labor, will open in 1943 after a big year in 1942... Much of the course's play is by General Electric war plant workers, many of whom, according to Col. John Morrissey, local supt. of Parks and Playgrounds, and Larry Gannon, Happy Valley pro, get their only recreation exercise at the course. . . . Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Jeanne Rehling, of Dayton, O., to Corp. Robert Douglas Rickey, son of Clarence, president of MacGregor's. . . . Westchester and Fairfield Women's GA and the Long Island Women's GA have postponed final decision on 1943 tournament plans until gas rationing effect is determined. Meanwhile, Women's New Jersey GA has abandoned 1943 tourney play.

Dr. R. A. Keilty is new pres. of the Maryland State GA. . . . Harry G. Pitt is Middle Atlantic Ass'n new chief. . . . Mrs. Carolyn B. McCallum, 69, mother of Walter McCallum, widely known golf writer of the Washington (D. C.)

Evening Star, died at her home in Washington, Dec. 17. Mrs. McCallum and her husband, who died in 1914, were among the pioneer golfers of the Chicago district.

Walter Hagen, pro golf's biggest earner, is having a record year's earnings in war production business. Walter represents tool, building material and coal interests and is really working. Walter is one of the guys who won't beef about the taxes. If Uncle Whiskers takes it all, instead of somebody else, as has been usual, it adds up the same to the cheerful Haig. Some of his payment will come back to the family as young Walter is a lieutenant in the tank corps. The lad is an excellent officer and soldier, so authoritative reports state. . . . Golfers at Rackham and Chandler municipal courses in Detroit spent a total of \$66 for lessons at those courses last year. . . . San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning to promote a whopping big war benefit exhibition match in the near future.