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The Indianapolis, Tri-State and Indiana Amateur GA's combined in late fall to donate \$500 to the Red Cross representing \$1 from each contestant in the major events of these golfing bodies, plus \$100 of the associations' fund. . . . Clubhouse of the Clinton County CC (Otsego, Mich.) burned Sept. 30, with an estimated loss of \$12,000, offset by \$7,000 insurance. The members promptly donated all metal in the burned building to the Scrap drive. . . . James Boykins, playing Sunset Fields (Los Angeles district) Dec. 10, pitched an 8-iron shot into the hole for an eagle-2 at the par-4 fourth hole, then repeated the stunt at the next hole for another eagle. . . . Henry Picard plans to retire from golf and devote his remaining years to raising hogs on his farm at Waterboro, S. C. . . .

City of Los Angeles park commission leased famed Rancho golf course, owned by the Federal Government because of tax difficulties, for three years and plans to put the layout back in top form, to give L A. golfers another much needed recreation center. . . . Lee Miller, pres., Cherokee (Ia.) CC, says his club is set to function bigger than ever in '43. "With travel drastically curtailed, people will not be able to go to vacation spots this coming summer. The country club's function, therefore, is to offer a wide variety of recreation right at home."... Waterbury, Conn., board of commissioners turned over to the city treasury \$8,500 profit realized on the operation of the muny golf course during 1942. . . .

McSpaden copped the Miami Open, sole survivor of the Winter Circuit, with a score of 272. Only a handful of name pros competed for the \$5,000 purse. . . . Ed Newkirk, pro-mgr of Flintridge GC (Pasadena, Calif.), won a hard-fought decision over Peritonitis and Death in November. Ed was kicked in the abdomen during an argument with an allegedly intoxicated club guest and needed numer-

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Private golf clubs have been hit, but not mortally hurt. They have fared better than many business ventures.

When loss of members compel retrenchment, it should be wisely done. No permanent harm will result from curtailment of clubhouse activities. Reducing the grounds budget below absolute minimum requirements is sure to be costly. Rehabilitation expense after the war will exceed the seeming saving.

American clubs should take a tip from Canada. When that country entered the war, clubs vowed not to repeat the mistakes of the last war. According to them, the expense of renovating golf courses far exceeded the savings effected by too severe economy. This time frills have been eliminated, but the essentials have been provided. As a result, turf is still surprisingly good. It will be easy to bring Canadian clubs into tip-top condition after hostilities cease.

Clubs carry insurance on their physical assets, and are reimbursed in case of fire. The greenkeeper and his chairman are the only protection covering the turf. In case of loss the members pay the bill. In the face of shortages in equipment, material, and labor, these two men must carry the load. The task is not easy. They must be competent and experienced, to counsel and guide the club, so important essentials are provided and unnecessary frills are eliminated. During 1943. "Timely Turf Tips" will help

During 1943, "Timely Turf Tips" will help these men solve their wartime problems. Early issues will be devoted to telling how to fertilize greens and tees without using chemical nitrogen. The question of fungicide, insect control, and other timely items will follow, and receive the attention their importance deserves.

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ous blood-transfusions and expert medical attention to recover. . . . Golfers at Forest Park (St. Louis) had a heck of a time all fall with a gray squirrel which had turned carnivorous and bit everyone it saw. . . . Spencer Murphy, pro at Glen Oaks (N. Y. district) and a large importer of British-made clubheads, donated over 200 of them to the scrap drive. saying "We can't make any more clubs, so why hold these heads when they can be used on the Nazis and Japs." . . . Metropolitan GA cancelled its traditional caddie tourney last fall because so many bagtoters have rallied to the colors. . . . Wm. P. Bell, west coast golf architect, has been appointed consultant on turfing and soil stabilization to the U. S. Army Engineers at Los Angeles. . . .

Axel Campbell, veteran golf pro who came to the U.S. from Scotland in 1896 and who is crediting with "discovering Ouimet," died in Dayton, Ohio, on Dec. 16. Five brothers, all golf pros, survive him. . . . Los Angeles held a Victory Golf tourney in mid-December under auspices of the Citizens Committee for Army and Navy at Wilshire CC. Contestants' scores were forecast to be high, since glamour gals, such as Paulette Goddard, Linda Darnell, Dinah Shore, Veronica Lake and Anne Southern, went along with each threesome of competitors to serve as scorers. . . . At the final tourney banquet of the 1942 season, Highland G&CC (Indianapolis) announced the final payment on the club's \$65,000 mortgage. . . . A golf course tractor, pulling a heavy fairway roller, broke loose and knocked down Ray Dickinson, supt. of the Ionia (Mich.) CC last fall. A rear wheel of the tractor passed over his body and his left heel was crushed by the roller.

Wykagyl CC (N. Y. district) has donated its tee markers, weighing several pounds apiece, to the scrap drive. Wooden markers will be substituted. . . . Fred Corcoran, tournament bureau mgr. of the PGA, is on leave of absence from the association and serving as manager of a Red Cross recreation camp in England. . . . Corpus Christi (Tex.) may acquire the 4-year old Oso Beach G&CC as the city's first muny course. The club has suffered from the war and

selective service, and the members remaining want to get out from under. . . . Mid-Atlantic PGA section sent Xmas presents to all former members in the armed services, a thoughtful act duplicated by PGA sections all over the U. S. . . .

Arthur John (Jack) Rowe has been pro at the Royal Ashdown (Eng.) GC 50 years. He's still a good golfer and teacher. His fiftieth anniversary was fittingly observed by the club. . . . Mrs. Irene Blakeman, in a secretarial capacity with the PGA of America since early in its history, no longer is in the employ of the organization. . . . CPA audit of the 1942 Hale America tourney at Ridgemoor CC. (Chicago district) showed net profit of \$22,522 for the USO. The USGA's share of the 1941 Open proceeds was \$12,567. . . . Benefit match at Monifieth, Scotland, course, featuring Compston and Perry vs. Duncan and Shankland. raised 350 pounds.

Corp. Dave D. Hendry, formerly pro at Moundsville (O.) CC now is at 359 Headquarters Base, A. B. Squad, Alamo Gordo, N. M. Dave asks his pro pals and others to send him some practice balls for the golf range at the post. There are several hundred air officers at the base. Nearly all of them play golf. The nearest golf course is 65 miles away.

British golfers are complaining about profiteering in new golf balls. Profiteers are in line for punishment by Price Control Board. . . . British golfers are popularizing the canvas bag; lighter for the caddies and when the player has to tote his own. . . . Hercules Powder Co. has made a solid all plastic golf ball, said to be 90% as long as the usual construction of 50c ball. The ball is hard and hitting it gives the player a jolt, but with more development work its makers expect the ball to be an acceptable substitute if other balls can't be obtained. . . . Western Electric employees at New York have their own indoor golf nets and continue their golfing interest in practice and with their lively magazine, Western Electric Golf News.

Notice how the "doctor columns" in newspapers are warning readers to take care of themselves and balance their work and recreation programs to avoid neurosis? The messages provide good selling points for golf. . . . Golf Monthly of Edinburgh says, "Now that so many American soldiers are over here and feeling very strange, golf clubs must get together and welcome them. They must lend them clubs and organize competitions for them." Walter McCallum in his swell sports column "Win, Lose or Draw" in the Washington (D. C.) Evening Star, quotes L. B. Icely, Wilson Sporting Goods Co., president, recommending that golf blow its horn as having an important place in the wartime fitness program.

Greenkeepers and club officials are discussing increase and betterment of practice range facilities at many clubs to care for members who may not have much time for complete rounds next summer, but who'll want to bat out balls for exercise and to keep their games. . . . There's some talk in several PGA sections of two-day educational short courses on the order of the greenkeepers' highly valuable conferences, in helping pros to plan department operations closely fitted to wartime conditions. The pro business is in transition. With merchandise profits sure to slump, the pros have to figure out how their values to their clubs may be fully demonstrated and put on a living basis.

Gordon Brydson of Mississauga GC, Toronto, has been elected president of the Canadian PGA, succeeding Albert Murray of Montreal... Mush March, Bert Gardiner and Red Mitchell, of the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team, are golf pros in the summer; March at Hibbing (Minn.), Gardner at Philadelphia, and Mitchell at Toronto.

A MONG the great industrial plants that are making war production records are those of the United Shoe Machinery Co., which has its employees golf course, and the General Electric Co., which has an employees course close to its Schenectady, N. Y., factories.

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