

Of Golf Of Course

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-

TIMELY TURF TIPS

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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 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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