

WELCOME! HURRAY!! WHOOPIE!!! ALFRED BOURNE SMITH ARRIVES

Stop the press, strike up the band and let there be merry-making in the streets and jubilation among the lads overseas.

Alfred Bourne Smith was born June 30, 1943.

His mother is one of the loveliest girls ever on a golf course and his dad, before he enlisted in the Air Corps, was one of the finest, most famous young men in pro golf. Now Alfred Bourne Smith is the star of the outfit. So say his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Smith.

selective eradication of weeds. Our preliminary experiments last year indicated it may be possible to kill selectively certain weeds in turf by applying ammonium sulfamate in very dilute solutions. Applications of it at rates of two ounces and four ounces dissolved in five gallons of water to 1,000 square feet were notably less injurious to turf than was sodium arsenite applied at the same rate. In one instance when the applications at the two- and four-ounce rates were followed by rain within an hour, a stand of the turf weed lawn pennywort (*Hydrocotyle rotundifolia*) was reduced approximately 75 percent with no injury whatsoever to the bluegrass turf. A month after treatment the grass on the treated plots showed a definitely stimulated growth.

It is hoped additional experiments this year may demonstrate whether in these dilute concentrations ammonium sulfamate may be useful in selective control of turf weeds, and if so, what conditions may be expected to influence results.—USGA Green Section Timely Turf Topics.

Columnist Praises Greenkeeper's Turf-Growing Talents

SELDOM does a greenkeeper get the great publicity Roland F. Robinson got in Al Hirshberg's column in the Boston (Mass.) Post of June 9.

Robbie, after years of successful golf course maintenance at Oyster Harbor and other New England courses, became groundskeeper at Fenway Park, Boston, home of the Red Sox baseball club. Fenway is said to be "the best kept baseball plant in the major leagues." He also has been responsible for the fine playing conditions at Payne Field, Sarasota, Fla., where the Red Sox trained prior to this year. In addition he rebuilt the infield

and outfield at Louisville when the Red Sox took over the Colonel's franchise.

When Orville Clapper brought Robinson to Fenway Park in response to Eddie Collin's request for a real grass man, it was the first time Robbie had seen a major league game. Orville is much better acquainted with the technique of baseball; in fact so much so that recently he was playing baseball, fell on the ball and broke an arm.

Hirshberg says "Robbie is not one to worry about the ground being torn up by football. Unless the weather is too cold he seeds the whole outfield before the final football game of the season. He lets the football players do the rest."

The players' cleats tramp grass seed into the ground and that job is further done by fans who flock onto the field after the game.

Robbie uses a Toro power mower, a Toro power roller on the infield, Netco grass seed, Milorganic and Milarsenite. Clapper goes out to the ball park to see how his products are doing. It makes a swell alibi.

Yank Golfers Try Luck on Aussie Courses

CONSIDERABLE interest has been aroused by the presence on Sydney courses of two members of "Uncle Sam's" fighting forces, one a professional, and the other a leading member of the New York district. Fred Catropa, now an airman, was one time assistant to our old friend, Gene Sarazen. After over a year in the New Guinea area, he made the most of his leave and produced some good scores for a man to whom golf had been just a memory for many months.

The amateur is Sgt. Frank Strafacci, who broke into golf in a big way when he won the National Public Links title in 1935, after qualifying the previous year. Since then he has only once failed to qualify in the National Amateur, and on the last occasion of play, in 1941, he entered as Private Strafacci. Twice he has finished second amateur in the U. S. Open, in 1937—when his 72 holes tally of 291 was only a stroke more than Johnny Goodman's total—and again in 1939. He also won the North and South, and New York district titles.

Evidently golf is a family weakness—or should we say strength?—for among qualifiers for the National Public Links