

Of Golf Of Course

Many are the ways courses are managing to keep going these days. Out San Diego way, Rohr Aircraft has leased for five years the San Diego CC for its employees, but members of the SDCC still keep their privileges. . . . Another plan assures life to the South Haven (Mich.) GC; it has sold its "back nine" and condensed the layout to 70 acres, an area easily maintained. . . . Bethany (Mo.) GCse, heretofore 9 holes, has challenged tradition by shortening the course to 7 holes for the duration. Another radical step is to use the second green for both the No. 2 and No. 4 holes. Through these moves, the area to be mowed has been reduced to 50% of its former size. . . .

Morty Dutra has great golfing hopes for his 18-year-old son Maurice, who is pulling off some great shots in tournaments this summer. . . . Montclair (NJ) GC has bought an ancient electric bus to haul members up the 7/8-mile uphill Mt. Prospect avenue to the club. . . . Tom Kerrigan, who has been playing golf for 39 years, 28 of them at Siwanoy (NY met. distr.) recently shot a wondrous 61 on the course. It was the greatest round in this veteran pro's life. . . . Golf is going so well at the Maplewood (NJ) CC that the club's \$100 initiation fee has been reinstated on house members, and an annual invitation tourney has been cancelled. . . .

Pfc Bill Korns, former Utah State champ, reached the semi-finals of a tourney at Camp Roberts, Calif., with borrowed clubs. Then his dad heard about it and rushed Bill's clubs to him by plane. Bill thereupon walloped the defending champ 14 and 12 in the final. . . . Memphis is sure it has a National Amateur sure-thing in 22-year-old Cary Middlecoff, who hasn't been down to an opponent in his last



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14 matches, hasn't been taken past the 16th hole in four years, and who recently won the state championship for the fourth straight year. . . .

Out around Long Island, one Hardit Singh Malik, trade commissioner for India to the U. S., creates great excitement when he appears for golf in a 7-yard turban, which he says is cooler than a panama. Malik plays in the mid-70s. . . . John Hoffine, green-chmn at Westchester CC, estimates they save \$600 a year on the ninth hole since five of the hole's ten traps have been eliminated. "The fewer the bunkers, the more fun for the fellow who pays the golf bill," says Hoffine. "Traps don't bother the expert much; it's the 90-120 scorer who's tormented." . . .

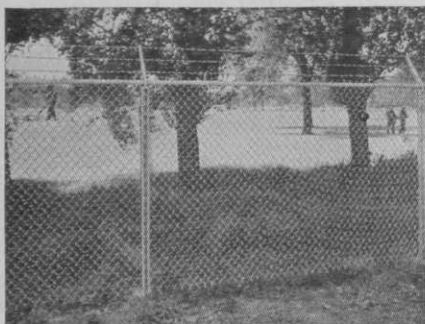
In Southern Rhodesia (Africa) the golf ball shortage is so acute that a factory in Bulawayo is producing wooden golf balls that stand up fine and can be hit 130 yards with irons; wood shots are not recommended. . . . Kansas City's two muny courses in Swope Park came within \$1,000 of breaking even this past fiscal year, as compared with losses of \$3,400 in '41, \$5,900 in '40, \$7,500 in '39 and \$13,000 in '38. . . . Women's Nat'l G&Tennis Club (Glen Head, L. I.), known for past 2 years as Cedar-Creek, has folded; it was too far from train and bus lines to survive the East's driving restrictions. . . . But golf on Long Island isn't dead. For example, the muny courses Kissena, Clearview and Forest Hills registered 2,225 players during the weekend of June 12-13. . . .

Southern California Amateur had the largest entry list in its history this year with 452 qualifying scores submitted. . . . They are telling of the golfer at Meadowbrook (Detroit distr) who sliced deep into the rough and had to spend 15 minutes looking for his bag he had laid down as a guide in hunting for his ball. The rough, far off the fairway, hadn't been mowed this year. . . .

Vandals are at work again. At Hempstead GC (L. I.), the 8th, 9th and 16th greens had large patches of sod removed during the night of June 11. The club's annual invitation

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best-ball was due to start the following morning, so Wiffy Cox had to rush sod from the practice putting green to repair the damage. . . . The George Wright GC (Hyde Park, Mass.) has been having trouble too. In the past month or so, four greens have been dug up and damaged, and hole flags and cups stolen. . . . Francis Ouimet is a grandfather. . . .

Pinehurst (N.C.) Outlook carried a page picture and story observing the 41st year of Frank Maples in green-keeping work at Pinehurst. Maples, now 57, is the turf genius whose pioneering work has been responsible for great progress in southern golf turf standards. . . . Increasing prices of horses for maintenance work are among other wartime troubles of British golf clubs.

Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, in exhibitions at Dallas, Ft. Worth, Shreveport, New Orleans, Mobile, Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville, Philadelphia and Atlanta, are estimated to have played to 62,000 galleryites and raised 140 million dollars in War Bond sales. . . . Members of the PGA in the armed forces have received complimentary membership cards for this year. . . . Dick Metz is running a 5,400-acre ranch in southern Oklahoma, with shorthorn cattle the "crop."

THE AMERICAN WAY

We hear of numerous tournaments and club functions held to yield proceeds for the USO, the Red Cross, and other organizations. While this is as it should be, to my mind this type of activity does not entitle any club to be classified as a necessity, and we can all readily see that the money so raised could very easily be obtained through some other channels. But the club, whether it be a country club or a city club, has become one of the elements comprising the "American Way of Life" and as such is one of the means of providing both the physical and mental relaxation which is necessary for the war-harassed business man.

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