

reconditioning business when properly handled is a money-losing proposition that has the additional liability of a labor problem. If players, clubs and pros who desire to continue the game won't wake up to their responsibility, manufacturers, who have to handle ball reconditioning as a very minor sideline to war industry business, can't be expected to continue assuming the worry, work and loss burden, so a leading manufacturer's spokesman recently declared.

Those who especially are not concerned about the alarming ball shortage are golf-

ers whose individual stocks will get them through the season, according to a PGA official. These golfers fail to consider that the available supply of golf balls must be spread around to the extent that golf courses will have enough players to keep courses operating.

A prominent manufacturer says that the way the golf ball figures now look that unless club officials impress on members and pros the urgent necessity of turning in balls for reconditioning, many golf courses may be used for pastureland in 1944.

Driving range at Camp Croft draws heavy play, not only from golfer servicemen but also from those who have never played the game. Note Mussolini target.



Golf Notables In Army Seek Range Balls

IN URGENT need of used balls and tees is the golf practice range at Camp Croft, S. C. Any golfers who can send balls and tees to the camp will be doing a favor for the soldiers who have made this one of the most popular recreation spots on the post.

At Camp Croft are several well known golfers, ranked by Lt. Col. R. Otto Probst, widely known in golf as owner of the golf library that before the war was generally rated the largest in the U. S. Sgt. Clayton Heafner, who was one of the top playing pros, also gets a workout on the Camp Croft range several evenings a week. Heafner has been at Croft since January and in winning sergeant's stripes in comparatively short time has done excellent army work.

Hugh Fullerton, jr., sports columnist, mentioned that Clayton had gained 30 pounds since his arrival at Camp Croft. After appearance of that item the Sergeant began taking exercises at 6:30 each morning, the post commander figuring Heafner's increase in poundage was too good a plug for the camp cuisine.

Private, 1st class, John Malesky, formerly asst. pro at Shelter Rock CC, Roslyn, L. I., is teaching at the Camp Croft range and giving many lessons to soldiers who are taking up the game. Another well known amateur golfer, Pfc. Robert W. Lowe, with the cooperation of Reggie Spencer, pro at the Fairmont (W. Va.) Field club and the club's members, got 75 used clubs and 70 balls for the Camp Croft range.

Fred Brand, Colorful Carnoustie Vet, Dies

FRED BRAND, one of the Carnoustie clan of pro golfers who built the game in this country, died last month in his home on the Allegheny CC (Pittsburgh district). Fred had been in poor health as the result of strokes suffered about three years ago. However he was fairly active almost to the day of his death. He was 57.

Brand had been at the Allegheny club, with the exception of two years, since 1903. He came to the United States more than 40 years ago with Dave McKay, pro at the Pittsburgh Field club, and with Horace Brand, Fred's cousin. In 1921 he was elected first president of the Tri-