

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

**I**N 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

**F**RED 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-

State section of the PGA and held that office for 20 years. Prior to organizing the Tri-State section Fred headed a regional pro association for four years.

In his younger days he was considered one of the best players and a prodigious driver. His good play covered a span of years. His four Western Pennsylvania Open titles began in 1905 and ended with his win in 1924.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter and two sons; Fred, jr., a former Western Pennsylvania amateur champion, and Pfc. Jack, now in army recruiting service.

Fred was one of the grand, colorful characters of the earlier days. Older pros and amateurs all over the country recall lively days and nights when Fred was going great. Fred called off those robust frolics about two decades ago by strength of character and a marvelous personality turned in a performance rare for men who had his zest for conviviality. Fred used to put the finale on the PGA national meetings by leading the boys in singing Auld Lang Syne. He will live up things in Valhalla to which the great old timers go.

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**Streamlines for Wartime**—John W. Stevens, pro and mgr. of the Rockland County GC, Sparkill, N.Y., one of the oldest and finest clubs of the country, tells the highlights of his club's adjustment to wartime. Says John:

"We have streamlined clubhouse operation and eliminated all unnecessary expense and fanciness. Annual dues have been cut approximately 33 1/3%. Each member has been given 10 guest cards permitting friends to play on payment of regular green-fee. Committees have been eliminated and responsibility placed on one member per division of club operations. Thorough pre-season canvass of members resulted in holding old members and bringing in some new ones."

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## Spalding Workers See How They Help Navy

**EMPLOYEES** of A. G. Spalding & Bros., who are turning out projectiles for the Navy's 20mm. anti-aircraft gun, recently learned directly from the men who fire it exactly how their work is helping to knock down enemy flyers. In an exhibition of the

weapons at the Spalding plant which makes the projectiles, a veteran navy gun crew demonstrated to the workers the way they swing into action at the approach of Zero formations.

Except for the actual firing, two chief gunners mates, Leslie H. Vories, of Sparta, Ky., and March Phelps, of St. Louis, Mo.,



A "Sunday-punch" at the Axis is the 20mm. anti-aircraft gun for which A. G. Spalding & Bros. manufactures projectiles. (Left to right) Viola Comeau, Spalding worker who is leaving the company for the WAAC, Chief Gunner's Mates Phelps and Vories, Warrant Gunner Schafer, and Harry Amtmann, Spalding adv. manager.

acted out their jobs of operating the gun, loading and aiming with realistic speed. Warrant Gunner James R. Schafer of Tacoma Wash. supplemented the exhibition with an informal talk to the Spalding workers about the gun and his adventures in the Pacific war. The 20mm. anti-aircraft gun, he said, is one of the navy's busiest weapons and is used on everything from mosquito boats to battleships.

The projectile which the 20 mm. anti-aircraft gun fires is one of many war material items which Spalding workers are manufacturing for the armed forces, along with athletic equipment for civilians as well as for our soldiers and sailors.

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**Prestwick Carries On**—John Brennan in his Off the Fairway column in the Jamaica (N. Y.) Long Island Press quoted from a letter Bill Milligan of Bayside links received from his sister at Prestwick. Bill's sister wrote, in part: "So far as golf is concerned conditions remain about the same, with the courses well patronized and kept in reasonably fine condition. Because so many American troops wanted to play on Sundays, officials lifted the ban on Sabbath golf."