

Of Golf Of Course

Some clubs are eliminating or restricting social memberships, because of the help and food problems. . . . It appears that fully a third of the pros are in defense work and handling their club jobs on the side, judging by news clips about them. . . . Glen Ridge (N. J.) CC will hold a war bond tourney each week-end this season. Last year the club subscribed to \$11,650 worth of bonds and stamps. . . . Oakmont CC (Pittsburgh distr.) cut its April-July dues in half to encourage use of club facilities.

Columbia CC (Washington, D. C.) has upped its green-fee scale, to discourage members bringing guests to the club. The help is barely able to handle members' wants, so why boost attendance, reasons the board. . . . 20th Century-Fox Film Corp has bought the 90-acre Westwood Hills GCse for expansion purposes. . . . To encourage members to turn in old balls, someone has suggested punchboards, allowing a poke at the board for each ball turned in, with new remades for the prizes. . . . St. Louis DGA sponsors a Victory Open June 17-18 at Glen Echo CC for the benefit of the USO. . . . John Brophy, former pro at Bay Shore CC, Miami Beach, died May 12 after a short illness. . . . On Thursdays from radio station WBAL, Baltimore, Md, golfers may hear "Golf Doctors," an informal clinic of advice by a panel of six local pros. Program is unrehearsed, listeners sending in the questions and the pros answer 'em. . . . Women of the New Orleans (La.) CC celebrated Hitler's birthday by holding a war bond tourney. . . . Wisdom of not having a short hole early in the round is proved by this season's re-routing of Kissena Park GCse (Flushing, N. Y.). The former 3-par second hole is now the fourth, following three long holes. Play has been speeded at least 25 per cent, according to Pro Dick MacDon-

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ald. . . City commissioners of Ponca City (Okla.) are pondering the purchase of the Marland golf course for \$50,000.

Big Ten championship, held recently at Westmoreland CC (Chicago), resulted in a tie for the championship at 311 for 72 holes by Ben Smith of Michigan and Jim Teale of Minnesota. . . . Royal and Ancient GC of St. Andrew's, asked if golfers could accept war savings certificates as prizes and still hold their amateur status, has ruled "No," because the certificates can be converted into cash. War or no war, the R&A sticks to the old rules.

Pros have exclusive rights to balls lost in water hazards, ruled Magistrate J. R. Hockett of Flushing, L. I., when he placed Ceslaus Grabowski, 53, on parole after Henry Miller, pro at Hillcrest GC, had Grabowski arrested and charged with raiding the course water hazard 42 times. . . . Duke of Windsor, on his late May visit to the U. S., played The Links (Manhasset, L. I.) as a guest of Vincent Astor. . . . Midwestern floods in May hit a number of golf courses. Scoville Park links (Decatur, Ill.) had over an inch of silt deposited by the flood waters on the greens and fairways. . . . Fire wrecked the clubhouse of Portland's famed Peninsula GCse on May 17, with an estimated loss of \$20,000. . . . Another fire loss of the month was the Hartwell CC, owned by the Mutual Benefit Ass'n of the Cincinnati Gas & Electr. Co. The building was constructed of old phone poles. Loss put at \$60,000.

Lew Myers, pro at Providence (R. I.) Municipal GCse, ran a tourney in early June to which the entry fee was an old golf club or old balls. Collected equipment was sent to servicemen at Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. . . . Byron Nelson figures tournament golf will slump 8 to 10 strokes, due to the war; where 278 or 280 was needed to win in recent years, 288 or 290 ought to do the trick for a while after the war is over. . . . Helen Dettweiler, star woman golfer of the Washington-Baltimore sector, is completing training as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Flying Service, a branch of the Army's Ferry Command.