

Of Golf Of Course

Directors and players at the University GCse (Albuquerque, N. Mex.) turned out Apr. 12 and put the second nine of the layout in shape, thus bypassing a labor shortage problem. . . . Pueblo, Colo., reports 20 per cent more golf being played at Pueblo G&CC and City Park munny cse than a year ago. . . . Riverside CC (Chicago) will celebrate its 50th anniversary in June. Guest of honor will be W. H. Ward, sole-surviving charter member. . . . Cruickshank used a reprocessed ball in winning the North and South; Joe Turnesa used made-over pellets to place third. . . . Elinor E. Jones, state golf champ of New Mexico for the past five years is a WAAC.

Congressional CC (Washington, D. C.) has been taken over, course and clubhouse, by the Army. . . . City of Woburn, Mass, is thinking of operating the Woburn CC, now in tax possession of the city, as a munny course. . . . Lancaster (Penna.) CC will open its course to the public three Sundays this season and turn over all greenfees to the Red Cross. . . . Jack Cessford, pro at Elmhurst CC (Scranton, Penna.) committed suicide Apr. 19; he was despondent over family tragedies—a son killed by a truck, his wife's sudden death and a brother killed in action in the British Navy.

Swimming River GC has been reorganized as the Red Bank (N. J.) G&CC, with Seymour Dunn, noted Scotch pro and golf architect, as manager. . . The services have taken 23 members of the New England PGA section. . . . Wyandot CC (Columbus, O.) has had over 60 V-garden plots taken by its members. . . . An all time high of \$39,555 is reported by the Essex County (N. J.) Park Commission from green fees in '42 at Hendricks Field and Weequahic Park courses. . . . Fresh Meadow CC (Flushing, L. I.) has invited neighboring non-members to apply for V-

gardens at the club. A smart way to build goodwill.

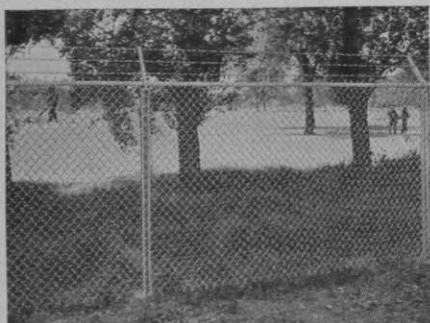
Fire - of - the - month: Newtown (Conn.) CC lost \$4,000 worth of caddie house and locker-room on Apr. 5. . . . Near - fire - of - the - month: McCook (Nebr.) CC, when a nearby resident let his bonfire get out of control; flames swept the course and damaged some trees, but otherwise was kept under control. . . . Golf-center Hershey (Penna.) has streamlined for war. The Park and Hotel courses have been closed to play and the Hershey CC layout will be opened for the first time to the public. . . . Harry Shepard, pro-mgr at Mark Twain muny course (Elmira, N. Y.), temporarily solved his manpower problem by hiring schoolboys during Easter vacation to put the layout in shape for its opening. . . . George Griffin, pro at Green Valley CC (Phila. distr.) was plenty insulted when police placed a value of only \$309 on golf equipment stolen Apr. 25 from his shop. Thieves took 336 balls, set of irons, 2 bags, box of hats, a sweater and a windbreaker.

Flood waters a year ago brought so many cottonwood seedlings onto the Ashland (Nebr.) GC layout that it has been necessary to plow up the whole course and plant it in corn this year and maybe next. When the cottonwoods are smothered out, they can make a golf course again. . . . Tom Bonnar will round out 25 years of pro service at Elmira (N. Y.) CC this season. . . . Southern Calif. GA will definitely hold its '43 Amateur; Hillcrest CC (Los Angeles) will be the site. . . . Eighteen acres have been acquired by the city of Helena (Mont.) to add three more holes to the muny course.

Babe Didrikson Zaharias showed up the boys on Apr. 4 at Ventura (Calif.) CC by scoring before a gallery of 7,500 a one under par 35 in competition with Bob Hope's 38 and Bing Crosby's 39. . . . Greensburg (Ind.) GC has two women on its board of directors. . . . Twelve members of the New England PGA went in a group to the Red Cross Blood Donor center just before the Section's Apr. 12 meeting in Boston. . . . Annual

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tourney at mile-high Banff Springs has been called off, but the Canadian Rockies course will be open for play. . . . Joe Horgan, famed 64-year-old travelling caddie who has toted for the best of them, is now a copy boy on a New York paper.

Apawamis Club (Rye, N. Y.) traditionally opens its season by having the club golf captain drive a ball from the first tee; the caddie who retrieves the ball gets \$5. This year's captain at Apawamis is Ellis Knowles, U. S. Senior's champ. . . Patriotic and war organizations may hold meetings in the clubhouse of the Hillcrest GC (Eau Claire, Wis.) without charge. . . . George Rotan, member of the 1923 Walker Cup team, many-time winner of the Texas Amateur and on the board of the USGA, died Apr. 17 in Houston, Texas.

A centrally located bowling establishment is the rallying place for members of the Yankton (S. D.) CC who want lifts to the club on share-the-ride basis. . . . Ellingham Tool Co. (Springfield, Mass), makers of tools for pro-shops, is out of business for the duration. Harold Ellingham has joined the Navy. . . . Group riding is easier for members of North Hills (Milwaukee) now that they have been furnished a map on which members' homes are spotted.

In the prosecution of the war we recognize the full responsibility of all to keep physically fit, and we are aware of the fact that, for many, golf provides the only outlet for relaxation, recreation and health building.

The number of golf games played by members of the armed services during the training period, and by others subjected to the pressure of war work, is ample evidence of the contribution which the game is making.

Consequently, it is our duty to sponsor golf playing and to assist not only our member clubs, but all clubs, without waste of manpower and materials, in the maintenance of their facilities.

This, the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Golf Association feels is a definite contribution to the war effort and therefore has decided that it will carry on its regular activities in 1943.

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