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Shawnee Has Complete Victory Garden Program

BEST of the club Victory Garden planning and publicity jobs that came to GOLFDOM'S notice is that of the Shawnee CC, Lima O.

A letter to club members advised that the club has 11 acres of bottom land, "the best garden soil in Allen County." Members were requested to sign up for plots. A war bond prize contest for the gardens was announced. The club asked, "Wouldn't it be easier to join in this patriotic movement where you will plant your seeds in marvelous ground, already prepared, than to dig up your lawn with your own efforts, where the soil is unsuitable for truck gardening?"

A blueprint of suggested garden plots and an Ohio State University extension service Victory Garden bulletin was enclosed with the letter. Refreshment and rest quarters were built near the V-Garden plot.

The club's trustees had decided that many of its members who enjoyed golf during peacetime might resign and have victory gardens at home for (1) obtaining fresh vegetables, (2) getting exercise, (3) saving club dues, and (4) saving gas and tires as the club is four miles from the city limits.

President L. B. Timmerman and W. H. King, chairman of the Victory Garden committee, got a group together and worked out the plan for 150 garden plots for members and a club plot, which promises to result in a substantial net economy to members, adjustment of club facilities to effective war effort, and preservation of club interest and membership.

War Charities Do Well in Texas, California Events

ONE of the highspots of sports participation in bond drives was the Texas Victory Open at the Dallas CC.

Here are some of the results: \$2,300,000 in war bonds sold at the auction; \$300,000 more in war bonds sold at an exhibition with Bob Hope, Ed Dudley, Ben Hogan and Jack Munger; \$1,200 Victory Open gate receipts to Red Cross; \$3,000 for an ambulance turned over to the Red Cross from the exhibition.

Thirty-four enlisted men and 22 officers competed in the Victory Open curtain



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raiser, the enlisted men without paying entry fees.

Pvt. Ben Hogan won the Victory Open with 138. Jimmy Gaunt won the Texas PGA title with his 141 and Harry Todd was low amateur with 141. The pros won the annual Texas Cup match from the amateurs, 8-7. A picked team of Dallas amateur stars, captained by David "Spec" Goldman, led Texas U. and Louisiana State U. teams in a match preceding the Victory tournament.

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SOUTHERN California PGA directors have voted not to sponsor or approve golf matches other than those completely and directly contributing to war effort. Furthermore the section went on record against benefit matches involving the use of automobiles "to any extent" and required that all prizes be in war bonds or stamps.

The sunkist section is going strong for benefit matches in which the proceeds go directly to some urgently needed servicemen's requirements. An exhibition played by Olin Dutra, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Coast Guardsman Jimmy Thomson, at Long Beach, raised \$1,000.72 for rehabilitation of the course at the Naval Hospital at Corona. At Saticoy CC, Oxnard, pros, movie stars and other amateurs played in a servicemen's benefit match arranged by Maury Luxford and Neil Whitney, raising \$2,200.

One of the features of the Southern California wartime golf exhibition program lately was a five-man Navy team headed by Sam Snead playing against a five-man Coast Guard team headed by Jimmy Thomson as a servicemen's benefit. Sailor Sam poured in a 66 against Guardsman Thomson's 69 over a tough par-72 course.

"Golf Sure to Have Post-War Boom": Aulbach

THE Civil War made baseball the national game of the U. S. Soldiers recreation in this global war is laying the foundation for a tremendous postwar increase in golf.

George Aulbach, mgr-pro of Amarillo (Tex.) CC, in his exceedingly interesting monthly "Golf Marches On" bulletin, gives some slants on what's going on in this golf development. Writes George:

"After a careful survey of play in the southwest, I can now report that practically all municipal and fee courses are