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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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**S**OUTHERN 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 O'in 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

**T**HE 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

showing an increase from 10% to 30% while the play at private clubs is off about the same amount. Some of this shift in play is due to gas rationing because most private clubs are farther in the country than municipal courses.

"The largest increases in play was found in the defense plant and army camp areas. Many of the night shift workers are taking their day relaxation on golf courses while the soldiers are crowding the fee courses. One municipal professional said:

'Over 50% of my rent clubs go to the boys who have never played before. Some of these beginners take to golf like a duck to water and are back again at every opportunity. In fact, some have purchased sets of their own. I believe every camp will produce many new golfers.'

"Yes, I believe that pro was right. Many of these beginners will continue their golf after returning to civilian life again. Even in a country at war, Golf Marches On, making new players daily."

It may be tough on the outlying private courses now but when the war has ended and those new players want memberships the private club worries will be at an end.

### Meet Course Emergency for Army Golfers

**I**AN MACDONALD, pro-mgr. of the Modesta (Calif.) munny course, is having operating problems because of unusually heavy play. A large army hospital is near the course and the play of patients, medical staff and nurses is keeping the course and Ian's driving range crowded. The practice ground is selling the game to the soldiers.

Bennie DeArmond, a Modesta course employee, got mention in a local newspaper—and a purse gratefully contributed by golfers—when Bennie worked overtime to mow fairways for week-end play. Breakdown of equipment had prevented mowing on regular schedule. DeArmond, physically handicapped, worked after hours to provide pleasant golf for the hospital golfers, and war workers whose golf had to be confined to the weekend.

Ed Vines, formerly pro at Catalina, and brother of Ellsworth, former national and international tennis champion and first-class amateur golfer, recently graduated from the Quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va., as a 2nd Lt.

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