

## PGA's 27th Annual Meeting, Chicago, Nov. 15-17

**T**WENTY-SEVENTH annual meeting of the PGA of America delegates and executive committee will be held at the Medinah club, 505 N. Michigan ave., Chicago, November 15, 16 and 17.

In addition to the sessions at which the executive committee and delegates will consider matters of organization concern, there will be outside speakers addressing the meeting of the pro's relationship to the general golf situation of wartime.

Reports from various sections of the country indicate that the gathering will be comparatively free from matters of a highly controversial nature, the boys being of the opinion that this is a time for concentrated battle action against the nation's enemies. The arguments slated to come before the convention concern misunderstandings that should be settled to mutual satisfaction and without fiery outbursts.

Pros of several sections express the conviction that the ball situation for 1944 may determine the fate of golf for the duration, and say that they are none too optimistic about the prospects inasmuch as they have had difficulty in getting all PGA members to appreciate the threat and to work continuously in acquiring balls for reconditioning. However, these men doubt that the PGA meeting can do more than to repeat the previous warnings and pleas of PGA officials who are aware that the ball situation looks dark.

PGA leaders of some sections advise GOLFDOM that they hope the matter of postwar planning for pro golf will receive considerable attention at the pros' Chicago sessions. These pros point out that the curtailment of merchandise business at many clubs has already meant a reduction in income below the point that makes pro golf a business at which a man can support a family. Consequently the old basis of pro contracts no longer has equity. Notwithstanding the uncertain prospects of shop income, resourceful pros have managed to continue valuable service to their clubs by maintaining their income, including salary guarantees, by various means.

Discussion and careful study of these means and intense consideration of the factors effecting golf club operations for the duration and after the war, these men believe to be a top item on the agenda of the PGA's annual meeting.

This far there have been no electioneering activities of the sort that preceded prewar PGA conventions. Ed Dudley, whose administrations have been notably tranquil, has not said whether or not he'll be a candidate for reelection to the presidency. Ed has been especially busy in war benefit matches, in which the PGA has done an outstanding job, and in affairs to promote the public's saving and investment of funds in war bonds. Other PGA members and officials also have given unstintingly of their services to these activities. But this persistent effort of the PGA probably will be dismissed by a formal, factual report at the convention, the pros being realists who look at the lengthy list of their members in armed service as pro golf's major contribution to war effort.

## Golf Work Is Proposed for Veterans' Rehabilitation

**C**APT. CHARLES CLARKE, Cleveland (O.), daily fee course operator and veteran of four wars, recently suggested to the USGA that golf make an organized effort to provide employment on golf courses for partially disabled soldiers and sailors.

Acting on Clarke's suggestion, the USGA has sent a notice to golf clubs and associations throughout the country urging the employment of war veterans. The release reads:

"Golf can do a constructive human service by employing war veterans. Veterans needing rehabilitation can, in many cases, be helped back to normalcy by mild outdoor work, such as that of golf course workers, caddie-masters and caddies.

"Clubs which can cooperate should get in touch with the nearest local office of the United States Employment Service. In each office there is a local Veterans' Employment representative.

"There is real merit in this idea for golf to serve men who have served us all, in the view of Mr. O. D. Hollenbeck, Chief, Veterans' Employment Service, War Manpower Commission. He has advised the United States Golf Association:

"You will be interested to know that the Veterans' Employment Service, in cooperation with the U. S. Army and the U. S. Navy, currently is conducting a program whereby disabled members of the armed forces are registered at service hos-

pitals prior to their discharge. Many such men are referred directly from the hospital to jobs in the immediate manpower area. Should the service man prefer to return home or to another locality, his registration card is forwarded to the local employment office which serves the point of destination. There he is reinterviewed and referred to available employment which will not aggravate his disability.

'The program is now in operation in over 500 Army and Navy hospitals throughout the country. It would seem that member clubs of the United States Golf Association might well inform their nearest local public employment offices of their labor requirements and of their desire to employ handicapped veterans who are in need of outdoor employment for rehabilitation purposes. . . .

'We sincerely appreciate your patriotic interest in the physical and economic rehabilitation of war veterans. Please be assured of our earnest desire to cooperate with you in every way possible.'

## **Yank Golfers Guest of Moroccans in Pro-Am.**

Howard Dupont who was in charge of the scoreboard at several USGA and PGA national tournaments and, with his brother, owned the newspaper and magazine store at Pinehurst, writes **GOLFDOM** from "somewhere in Morocco" giving details of a pro-amateur tournament played there Aug. 29.

American pros were paired with members of the club. The prize money of 8,250 francs (\$162) was put up by the Pasha of Marrokech and M. Victor Bellincioni, one of the hosts. The winning team was composed of Herb Johnson, Hinsdale, Ill., U. S. Navy, fireman 1st class, and son of Mel Johnson, veteran pro-supt. at Butterfield CC (Chicago district), and M. Bellincioni. The Pasha and his partner, Lucien Lamourette, a private in the French army, finished last among the eight teams. But apparently the Pasha was pleased as he gave his pro \$100 for the day's work, so Dupont reports.

Dupont writes that the Pasha, S. E. El Glaoui, and his staff came 200 miles to play in the event. Another entrant was the Pasha's son Si Ahmed Glaoui who, paired with A. Stitto of the local club, finished in a tie for fourth. Our good comrade Dupont says that the Pasha's

son plays quite well, speaks good English and is a very right guy, as is the Pasha. Dupont says father and son Glaoui are expecting to come to the states. If Pop Glaoui is in the habit of paying a pro \$100 for being his partner for a couple of rounds he should be met at the incoming boat or plane by a welcoming delegation of hundreds of pros.

Results of the Moroccan tourney:

Herb Johnson, Hinsdale, Ill.-M. Bellincioni—65-62—127 (4,000 francs—\$80).

Sgt. Dugan Aycock, Lexington, N. C.-Sam Ohana, Morocco—66-65—131 (2,000 francs—\$40).

Lieut. Lou Drezek, Avon, Conn.-H. Hajoui, Morocco—66-66—132 (1,500 francs—\$30).

M. Moulieras, Morocco-Chris Allo, Fedala—68-65—133 (750 francs—\$15).

Si Ahmed Glaoui, Morocco-A. Stitte, Morocco—68-65—133 (750 francs—\$15).

Pvt. L. Z. Hoffman, Dallas, Tex.-Hadj Abdallah, Morocco—69-72—141.

Cpl. Ben Banks, Dallas, Tex.-Hadj Idar, Morocco—74-68—142.

S. E. El Glaoui-Pvt. L. Lamourette, France—68-75—143.

Dupont says in his letter that a match play tournament for officers is being played on a Moroccan course. American soldiers and sailors are in need of golf equipment, Dupont reports. The men find that golf is great for giving them recreation between very stiff combat engagements. Reports from other areas to which combat outfits are taken for rest also disclose high popularity of golf but lack of equipment inasmuch as the government has passed up golf in supplying sports equipment to men in armed service.

Dupont writes that he read in Morocco that the Ryder Cup matches at Detroit drew \$30,000 for overseas athletic equipment and adds that Americans in North Africa hope that some of that money will be used to send them golf playing equipment.

As the many who know Dupont will recall, he is a very swell person. A veteran of the Warm-up War, he enlisted as a private early in this one. He is an unusually well informed and conscientious American. At his store in Pinehurst he had a supply of Congressional Records handy in the gents room for leisurely reading by patrons. He maintained that this was about the only way he could get Americans to read up on how their government was run.