

Of Golf Of Course

Peter Robinson, famed Scottish golf pro, who was champion of Scotland in '21 and '24 and who is the only player ever to make a double eagle on the Road hole at St. Andrews, died Oct. 14 in Edinburgh. He was 62. . . . Harry Hayward, San Francisco Examiner editor, has been elected prexy of the Calif. Golf Writers' Assn. Tom Lennon of the Oakland Tribune is v-p. . . . At foreclosure proceedings, the Investors Mortgage and Realty Co. of Paterson, N. J., bid \$250 for nearby Preakness Hills CC property. When approval of the purchase was sought in chancery court, it was ruled that \$250 was too little to pay for a property which includes an 18-hole course, a pool, tennis courts and other improvements on a 150-acre tract. Former owners contend the property is worth at least \$250,000. . . .

Mrs. Mary Zimmerman has been in the Olympia Fields CC club office for 25 years. Club officials presented her with a silver anniversary gift. A great girl is Mary. . . . Chuck Tanis, pro at the giant establishment of the Chicago district, has been with the club for 20 years. . . . Apparently also to show that Olympia Fields has something to do with the preservation of the spirit of youth, Robert F. Green, an 85-year-old guest at the club this summer, scored an ace on a 125-yard hole.

Catherine Fox, an excellent performer in women's tournaments this season, and daughter of Jack Fox, veteran pro, has been especially welcomed by sports photographers. The lassie is very photogenic, and a lovely personality. . . . George S. May used full page advertisements in all Chicago newspapers before the McSpaden-Byrd match. . . . One thing May has done all by himself for golf is to make it the biggest user of newspaper paid space in advertising in any single

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sports event. . . Dick Burton, winner of the British Open title in 1939, consequently still holder of that crown, is an airmen in the West Lancashire Auxiliary Squadron of the Fighter Command.

The three major New York State tourneys of this season—the Amateur, Senior, and Women's—were held at the same time over the Lake Placid Club's two courses. Combining the events proved to be a great idea from the standpoint of attendance and interest. . . U. S. Rubber Co. was 100 years old in September. Back in 1843, at Naugatuck, Conn., a rubber overshoe was the company's first product. . .

The PGA's winter golf circuit will be carried through this winter, though the field of pilgrims will be pretty small. Miami Open will start things off Dec. 16-19; other events will be announced later. . . Implement and storage shed of Walnut Grove CC, Dayton, Ohio, was wiped out by fire Oct. 8; loss put at \$10,000, was partially covered by insurance. . .

War workers golf is booming at Akron, O. House organs of the Good-year and Firestone rubber companies tell of dinners at which the organizations' men and women golf champions received prizes for their season's competition. . . Bond drive and Victory

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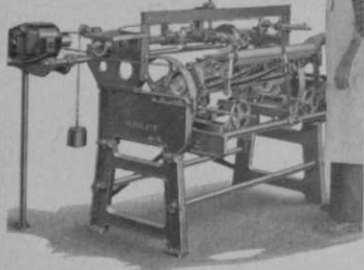
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dinner at Evansville (Ind.) CC attended by capacity crowd of 175 resulted in sale of \$1,372,231.25 in bonds, manager Harry O'Hagan reports. It's believed to be a record for a country club in a city of Evansville's size (97,062). . . . George Gibson, general mgr. of the British Pro Golfers Co-op Assn., is a flight-lieut. with the Royal Air Force. . . . Employees Recreation club of Rohr Aircraft has leased Chula Vista (Calif.) CC for 5 years.

George Aulbach, in Club News of Amarillo (Tex.) CC said that during June, July and August, 1943, 504 more member rounds were played than in the corresponding months last year. It was an increase of 25.5%. . . . Women's play at Amarillo is up 16%, and junior play up 100%, over last year. . . . Aulbach says practically every section of Texas shows an increase in golf play this year.

BALL OUTLOOK DARK

No synthetic golf balls will relieve a condition threatening drastic curtailment of golf play in 1944, according to officials of leading golf ball manufacturing companies who met late in October in Chicago.

All available rubber substitutes have been tried without success in developing a satisfactory golf ball. The producers make gloomy forecasts for golf in 1944 unless players become aware of the urgent necessity of turning in all obtainable used golf balls for reconditioning during the winter.

Reconditioned balls cared for unexpectedly heavy play this year, but manufacturers' reports show a 50 per cent reduction in number of golf balls turned in by players for reconditioning this season as against the 1942 returns.

In addition, a big demand at Army and Navy camp golf practice ranges for used golf balls diminished the supply available for civilian golfers. Marked increase of war-worker golf was another factor which seriously depleted stocks of golf balls. Stocks of unused balls, made prior to the government's freezing of rubber, were exhausted early this season.