

Alex Milne, PGA Founder, Dies in New Jersey

ONE of the grand old men of pro golf, Alexander M. Milne, died Sept. 19 at his home in Bloomfield, N. J., aged 72, after a long illness. Three of his sons, George, Alex and Kenneth, are pros.

Milne was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to this country 33 years ago. He had served clubs in New York, Massachusetts and Vermont prior to coming to New Jersey. His last pro job was at the Bloomfield (N. J.) CC.

He was one of the charter members of the PGA. As a fine, friendly character he left his impress on pro and amateur golf and did much to direct the progress of the game in this country by his genial, sound advice.

First AGF Booklet Sent All Golf Club Boards

A 12-PAGE brochure, "What is the American Golf Foundation?", constitutes an opening gun in the Foundation's campaign in behalf of American Golf clubs. The brochure is being mailed free of charge to directors of all golf clubs in the U. S. early in November, according to George S. May, the AGF's founder. Copies will also go to newspaper sports writers. The reports describes the golf and business activities of May and explains the purpose of the AGF.

Chartered as a non-profit corporation, the AGF will supply research reports to golf clubs. Its staff will analyze pro shops, club dining rooms, kitchens, bars, entertainment, dues budgets, taxes, etc. Recommendations based on these findings will be made available free of charge to all U. S. golf clubs, private, public-fee, and municipal.

Need for this service is acute and widespread as witness the large number of queries, many in the S. O. S. category, which have poured in at the AGF's new headquarters in the May Building, 2600 North Shore Ave., Chicago 45, Ill.

May has been keenly interested in golf club operation since 1936 when he acquired Tam O'Shanter GC (Chicago distr.) and proceeded to bring it out of the red by applying business-engineering principles. He regards the postwar outlook for clubs as none too bright in view of probable tax burdens on golfers—unless the clubs are scientifically managed.

Sponsorship of the AGF by the May business-engineering firm is a logical development, May believes, because of the firm's past experience with management problems on some 7,500 engineering jobs, and May's possession of the Tam O'Shanter club as a "guinea pig" for club-management experiments.

AGF reports will go out regularly. The second, "A Golf Club as a Business", will analyze major elements of golf-club management.

Marine Badgley Breaks Foreign Course Record

WARTIME curtailment of sports hold few real difficulties for a determined professional golfing veteran stationed with Marines at Trinidad, B. W. I.

Despite the handicap of unfamiliar courses and limited equipment here, Pfc. John C. Badgley, U. S. M. C., Long Branch, N. J., has broken the course records in occasional off-duty sessions on courses at nearby Port of Spain.

After nearly 15 years of golfing at numerous American clubs, 30-year-old Badgley admits that the British equivalent of "par" on local courses is not an easy score. Hidden greens and winding fairways add a disconcerting factor to American golfers, he confesses.

Prof. George McClure, Turf Authority, Dies in Ohio

PROF. GEORGE M. McCLURE, head of the department of agronomy in Ohio State University's college of agriculture, died in Columbus, O., Sept. 24. Prof. McClure had suffered several strokes and had been in failing health for some time. He was 55.

George McClure was widely known in the golf field for his many and valuable contributions to the development of course maintenance. He appeared several times on greenkeeper national convention programs and was a frequent speaker and guest at regional turf meetings. He was active in the establishment and development of the Ohio State University courses.

George McClure was very widely known and held in high and warm regard by men in golf course maintenance. His influence on this field is reflected by standard practices first adopted in many instances as the result of his recommendations.