

## Of Golf . . .. Of Course

Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC now boasts a large certificate of appreciation from the Navy for recruiting aid to the Naval Reserve. . . . Golf-minded citizens of North-East (Penna.) pitched in when the local course was allowed by the landowner to go to hay and spent their spare time bringing the layout back to playable condition. They got no pay for it, but they have a golf course again, which is what they wanted. . . . Mayfield (Ky.) G&CC was destroyed by fire Aug. 30. Loss was around \$7,000; might have been less if, when the fire-engines arrived, they had not found the swimming pool, only source of water, had been drained the day before. . . . Also destroyed by fire in August was clubhouse of Sand Point CC (Seattle, Wash.) with a loss estimated at \$60,000. . . .

Kiwanis Club of Webster (S. D.) includes in its post-war civic recommendations the purchase of 70 acres edging the town to the north for a swimming pool and golf course. . . . Government has turned down an offer of \$145,000 by the Park Commission of Los Angeles for the Rancho GCse, so the collector of internal revenue will continue to hold the property for delinquent taxes. . . . Beef cattle are grazing on some fairways at Catocctin CC (Washington district). Greens are protected by charged wires.

How about the PGA putting on a memorial tournament honoring John Shimkonis, formerly pro at Andover (Mass.) CC? John was the first PGA member to be killed in this war, and a very grand, warmly-liked young man.

The Ryder Cup matches at Plum Hollow raised \$35,000 for supplying sports equipment to men overseas. . . . It was the greatest financial success of any of the wartime team matches. . . . Too bad the affair was

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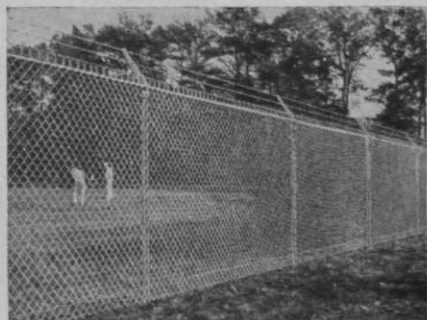
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marred by the mishandling of the Kirkwood arrangements. . . . That seems to have been plainly a case of negligence and no deliberate slight of Joe. . . . Some stories of the physical encounters alleged to have taken place as a result of the regrettable mistakes that made Joe the goat were greatly overdrawn. . . . A lamentable part of the whole thing is that few, if any, pros are doing any more than Joe to take their services to the men in military camps. . . . It looks to us like Joe should receive some very earnest apologies, and then the whole thing should be forgotten. . . . What's going on in Italy and the South Pacific and other places far distant from

Plum Hollow are the things to remember and think about.

A landmark in golf history was destroyed when the clubhouse of the Colonial CC at Fort Worth, Tex., was gutted by fire. . . . Colonial was venue of the 1941 National Open, the last one before the war. . . . Marvin Leonard, Fort Worth department store owner and capitalist, built the club at a cost reputed to be approximately \$1,000,000. . . . Even with the insurance money clubhouses can't be rebuilt these days . . . check-up on your clubhouse fire protection.

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mendously valuable amateur helper. . . . Gnaou is the man responsible for the Ryder Cup wartime series in Detroit, the biggest cash success the PGA ever has had.

Army and Navy airfields and defense production are accounting for the biggest year in play, clubhouse patronage and pro shop sales that many Texas clubs ever have experienced.

J. E. Parker, said to have been the oldest active golf writer, died recently in England, aged 86. For 50 years he wrote a weekly golf piece for the Bradford Observer. He covered tournaments when well past 80. . . . Richard Burton, holder of the British Open title which he won at St. Andrews in 1939, is a flying officer in combat service. . . . The first edition of J. H. Taylor's autobiography has been sold out, but the publishers, Jonathan Cape, 30 Bedford sq., London, WC1, intend to print other editions as soon as British paper rationing permit. . . . Some British courses have reduced the number of holes for a round because of some areas being used for food crops.

Sale of more than \$6,000,000 in war bonds have been made at golf events in which the PGA cooperated since the war started. . . . More than \$185,000 for Red Cross, USO and other war benefit organizations has been raised at events in which the PGA participated. . . . The Tri-State PGA championship at Stanton Heights, won by Sam Parks, brought \$500 to the USO. . . .

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