

# MAKING THE Swing

## THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

★ Law and order should prevail at Emmetsburg (Iowa) G&CC this season. Sheriff Bert E. Montgomery is the club's new president . . . John Brennan's golf column in Long Island Press suggests that if balls from closed-down practice ranges could be secured and reprocessed, the critical golf ball situation would be relieved . . . Harry C. Shepard, pro-mgr. at Elmira (N. Y.) munny course is on the gasoline rationing panel of the county rationing board and now is headed for the Navy.

Dick Frey, for 13 years pro at Oakland (Calif.) munny course, has entered the Army and secured a sub for his pro job for the duration . . . The additional 10 per cent tax on golf club dues paid after March 31 made March a big income month for many clubs . . . Frank Hartig, winner of DSC, Croix de Guerre with palms, and other awards in World War I is new pro at Anacostia course, Washington, D. C.

Greensboro, N. C., will be back on the tournament circuit next year, says Smith Barrier of the local Record, Fred Corcoran having smoothed out the feud between Ed Dudley, PGA president, and officials of Greensboro Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . Pinehurst also looks to be a cinch to be on PGA official 1945 schedule as omission of the pioneer spot in pro golf promotion seems now to have been regarded as a mistake all around . . . Members of California CC presented Ellsworth Vines an engraved wrist watch at a farewell banquet before Ellie left to become Denver (Colo.) CC pro.

Buss Walker in Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times forecasts a city golf league with club and business organization teams for the city this season . . . Metropolitan (N. Y.) amateur championship will be revived this year as a week-end match play event . . . Bobby Meanley, a 14-year-old entrant from La Jolla,

starred in the recent San Diego (Calif.) City tournament . . . Inglewood CC (Los Angeles district) eighth annual high school invitation tournament is early feature of a season smart and patriotic golf promotion should make one of the best seasons in high school golf's competitive history.

Barbara Hunter, 11, daughter of Dr. Paul Hunter, former California amateur champion, and Arlene Brooks, 9, daughter of Harry Brooks, Annandale pro, are Saturday morning match regulars at the Annandale club, Pasadena, Calif.

Dan Ferguson, one of the oldest and best known professional instructors at St. Andrews, died recently. He began as a caddie for Old Tom Morris . . . Golf Monthly of Edinburgh, suggests that after the war the USGA and R&A get together in standardizing the golf ball and in reducing and simplifying rules of golf . . . Several have been killed at British eastern seaboard golf courses searching for golf balls and accidentally setting off mines in minefields . . . Irish Golf Union membership now is 214; highest in its history.

Karl Kenkell, moving spirit of the Wansee Golf club and dominant factor in German golf, was killed in an air raid . . . He was a champagne magnate and uncle of Ribbentrop . . . In England and Scotland they're playing wartime rules, teeing up to prevent cutting balls.

Arthur Lacey, father of Charles, pro at Hillcrest CC, and of Arthur, pro at Berkshire, England, died recently at Farnham, England. He was a pioneer greenkeeping authority and won the British Greenkeepers' golf championship 20 years ago . . . Mrs. David Ayton, 82, widow of a famous pro, and mother of Laurie, David and Alex, pro at St. Louis (Mo.) CC, died recently at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Tournament golf promoters can't

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## TROUBLE COLLECTING USED BALLS? . . . SEE PAGE 16

expect pros to play for 100 per cent war bond prizes any more than pro baseball players take salaries entirely in bonds . . . McSpaden won \$13,500 and Nelson \$10,400 on the 1943-44 winter circuit, the greater part of it in bonds . . . Cash prizes weren't enough to pay expenses for the players . . . To participate in tournaments yet still support their families winter circuit winners would have to go into the red to keep from immediately selling bonds, which the government doesn't want done . . . Travel conditions and lugging a golf bag aboard crowded trains were further distresses tournament players faced in keeping the tournaments alive and supplying wartime galleries with golf entertainment.

Oxford (Ohio) GC has offered to sell its course to the city . . . Westchester County National bank has bought the Hollow Brook G&CC, Peekskill, N. Y. . . O. M. Scott & Sons, seed company, tell of soldiers and sailors overseas writing for their golf course and lawn care booklet to supply reading about home interests . . . Barney Barenbaugge, pro at Barrington Hills (Ill.) CC, who's a war plant worker also, was featured in a recent ad in machinery trade papers as a star performer on a multiple spindle screw machine.

Lieut. Donald R. Nowak, formerly assistant at Lansing (Mich.) CC, and a grand young fellow, has been reported missing after an air raid over Germany. He's never seen his child, a son born last Christmas . . . Miami CC has an option to buy its course and clubhouse from the Florida East Coast Hotel Co.

George McLean, pro at Seneca Falls (N. Y.) CC, has been elected president of the Central N. Y. PGA . . . James E. (Sonny) Fraser is president of the reorganized Atlantic City (N. J.) CC, and Thomas B. Wootton, another prominent amateur, is tres. and gen. mgr. . . They've hired Ed Dudley as pro for the pioneer establishment . . . Marjorie Row, Anniston, Ala., girl who played well in Florida winter tournaments, told the papers she thinks "every golf club should have a female golf pro" to instruct beginning women golfers.

There may be district Harvest

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Lester Kennedy, out of the Army via medical discharge, is new pro at Pawtucket (R. I.) GC . . . Jerry Gianferante, also out of the Army with a medical discharge, is "duration" pro at Longmeadow CC, Springfield, Mass., filling in for Ben Loving, who's in the Army.

Greenacres CC, Lawrenceville, N. J., clubhouse containing \$8,000 worth of liquor recently was burned down . . . Hoard's new golf course at Ft. Atkinson, Wis., may open nine holes early this summer . . . Carl Treat, New Jersey greenkeeping authority, has a daughter, Mae, who's a WAC in Italy; his son, Leonard, is an Army sergeant . . . A son of Mike Vecchiole, greenkeeper at Apawamis CC, recently won a Yale university scholarship.

Glen Oaks, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y., course will be played this year. The greenkeeper's house will be used as the clubhouse, the Navy having taken over the clubhouse and pro shop . . . Spencer Murphy, the club's veteran pro, and the greenkeeping Kings, Francis and his father, Larry, Sr., will stay on the job at Glen Oaks.

Jim Barnes, pro-greenkeeper at North Hempstead CC, Port Washington, N. Y., is back on the job after an operation . . . Nicholas A. Calgay, former mgr.-supt., Knoll GC, Boonton, N. J., and Arie Hanenberg, formerly at Aldercrest CC in New Jersey, now are in government turf work.

Jack Mallon, pro at Garden City (N. Y.) CC, works nights at a war plant . . . A salesman says most of Wisconsin's golf pros have been engaged in war plant work this winter and many of them will double at plants and their clubs this season . . . Montclair (N. J.) golf club defrayed expenses of eliminating dead timber on the

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William E. Perkins of Yale university's golf course still is easing the red point situation with meat of a deer he bagged last fall . . . Race Brook CC (N. Y. Met. dist.) has closed 18 of its 36 holes until more labor is available . . . Jack Flaherty, who will manage all departments of Woodway CC, Springdale, Conn., this year, is one of the tallest men in golf; he's 6 feet, 7 inches.

Denver (Colo.) munny city park course lost its manager, C. N. Newberry to the Army and its pro, John Geersten to Salt Lake City's Fort Douglas club. . . . Industrial Recreation assn. conference at Chicago indicated that workers' sports are growing as follow-up on school athletics. . . . A grand little job is the two page mimeographed letter the Orleans (Vt.) CC gets out for the boys and grown-ups who had been around the club as players, caddies or other workers and who now are in the armed forces.

Mrs. Elmer Biggs, widow of a former Illinois PGA pres. and pro at Peoria (Ill.) CC, died suddenly at Sarasota, Fla., March 16. . . . Midwest Greenkeepers' assn. held an afternoon and evening meeting at Chicago March 13. . . . Prof. G. O. Mott of Purdue spoke on fairway maintenance in the afternoon and G. C. Fuller, agronomist of U. S. Engineers spoke on airport turf. . . . There's some talk about getting government help in reviving skeet, trap and range gun practice at golf clubs as a phase of military training.

Edward J. Haines, 19-year-old Army air cadet son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Haines, recently was killed in a plane crash near Arcadia, Fla. . . . Cadet Haines' father is supt. of the Denver (Colo.) CC.

Capt. Steven C. Parks who used to be one of Wisconsin's first class amateurs and who had much to do with putting Lewis golf ball washers on many of the nation's courses, now is with the Army air forces overseas. . . . Lt. Horton Smith is in charge of recreation at Seymour Johnson Field in North Carolina. . . . It's a big recreation management job. . . . Horton likes it and may go into the show business after the war.

Alderwood CC, Portland, Ore., chickens have been laying about 130

a day and the club is advertising "fairway fresh eggs" for sale to its members. . . . The club also expects a large crop of pears from trees on its course. . . . Bobby Sellers, formerly New England amateur star, now is filling in as Toy Town Tavern course (Winchendon, Mass.) pro until Gene Mosher returns from the Army. . . . Sellers received an Army medical discharge and was advised to get outdoor work.

Jack Sharkey, green chairman at Crestmont (N. J.) GC is son of former greenkeeper at Essex County CC . . . Crestmont GC members after their rummy and bridge games at the club send the cards to military hospitals . . . Fred Corcoran, back from an Army camp sports program tour in Africa and Italy with Lefty Gomez and Jack Shakey says soldiers rate Jones, Hagen, Sarazen and Armour in order as leaders of the previous generation of pro stars and Nelson, Snead, Hogan and Wood in order as the top four of the immediate pre-war period.

Pequabuck GC, Terryville, Conn., pioneer low-priced private club, has 150 members in uniform . . . Gene Sarazen, Catherine Fox, Kay Byrne and Joe Ezar have been playing matches at Army camps in the southeast . . . They've been drawing big crowds . . . Gene says Allan Burton, formerly pro at Army & Navy club, Washington, D. C., is doing a great job for the Marines and for golf at Camp Le Jeune, New River, N. C. . . . Five hundred members of the Marines' women reserves are among Allan's pupils.

Southern Pines, N. C., has voted to buy Southern Pines CC and will improve the clubhouses and add fairway watering after the war . . . Vancouver, B. C., Seattle and Portland want golf tournaments after the PGA at Manito GC, Spokane, Wash., Aug. 14-20 . . . "Dutch" McClellan, Topeka (Kan.) CC pro says early season shows numerous businessmen who missed golf last year now returning to play, having found their work was suffering from neglect of physical conditioning.

Columbus, O., is putting in bids for national championships . . . The city was a fine host and provided large galleries for the National Open, Ryder Cup matches, and National Intercollegiate.

Joe Williams, noted sports columnist, says that in N. Y. Met. district five clubs have sold out to realtors

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## Swinging Around Golf

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in the past two years, two others have been taken over by the government, two private clubs went daily fee, three private clubs locked up, and one club which closed last year is reopening . . . Ashland (Wis.) Elks lodge has bought Chequamegon CC 9-hole course and clubhouse.

Every time a round is played in a Washington State Seniors' association event the player contributes a half dollar to the Red Cross . . . Eddie Bush, Oak Park CC pro, has been elected sec., Illinois PGA, succeeding Mat Matteson who has left Illinois after 20 years at Ridge CC to become pro at Franklin Hills CC, Detroit district . . . George Norrie,

one of the grand vets, has left Savannah (Ga.) CC to become pro-mgr. at Mobile (Ala.) CC.

Numerous clubs report return of initiation and transfer fees and waiting lists . . . Miami Beach (Fla.) residents are considering purchase of Bayshore golf course . . . Several clubs have scheduled Red Cross blood bank tournaments this season . . . Entrants become eligible to competition by contributing blood to the banks . . . A swell idea that should be extensively copied . . .

Minneapolis (Minn.) GC recently paid off \$25,986.13 and can burn the mortgage on a property valued at \$221,000 . . . Arcadia (Wis.) GC offers free use of its course to local youngsters under 18 who obtain membership cards from the secre-

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A club tournament in South Africa a few months back was played with wooden golf balls supplied by the club when the field of 100 started. . . . Melbourne, Australia, golf clubs are reserving a proportion of their memberships for servicemen who declare they will join clubs immediately on demobilization. . . . Australian golf expects a big postwar boom. . . . Twenty-one of the 450 British PGA members in service have been killed in action.