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THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

PGA championship at Spokane set new last day gallery record with the final round gallery estimated at over 8,000.

At numerous midwestern courses women are doing maintenance work. . . . Despite popular opinion of women automobile drivers greenkeepers say women are careful, competent tractor pilots. . . . Drought in considerable portion of the midwest has been more severe than for many years past. . . . Some violent windstorms have uprooted trees. . . . June beetle grubs have heavily infested some midwestern courses. . . . But trouble with nature is what greenkeepers expect, regardless of any and every precaution.

Hurray for Maurie O'Connor, Branch Brook (N.J.) pro. Maurie won \$2,702 in the Pitkin Memorial hospital tournament at Spring Lake (N.J.) G&CC; \$1,000 for low gross in a fast field of pros and the rest as his share of the Calcutta with his amateur partners. . . . The Calcutta was \$26,175. . . . Success of Esquire magazine's first All-American all-star boys' baseball game at New York was a tip-off to smart pros to promote boys golf tournaments locally. . . . There are not nearly enough of these events to give the youngsters inspiring and educating competition.

Nine holes, designed by William P. Bell, are to be added to Brookside Park, Pasadena, Calif., many course, at cost of \$63,821 when "materials and labor are available." . . . Brookside's present 27 holes are being played by 11,500 per month. . . . Park supt. Wm. Nichols says Brookside is unable to handle "hun-

reds" more each week who want to play. . . . He adds "golf play is bound to increase after the war." . . . The additional nine holes are being financed out of earnings.



START YOUNG IN KANSAS

Mike Oliver, 16 months old, is taking a lesson from former pro Joel Bennett, now at the Army Air Forces hospital at Salina, Kan. Bennett and his protegee are at the Salina. Joel says Mike probably will be ready to enter the National Open about the time he can be sure of getting a strictly new ball.

William J. Morgan, mgr., Doylestown (Pa.) CC for 12 years died recently at his home after a short illness. . . . Charles M. Cooper, 317 Loring av., West Los Angeles, Calif., is new owner of the Southern California G&CC (formerly Midwick). . . . Hiawatha (Kan.) revived

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its golf club this year at request of members absent in military service. . . . Women were active in re-establishing the club. . . . Water shortage on Cleveland (O.) west side caused discontinuance of Highland Park many course greens watering at orders of Mayor Frank J. Lausche, an ardent golfer. . . . Omaha (Neb.) negroes plan a 9-hole private course.

A British munitions worker revived marathon golf by playing eight rounds one day during the earlier stages of the Normandy invasion. . . . He played on his "off" day. . . . He was "off" in more ways than one. . . . Death of a British golfer at a seaside course occurred when the player, an Army officer on leave, went into a wired-off area to recover his ball and was killed by an explosion. . . . A 76-year old Englishman, who's been golfing for 50 years, recently made his first hole-in-one on a 167 yard hole. . . . Sandy Herd left an estate of 11,452 pounds. . . . Ted Ray left the largest estate of any of the Big Three; Vardon, Ray and Herd. . . Ray's estate was 26,000 pounds.

An ad in Golf Monthly, Edinburgh: "WHISKY FOR GOLF BALLS. Bottle for 4 pre-war; ½ bottle for 2."

Vice pres. Henry A. Wallace visited the Iowa turf garden at Ames, July 28. . . . H. A. Lantz of the Agricultural Experiment station and Clarence Yarn showed the VP what greenkeeping research was accomplishing. . . . Mr. Wallace was highly complimentary to the state scientists and greenkeepers on results of cooperative work in evidence at Ames. . . . Iowa's 10-year-old Donald Westfall, whose father and grandfather are course supts., does a very good job of running the tractor and fairway mowers at Creston GC when he gets a chance to help his daddy. . . . Sod webworm moths have been numerous enough in Iowa during July to call for a warning from H. A. Lantz. . . . He advises lead arsenate at 2 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. to control sod webworm and cut worms.

Spokane Athletic Round Table hopes to net \$30,000 with PGA championship for Fort George Wright and Baxter General hospital rehabilitation work for which the Army provides no funds. . . . Commanding officers of both hospitals signed a letter to Spokane business organizations urging ticket pur-

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A. G. Spalding & Bros. contributed 4,655 items of equipment to the War Prisoners Aid campaign conducted in Chicopee, Mass. . . L. Ert Slack, former mayor of Indianapolis, Ind., 939 Security Trust Bldg., is clearing out remainder of his popular booklet on putting by placing them at reduced prices with pros for resale. . . Bob Cronin, greenkeeper, Glens Falls (N. Y.) CC, in addition to handling a war plant job, had a chance to play in a local tournament and shot the best he's done in years. . . What's that prove?

Angelo Monzo, one-armed pro at Duquesne GC, Pittsburgh, Pa. has collected from his members and others, balls and clubs for the Deshon military hospital course now being constructed. . . Monzo plays with his left arm, having lost

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Golf has been so effective as a treatment for wounded veterans Army medical authorities are considering getting hospital golf programs on a nationally coordinated basis. . . . A prominent pro, rated as one of the smartest in the game, and at present an Army officer, has been mentioned as in line to work out a golf program in collaboration with Army medical authorities.

La Junta, Colo. citizens have bought 142 acres which they plan to turn over to the city for a muny golf course. . . . Smiley Quick, former Southern California amateur star and now an electrician's mate in the navy, home on leave, says that a five hole course was con-

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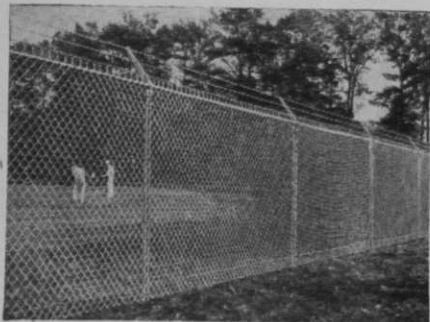


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structed on Betio in the Tarawas, shortly after the island was taken. . . . Five battered balls, a Japanese putter discovered at Betio, and another club made from a radio antenna and part of a wrecked landing craft, were equipment for the course.

Verne Perry, for 20 years prominent in Oregon golf, has resigned as mgr. of Columbia-Edgewater CC, Portland, effective Oct. 1. . . . Jefferson S. Craft is new mgr. of Savannah (Ga.) GC. . . . Frank Wallace of Great Falls is new pres., Montana State GA. . . . Roy Sage, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., has leased the Forrest Hills GC at Atlanta, Ga. . . . Course record of 64 at Manito G&CC, Spokane, Wash., 72 par venue of the 1944 PGA is 64, made by Lt. Marvin (Bud) Ward.

Greenkeepers and supply dealers report necessity of using unskilled operators on course maintenance machinery is wearing out machinery at an alarming rate. That'll mean no trade-in value on postwar equipment. Orders already are being taken for postwar delivery in rotation as orders are received, with models and prices undetermined.

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