

Making the Swing

ALL AROUND GOLF

By HERB GRAFFIS

Department of Commerce in an estimate on "Markets After the War" forecasts a 66% increase of sales of sporting goods, games and toys . . . Chicago District GA is planning to cut pros in on the profits of its major 1944 tournament . . . Veteran greenkeeper of Metropolitan NY section says the game in that district needs a strong shot of morale now . . . Slow club dues payments on account of income tax, he says, is making the situation currently gloomy . . . His recommendation is that the clubs adopt more of the greenkeepers' attitude of accepting the unavoidable handicaps and a challenge and get an additional lift out of doing what would have been considered impossible in 1941.

Hollowbrook in Peekskill, Green Meadow in Westchester and Woodbridge in Connecticut have folded in the New York met area . . . Former players will go to strengthen surviving clubs . . . Watch for smart pros to put new ideas in solicitation of 1944 lesson business to offset slump in merchandising sales . . . Lesson business last season benefited from pro accent on lessons as fine exercise for overworked war plant executives who had to reduce number of rounds of golf they played in normal times.

Argentina is sending an SOS for golf balls. . . Who isn't? . . . William Reid, 75, who began as a golf journalist in 1887, died recently in Edinburgh. . . South African government has granted approximately \$2000 to Witwatersand university to assist in turf work for airports, golf courses, other sports turf and lawns. . . Henry Cotton has gone into the paper business in England. . . During 1943 the British PGA had 258 pros and 27 assistants as dues-paying members. . . As in World War I the British PGA has had a high percentage of its normal membership in the fighting forces.

Club officials and managers are

wondering what the liquor shortage is going to do to clubhouse revenue this year. . . Richard Tufts, genl. mgr., Pinehurst, Inc., was author and illustrator of a clever booklet on eight of the USGA notables, privately printed and distributed at the USGA executive committee meeting. . . Chicago public park golf rounds for its four courses were 178,839 in 1943; 41,882 fewer than in 1942. . . Lack of leisure time was major reason accounting for the slump.

Cedar Rapids (Ia.) CC in its February bulletin says: "As it now appears members paying dues prior to March 1 will be exempt from the proposed increase in tax on club dues."

. . . Harry W. Snead, Sam's older brother and formerly pro at Hot Springs, Va., is an inspector at the Martin airplane plant at Baltimore, Md.

St. Louis District GA again will hold a Victory Open this year. . . National Society for Crippled Children, Elyria, O., asks golf clubs to apply Easter seals to April May. Sale of seals finances help for the kids. . . The American League's movie, "The World Series of 1943," is a popular feature of golf club winter meetings. . . Evansville (Ind.) CC last year had the best year financially its had in its 41 year history.

Forty per cent of the servicemen who play Griffith Park, Los Angeles, have played their first games at that course, so Supt. William H. Johnson estimates. . . Don Boyd, well known in greenkeeping circles, now is with the Seiberling Rubber Co., Akron, O.; in the factory in the winter and in charge of the company's golf course and other recreational activities in the summer.

Minnesota Greenkeepers and University of Minnesota turf authorities will hold a golf maintenance conference March 6. . . C. K. Bradley, formerly supt. of Passaic County (N. J.) courses and active in greenkeeping association work and as a writer on course maintenance, now is with Arthur D. Peterson, Inc., New York golf course and airport supply house.

Golf course maintenance suffered the loss of two of its prominent experts late last year in the deaths of James Comito, supt. of the Huntington Valley CC (Philadelphia district), and Mack Burke, supt. of the Columbus (O.) CC. Both men had been responsible for construction and maintenance of several courses in their districts, and were highly regarded as masters of their profession and as fine friends.

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and tournament player, now is working at a war plant in Waco, Tex. . . . Henry A. Hurst, Philadelphia tournament angel, will put up \$15,000 as prize money for the 1944 Hurst annual invitation affair.

Royal Air Force prisoners of war at Stalag Luft III have constructed their own miniature golf course and have made their own golf balls and clubs. . . . Los Angeles CC's approximately 100 employees now have a group accident and sickness insurance policy with benefits increasing each year of employment. Club bears the entire cost. Wage freeze in the L. A. area making it practically impossible for clubs to compete with war salary industries, and necessity of recognizing employee loyalty, brought the plan which is to be expanded to include a retirement fund.

An interesting and impressive book, "The Human Machine at War," is something your clubs should have on its library or lounge table, if you still can get a copy. In it, military and physical education experts tell of the physical fitness factor in wartime. Wilson Sporting Goods Co., Chicago, published the book.

Twelve goats at Coombe Hill course, England, keep down the rough and yield 12 quarts of goat milk daily. . . . Kathleen Garnham, one of Britain's leading prewar women golfers, now in the WAAF, has laid out a 9-hole course at the RAF field where she's stationed.

American women golfers are discussing plans for a war charity tournament as a memorial to Flight-Officer Pamela Barton, charming English lass who won U. S. and British women's titles in 1936, played in Curtis Cup 1934 and 1936 matches, and won numerous other championships. She was killed in a plane crash in England last November.

Fred X. Fry, Pacific Grove, Calif., many course pro, collected 1121 old balls as entry fees for his hole-in-one contest. . . . Winter golf in central and eastern seaboard states was unexpectedly strong during fairly comfortable December and January week-ends.

Norwegian sportsmen have been on a strike for more than three years against the Nazi-controlled National Association for Sports. They refuse to compete in the quisling events which have very small fields and draw practically no attendance. . . . Among other things that are being learned about Russia is that it is one of the world's most sports-minded nations. . . . There are more than 700 soccer teams in Moscow. . . . More than 10,000,000 have engaged in the winter's

skiing competitions. . . Although the Golfer's Handbook, international authority, listed no Russian golf courses in its latest (1939) edition, there are several courses in the USSR.

Joseph C. Dey, former executive sec., USGA, now is a lieutenant. (j.g.) in the Navy. . . In Cheshire, Eng., 713 acres on 38 golf courses are under cultivation in 1944 food production. . . The same golf area will have over 2,200 acres being grazed. . . A movie of stars' swings was made by Tom MacMahon, Chicago District GA official, at the Hale American tournaments and is being shown at Chicago golf affairs.

Wilson Sporting Goods Co. executives and branch managers held their annual meeting Jan. 30 and 31. . . First day was devoted to how the organization could help in the current and postwar national physical fitness program. . . L. B. Icely, Wilson president, is taking a brief vacation in California.

More than 100,000 golfers will receive National Golf Foundation's used golf ball collection campaign material from clubs and pros as result of orders for the free material placed before Jan. 25. . . Time and Esquire magazines and most newspapers have given the campaign heavy publicity as a life-saver for golf. . . In view of national publicity players whose pros or clubs fail to acquaint players with the campaign may wonder why. . . If you want the free material for your club's members, write National Golf Foundation, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago (4), Ill., giving your title and number of members you wish to circularize.

U. S. Rubber Co. has adopted as its advertising slogan "Serving Through Science." . . Spring Lake (N. J.) CC gave its pro, Johnny Reardon, a tournament before he entered the Army. . . Each player's score was paired with Johnny's so Johnny was a cinch to win the \$1600 paid as entry fees.

Joe Frasca, pro-mgr., Aiken (S. C.) CC, is a advertising specimen of a pro golfer as a community leader. . . Joe was first and third pres. of Aiken Junior Chamber of Commerce. . . He's a S.C. District Governor of the Jaycees. . . He's sec. and treas. of Aiken Rotary club. . . He was Aiken County chairman of the War Fund drive which exceeded its quota by almost 50%. . . During the past four months he's given golf talks and demonstrations before four large meetings.

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P. C. Pulver, veteran golf scribe, and for the past 25 years a faithful worker for pro golf as PGA magazine editor, has retired as editor of the magazine....The magazine will be published from PGA headquarters at Chicago with Thomas W. Crane, executive sec., as editor. . . . Jimmy D'Angelo, active figure in PGA official life and for 12 years pro at Baerewood CC (Philadelphia) district, is moving to the Muskogee (Okla.) CC where he'll also be close to a very live group of pros.

Elks clubs at Oelwein and Keokuk, Ia., acquired golf courses last year, indicating a trend of consolidation of smaller city town and country clubs. . . . What the ball conditioning campaign is up against is 15% of the balls turned in being beyond reconditioning and only 29% of the remainder being first grade possibilities for reconditioning, says Isaac B. Grainer, pres., Metropolitan GA.

This year's Eskimo Open at Amarillo, Tex., played for the third time, per custom, on New Year's day, was won by the former Wisconsin star, Pfc. Jim Milward. . . . Jim got 38 against par 35 on greens spotted with snow, ice and slush. . . . Host pro, Gene Root of the Ross Rogers muni course was tied for second in a field of 14, with 40.

Timely Turf Topics suggests writing Office of Defense Transportation, 1147 New Postoffice Bldg., Washington, D. C., or ODT Division of Motor Transport district offices, for free bulletins on "Cooling Systems," "Pistons to Fit Reconditioned Cylinders," and "Preventive Maintenance and Inspection free bulletins as helps in winter work on course maintenance equipment.

James Govan, 73, St. Andrews native who came to the U. S. in 1899, died Dec. 27 at his home in Haddon Heights, N. J. Jim was pro at Pine Valley from 1915 until 1941 when heart trouble compelled him to resign. He was a master clubmaker and a fine teacher, and one of the builders of golf in this country.