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THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

Pasadena, Calif., city and county officials are considering building golf course and other recreation facilities in Eaton Canyon. . . . Mrs. Opal S. Hill, former Women's Western champion, is teaching women's classes at Kansas City's Victory Hills GC. . . . McSpaden-Nelson exhibition matches for war benefits are drawing record crowds. . . . Val Flood, veteran eastern pro, was 79 July 9, and still full of pep, high purposes and bright ideas. . . . Gene Fox, greenkeeper at Racine (Wis.) CC is in his 33d year at the club.

Four Seasons CC, Pembine, Wis., claims all its waitresses are beauty contest winners. The kids are college students in vacation work. . . . Dayton (O.) CC has playpens for members' kids with nurse entertaining and feeding the youngsters. Charge is 35c an hour. It brings young mothers to the club. . . . Dallas Athletic club now is conducting the Glen Lakes CC. . . . The Tom Walsh family (he's ex PGA pres.) have a new daughter, Margaret.

Bill Mehlhorn now is pro at Mount Washington hotel 18-hole Donald Ross course at Bretton Woods, N. H. . . . Bill tutored delegates to the international monetary conference during their breathing spells. . . . The gentlemen who are working with billions of bucks played for dimes and quarters like the rest of us.

Hurray! Olympia Fields CC (Chicago district) built with four courses as the world's largest private club, will continue under court approved plan expected to pay off bondholders 100%. . . . Harvey Penick, Austin (Tex.), CC pro, has played in 17

consecutive Texas PGA championships.

H. R. Weatherhead, British golf club official whose interest in turf was largely responsible for establishment of the St. Ives Research station, died recently. . . . Jack White, British pro vet, writes in *Golf Monthly*, that his best instruction advice is "Learn to hit the back of the ball." . . . Stanley Anderson, British sports columnist, is writing a new golf book which will first appear in the U. S., because, Anderson says, "Golf at this moment in this country (England) is a forgotten sport except where pleasure is concerned. The Americans continue to take it seriously."

R K O's annual golf tournament held this spring at Westchester CC brought the biggest turnout in the history of the affair due in a large measure to the theme of the day—the 5th War Loan. Bond sales and prize awards in Bonds ran into the thousands.

Already plans are being made for greater outdoor and indoor winter sports programs than country clubs previously had. . . This summer adult use of swimming pools at golf clubs has been greater than ever before.

Republic Aviation's Evansville (Ind.) plant golf league is so successful that lease of a course exclusively for Republic employees is being considered. . . Diamond Shop tournament at Amarillo, Tex., is sponsored by jewelry chain stores. . . Fred Corcoran, PGA tournament bureau director, has been asked by the Red Cross to make his third overseas trip for conducting sports programs.

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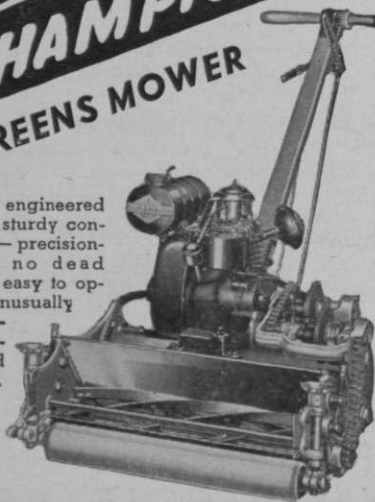
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born June 30 at Hot Springs, Va. . . His Mom and Pop agree he's the finest prize Pop Snead has been awarded. . . Art Schlueter, formerly pro at Shorewood GC, Green Bay, Wis., now is working at the Puget Sound Navy Yard and handling the pro job at Ketsap G&CC, Bremerton, Wash., on the side. . . Mrs. Schlueter is managing the club.

August whiskey-making period is expected by club managers to prevent cotton-spitting drought in locker-rooms. . . Managers also say it nipped black market. . . Rum drinks have been growing in popularity at country clubs. . . Maybe golf club push will establish rum as American thirst quencher as it did gin, which prior to country club adoption was principally favored by the Afro-American social set.

Bernie Carden, 16-year-old high schooler, was runner-up to his pal and golfing champion, Dick Punnett, for the Buffalo DGA junior championship. The following day, on his home course, Carden scored a hole in one. . . One trio in the boys' tournament—which ran concurrently with the junior—aggregated 474 strokes; two 157s and a 160 by the youngest entrant, 7. . . The events were played at Grover Cleveland Park, once Country Club of Buffalo, and scene of the national public links tournament in 1925, won by Lester Bolstad.

Buffalo GC had a mid-summer, rally of members and friends. Entry fee for the kickers' handicap was one or more worn golf balls. The club realized about 500 or half a barrel that will be shipped away for reprocessing.

Jack Ahern of Wanakah (N. Y.) CC, who carried Jess Sweetser to the 19th hole in the second round of the national amateur championship at Merion Cricket Club in 1930, has returned to Buffalo to become assistant secretary at the Manufacturers-&Traders Bank after 2½ years with the Air Corps in Iran, Iraq, India, China and Egypt. Ahern was Buffalo District champion in 1934.

In lieu of other tournaments, excepting the combined junior-boys' Buffalo DGA conducted a Red Cross Benefit event that netted about \$2,000 for charity. . . Each affiliated club held a sweepstake over the July 4th weekend, with a player entering as many times as desired upon payment of a \$1 fee. The four low at each club was entitled to participate in an 18-hole handicap tournament

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To make starting times for the subsequent Sunday mornings at Buffalo's outstanding municipal course, Grover Cleveland Park, foursomes arrange with caddies to be in the reservation line when the window opens on Thursday morning at 6 o'clock. . . There are as many as 40 or 50 in the line when the starter begins assigning times for the play three days hence.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey is taking a golf lesson a week from pro George Ferrier at Pawling (N. Y.) CC. . . Fred Corcoran reminds us that in 1917 when the tax situation didn't boost war bond sales the week-end exhibitions of Francis Ouimet and Jess Guilford in uniform, and their matches with Mike Brady and Louis Tellier did amazing jobs of bond selling.

Walter Kennedy, Indiana senior golfer and owner of the Home Lawn hotel and course at Martinsville, Ind., bought a \$10,000 tee at the pro-senior preliminary to the Chicago DGA Victory Open at Edgewater. . . Kennedy asked for a peg at the first tee and got the flippant suggestion from a pal that he buy one. . . Kennedy said he'd buy a tee if a \$10,000 war bond went with it as a premium. . . He made out his check for the bond, got the tee, and promptly clouted his first shot out of bounds!

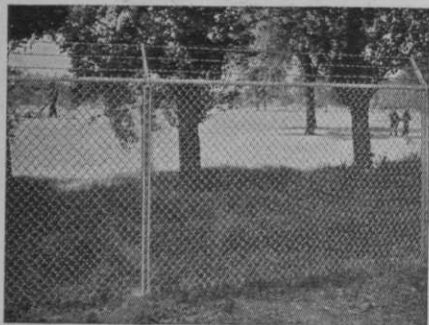
Caddies at Ft. Wayne (Ind.) July 1, 2 and 4 got a dollar bonus for caddying 18 holes or more. . . Also got to see the club's circus free July 4 afternoon. . . Chris Calloway, veteran and widely known pro, has recovered from illness which confined him to Moore County hospital at Pinehurst. . . Willie Hoare was around at Edgewater during the Victory Open and still full of "pep" despite the long fight the popular senior pro has had with invalidism.

Westwood CC (St. Louis dist.) clubhouse burned; \$700,000 loss. . . Club has been venue of Western Open and other tournaments. . . Westwood course will continue in play and clubhouse will be rebuilt when government regulations permit. . . Raritan Valley CC, Somerville, N. J., had \$15,000 fire damage.

Southern California GC, once Midwick, was sold by Dominic Jebbia, banana magnate. . . Course will continue to operate. . . City of Los Angeles has bought 184.6 acres former-

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ly the Rancho GC. . . Property will become a park. . . Tucumcari, N. M., to have a golf course. . . Cheyenne, Wyo., Airport GC plans enlargement to 18 holes.

George Corcoran, Starmount GC, Greensboro, N. C., pro, has hired Hope Seignious, former Michigan women's champion, as assistant. . . George says in teaching and in shop operation smart, young business women are going to have increasing prominence and value. . . Members of the Wamego (Ks.) GC are divided into nine groups each of which is responsible for maintenance of a tee, fairway and green.

Seventh annual Iowa State College Masters tournament will be played at Iowa State College, Ames, July 31-Aug. 1. . . George Veenker, Iowa State athletic director, originated the event. . . Contestants are expected to buy a 10-cent war stamp for each hole they don't par. . . Nearly \$1,500 worth of stamps were bought in the 1943 tourney.

Norman Sommers, veteran pro who's been at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for the past 24 years was given a strong, well-deserved citation by Ft. Lauderdale News as being prominent in making golf a community asset. . . The News also said of George: "He has even been able to do things for left-handed players."

Temple Caverns GC, Springfield, Mo., being reorganized . . . Canby (Minn.) GC with 75 per cent of its members in uniform, is being continued by public subscription to be ready for the boys when they come home. . . Marysville (Ks.) CC held a party in which prizes were awarded for the most unusual hat of a woman guest and a man guest's "most original" tie. . . How can judges tell when a woman's hat is supposed to be a costume party entry?

Frank Stenzel, 76, owner of Glendoveer GC, Portland, Ore., and friend of thousands of Northwestern golfers, died June 10, of a heart attack. . . He was a retired lumberman and inventor. . . He built the Glendoveer course in 1926. . . Every boy under 18 in Amarillo, Tex., is eligible to join the newly organized Sunset Junior Golf assn., organized by Walter Sikes, Sunset pro-mgr. . . Walter gives the kids free instructions. . . They run their club themselves.

Prestwick, famed Scotch golf town, now is chief airport for trans-Atlantic flying. . . It seldom has

fogs, then only of short duration. . . Arthur Havers now is pro at Moor Park, Eng., where the late Sandy Herd was located.

Fire at Country Club of Buffalo over Memorial week-end, destroyed the garage in which the press was housed during coverage of the 1933 Intercollegiate championship, won by Walter Emery of Oklahoma. The damage was about \$10,000, but \$25,000 of golf clubs and equipment in Charley Bemish's adjoining professional shop were saved. Included in the loss were caddy carts.

A major shift in the Western New York professional ranks took place this summer when Jack Pritchard, after 20 years at Wanakah CC, took over at Park CC, succeeding the veteran Jack Gordon. . . Ray McAuliffe, only native Buffalonian ever to win a national championship—the public links in 1925—now is located in war plant work, but likely will return to his professional job at Erie Downs (Ft. Erie, Ont., Canada) when peace is won. . . There is practically no play on the Western New York courses week days, but municipal layouts are crowded over the week-end and there is considerably more play on the private courses than in 1943, when the ban on pleasure driving forced the players to remain at home.—Gene Korzelius, Buffalo Evening News.

Help shortages are preventing absorption of waiting lists at many country clubs. . . Other clubs with large percentages of members absent in armed service won't reduce waiting lists because they believe many members now in service will be returning before long and find clubs overcrowded by the wartime new members. . . Harry Fawcett, noted practical authority in club management, says that slot machine profits are a danger to golf club tax situation. . . He believes golf club bookkeeping should be rationalized now with proper provisions being made for depreciation.

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