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## THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

Everett A. White willed most of his estate to "promotion and furthering of game of golf among students and faculty of Amherst college." His will was probated in Bermuda. . . Saratoga (N. Y.) Spa course has no grade steeper than 5 per cent because of cardiac patients at the resort. . . The Army is ordering golf balls and clubs for use at its hospitals. . . Willie Hoare, vet pro who has been an invalid for some years, is still full of fight and plans to visit tournaments this summer.

Lt. Jerome S. Savaria, son of the head of Spalding's golf ball dept., is a prisoner of war in Rumania. He was pilot of a bomber shot down during the Ploesti raid. His father received DFC and Air Medal on behalf of his son recently. . . Willie Davis, holder of the Scotch pro title, won in 1939, is missing in action. He was an observer in the RAF.

Reggie Spencer, pro at Fairmont (W. Va.) Field club, has collected from his members and others more than 400 used clubs, which have been sent to Army hospitals and camps.

Free class lessons for kids Saturday mornings seem to be more numerous than ever before despite many pros being in war work. . . Caddies at Kalispell (Mont.) many course have formed their own organization, elected a caddiemaster and are going in for self-instruction in caddying. . . First time we've heard of anything like that. Congratulations to the Kelispell kids.

Verle Williams, pro, New Albany (Ind.) CC, works as a welder in a shipyard nights and gets about five hours sleep a day. . . His wife is New Albany mgr. . . Members of Jackson-

ville (Fla.) Timuquana CC maintained course while greensmen were out on several days' strike. . . Milaca (Minn.) Chamber of Commerce campaigns to keep golf course open so servicemen will have it when they come home.

Club Managers Assn. has 65 members in the armed forces. . . Comity, the newsletter for Club Managers Assn., written by Pres. Wayne D. Miller, is a swell job of supplying concise, helpful data. . . John Derr, former sports writer now with the Army Air Forces in India, writes that a price of \$1 for British reconditioned balls has been established in India. . . John says a Patty Berg golf movie was shown at his post and made the golf-hungry Yanks homesick. . . He wonders why more golf movies aren't supplied to the armed forces abroad. . . Thinks the game is muffing a great promotion opportunity.

There were 132 entries in the Amarillo (Tex.) \$2,000 War Bond tournament won by George Aubach. . . Amarillo also is staging the tenth anniversary of the Tri-State Senior GA. . . It boasts it's "the only tournament in the world where the rules are made for the comfort, convenience and pleasure of the contestants.

Lt. (j.g.) Reinard Nauzig, Chick Evans scholar, who worked at Westmoreland CC (Chicago dist.) writes from New Guinea he's been reading about the golf ball shortage and the golfers out there are worrying about how the game'll get along while they're away.

J. G. Kohr, South Bend (Ind.) CC greenerkeeper, prophesies that motor mowers after the war will have self-starters and automatic blade and

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bearing setters. . . Several public golf courses are permitting players to use the course on payment of five used balls. . . The first Lord Leverhulme, refused membership in the Sandy Lodge GC, built for himself the course that eventually became Moor Park. . . Leverhulme was a cripple an had to be carted between shots.

George S. Clason, Denver golf official, says more municipal golf courses after the war will be a better bet than the super-highways road contractors are "struggling to put across." . . Ernest Jones, one of the greatest golf teachers, wrote Dick Atkins, Georgia pro who lost a leg at Guadalcanal, how to regain his mastery of the game. Ernest's letter was a classic and quoted in many sports columns. . . Jones lost a leg in World War I.

More than 26 of the Evans caddie fund scholars are commissioned officers. . . Cpl. James S. Vanderhoff, former holder of New Jersey amateur titles, now an Army air force pilot student, recently won the Country Club of Monterey, Mex., annual tournament. . . Approximately 60 per cent of the play at the Tuscon, Ariz., many course is of servicemen.

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Frank Syron, pro-mgr., Pontiac (Mich.) GC is promoting Oakland County's first junior golf tournament, for boys under 18. . . Pontiac Daily Press is putting up a trophy. . . Chevy Chase (Washington DC dist.) recently had its third fire in two years; damage, \$3,000. . . New Iberia (La.) G&CC revived, after being closed last year.

Reuben Scott is new pres., Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Supts. assn. . . Maintenance on the Bellair GC, Clearwater, (Fla.) course, continues although the course is closed down. They hope to reopen their 36 holes for play next winter. . . Members of Greenkeepers' Assn. of America, headed by Harold Stodola, vote 93.1 per cent for retaining present officers for the duration.

This year the laundry problem at golf clubs really is tough and the fellow who uses two or three towels for his shower is bringing on strict towel rationing. . . Junior Chamber of Commerce at Long Beach, Calif., put on a used ball and club drive for supplying soldiers in the South Pacific.

Elijah Horton, who's been in pro golf over 40 years, recalls that at a pro job at a good job in 1905 he was up at 5 a. m., twice a week helping mow greens, was paid \$25 a month and at the end of a season, with \$100, thought he was rich. . . Elijah is in fine condition notwithstanding his mileage. . . Andy Brown, another one of the lively veterans, is getting back into pro golf, after a session in a war plant.

California's State Open with \$3,000 bond prizes will be played at Del Paso CC, Sacramento, July 2-4. . . Kalispell, Mont., Elks are buying the local munny course to prevent its closing because of lack of city funds for maintenance. . . A \$10,000 pro-amateur tournament is being considered by the reorganized Atlantic City (N. J.) CC.

Claude Harmon's members at his new club Lochmoor (Detroit district) welcomed him with a "mulligan" tournament in which contestants were allowed to replay one unsatisfactory shot each hole. . . Syl Gardner is new pres., New York State GA. . . One hundred Tripoli CC (Milwaukee district) members recently turned out to do course work on a Saturday.

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Seattle and Vancouver golfers have a war workers' tournament now in its second year. Each year's title is decided by home and home matches. . . . Lieut. Tom Lambie, Phoenix, Ariz., amateur star, back with numerous decorations for his work in 50 missions overseas is playing tournament golf again at Oklahoma City. He's now at Will Rogers field. . . . Glen Ridge (N. J.) CC pro shop was burned recently and sets of clubs were destroyed despite desperate efforts of pro Jack Fox. It's the club's 50th year.

Hillcrest CC, Los Angeles, destroyed by fire. Estimated loss, \$140,000 . . . Central City, Neb., completes new 9-hole course. . . . Meadow Brook CC, formerly Midland Valley (St. Louis district) has been sold to be converted to a private club. . . . The idea of naming one trap on a course the Red Cross trap and expecting a dime or quarter Red Cross contribution from every player who gets into the hazard is spreading this year.

Wilbraham CC, Springfield, Mass., members go to work on the course two evenings a week while labor shortage is on. . . . Newport (R. I.) CC is in its 51st year. Daniel C. Shea has been its supt. for 39 years. Members gave him a watch in appreciation recently. . . . Clarence Yarn has closed his 27-hole Woodside public course for the duration. It was opened in 1928. Gas shortage cut play way down.

Tom Harmon, Sr., course supt. at Hudson River CC, Yonkers, N. Y., has been through a tough siege of pneumonia . . . Joe Flynn, former greenkeeper at Metropolis CC, White Plains, N. Y., now is in the navy. . . . Julius Marks, mgr., Hickory Hills fee course, Tuckahoe, N. Y., died April 5. . . . Green chairman attendance at New Jersey turf conference at N. J. Agricultural Experiment station this year doubled over that at previous session in 1942. This year there were two. Meeting was well attended by course supts.

Lloyd Stott, protege of Brookline's Howard Tarrant, is new greenkeeper at Woodway CC, Springdale, Conn. . . . Edward J. Shanahan, 77-year-old greenkeeper at Amsterdam, N. Y., munny course, was a founder at Antlers CC, Amsterdam. He used to be on green committees and has gone to greenkeeping for the duration.

Ingleside club, Decatur, Ga., has been sold to Harold Byrd American Legion post. James Livingstone remains as pro. . . . City of Coral



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Gables, Fla., is considering leasing second 18 holes of the Miami Biltmore course. . . . Seventy-year-old Sultan of Marrakech, Morocco, travels from shot to shot on his golf course in a jeep. . . . Miami, Fla., Junior Chamber of Commerce has established a 72-hole medal play amateur Pan American event as a memorial to seaman Bob Hughes, formerly golf writer for the Miami Herald and one of the swellest fellows who ever covered a golf tournament.

At Bel Air CC, four aces were made on the 105-yd. fifth within 24 days. . . Handicaps of the players who holed out from the tee were 2, 9, 15 and 22. . . Tuckaway CC (Milwaukee dist.) has burned its mortgage. . . Frank Oberlin, ex-minor league baseball star and former asst. to Olin Dutra, now is asst. to Ellie Vines at Denver (Colo.) CC. . . Ogdensburg (N. Y.) Chamber of Commerce has been urged to reopen local golf club which closed in 1942.

Homestead G&CC Asbury Park, N. J., has been sold. . . Grand Rapids (Minn.) Commercial, Lions, Rotary, and Junior Chamber of Commerce clubs, are guaranteeing operation of the Pokegama course. . . Linwood GC, Pleasantville, N. J., has reopened, after extensive improvements. . . Dodge City, Kan., American Legion GC putting on a campaign to get used clubs for use of soldiers from Army airfield.

New group which has taken over Belmont CC, Boston (Mass.), may put on a \$12,000 tournament. . . Fred Corcoran, PGA tournament mgr., started there as a caddie; later he was a caddie-master. . . Bois de Sioux GC., Breckenridge, Minn., operating again after being flooded out in 1943. . . . Malone (N. Y.) GC equipment and barn burns. Loss, \$4,000. . . Dead Horse Canyon GC, Rock Springs, members all turned out a recent Sunday to plant trees on the course. . . Joe Magee of Plandome GC (NY Met dist.) says he has owned 60 different types of putters during the past five years.

Hollow Brook G&CC, Cortland, N. Y., recently sold and will be continued. . . You should score well at the Luck (Wis.) muny golf course if there's anything in a name. . . Westchester (N. Y.) CC play is 20 per cent ahead of 1943 same period.

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A salute to Tom O'Hara of the Denver CC. Tom, originally a New Englander, is in his 50th year as a caddie-master. . . Chick Evans credits Tom with being the first to establish a definite program of caddie instruction. . . Colonial CC, Fort Worth, Tex., has a waiting list that, at 1943 rate of resignations, would require more than three years to take into the club.

Removal of some meat items from the rationing program isn't working out well for many clubs. Butter, cheese and the rationed beef will require more than the points that are left. . . Labor Day bonus, in addition to the Christmas bonus, has been voted by Denver CC directors to be paid to employees. . . Demonstrations of the Navy's swimming instructions are being featured at country club pools.



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Woodmere (L. I. N. Y.) GC members have bought \$1,091,000 in War bonds. . . . Elmo Tocci, the club's foremen under pro-gkpr. Jack Pirie, is back via medical discharge after 20 months in Army air forces. . . . Golf Monthly, Edinburg, suggests that a national golf museum open to the public be established at St. Andrews as Royal and Ancient exhibit visits are restricted to members and their guests.

Ted Ray's estate was £25,671. . . . He left his British and U. S. Open medals to the Jersey museum. . . . Vardon's estate was £11,000. . . . British PGA for the third successive year shows a deficit. . . . Of 1,540 members the British pros have 470 in the armed forces and 265 in police, home guard and other civil defense forces.

Cpl. Andy High, former pro, is teaching golf at White Lakes CC near Topeka, Kan., to Army pals of his which gives him a long day. . . . Trevor Wignall, noted British sports-writer, who has covered many tournaments and other sports events on this side, writes that he is having many reunions with American sports figures now in the U. S. Army in England. . . . Trevor says softball as played by American soldiers has caught on so the English kids now are going strong for it.

Royal Canadian GC at its recent annual meeting decided "so long as war conditions continue" the Canadian annual golf championships will not be revived. . . . Dr. A. W. Matthews of Edmonton was elected pres. of the RCGA. . . . Sports Trader & Exporter, London, Eng., say "only one part of the golf trade is showing any life and it is bringing dealers quite a nice turnover." The bright spot is in collecting and selling used and reconditioned balls.

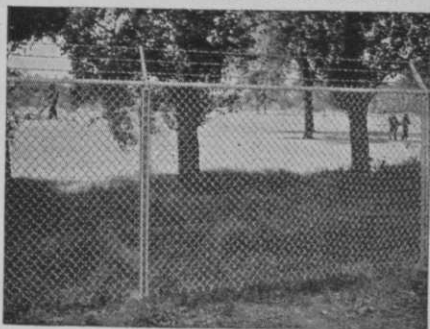
Neosho (Mo.) conducts a tournament for Camp Crowder soldiers. . . . Harvey Breaux, Pan American pilot, late flying the run from Balboa, joined his partner, Russell DeCarteret, at Miami (Fla.) CC on the sixth tee. The team won the annual four-ball event. . . . Reading, Pa., has started an industrial golf league. . . . Lawrence Mattei has bought the Kingsboro GC, Gloversville, N. Y.

Roney-Plaza hotel interests headed by J. Myer Schine, Gloversville, N. Y., have bought the Boca Raton (Fla.) club which has two great golf courses. . . . Pvt. Donald Gardner former Chicago district and Missouri pro, is now learning the hole out with field artillery weapons.

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