

# MAKING THE Swing

## THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

★ Although 70 members are in armed services Annandale GC, Pasadena, Calif., has been able to reduce its mortgage \$25,000 in 13 months and expects to be out of hock entirely this year. . . . Robert Standish, former mgr., Monroe GC, Pittsford, N. Y., recently was promoted to first lieutenant. . . . Indoor putting courses had a big come-back in the winter now ending.

California, Mo., has turned its 9-hole course into pasture due to most local players now being in brown or blue uniforms. . . . Butte, Mont., CC reports year-round program effective in making past 12 months most successful in club's history. . . . Indianola (Ia.) G&CC at directors' meeting decided course must be kept in good condition as a duty to club's 36 members in armed service. . . . Rod Munday, former tournament star, and a fine youth, now is sergeant of a mortar outfit. . . .

St. Charles (Ill.) CC has made temporary repairs to burned clubhouse. . . . Despite ammunition shortage skeet and target shooting has been surprisingly extensive at country clubs during past winter. . . . Club shooting has been especially popular with members expecting to get induction greetings from their friends and neighbors.

Soangetaha CC, Galesburg, Ill., stocked its lake with 10,000 adult fish last fall and is considering special fishing memberships. . . . Mutual Life Ins. Co. of N. Y. has filed for foreclosure of \$80,000 mortgage against Knollwood club, White Plains, N. Y. . . . Walter Scheiber will divide his time between a job at Grumman plane plant and his new spot as pro at Glen Oaks, Lakeville, L. I. . . . Jack Patterson, 20 years at Midlothian (Chicago district) and a great veteran, is going to Macomb, Ill. as pro-gkpr. . . . Don Erickson, once LA city champ and later pro at Altadena, Calif., now is out of a hospital with a medical discharge from the Army.

Topeka (Kan.) CC annual meeting revealed past 12 months as the club's best year financially. . . . Topeka club's profit was nearly \$12,000, making book

value of stock \$341 a share. . . . Columbia (Tenn.) Herald is campaigning for a municipal golf course. . . . Edgewood GC, Coffeyville, Kan., will continue operation this year because former players now in uniform requested continuance, says Pres. C. P. Neis.

Jug McSpaden, whose return to brilliant form headlined the winter tournament boom, says one reason for the success that won him about \$10,000 in war bonds and cash was shortening his club shafts and increasing weight in clubheads.



Flying officer Richard Burton, winner of the British Open in 1939, probably will hold his title longer than any other national open champion. Harry Vardon won the British Open in 1914 at Prestwick and was succeeded by George Duncan at Deal in 1920 after World War I. . . . The new long term record in the British Amateur probably will be held by A. Kyle. J. L. C. Jenkins won the British Amateur in 1914 and was succeeded by Cyril J. H. Tolley in 1920.

Ridgewood (N. J.) CC has started a "Postwar Contingency fund" by setting aside \$6,000 in U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness and plans to increase the fund as conditions permit. . . . Donald Ross, Pinehurst sage, says American tournament golf reached its peak in the 1942 North and South open with Ben Hogan's 271 victory by rounds of 67, 68, 67, 69. . . . Steve Grady, former asst. to Johnny Revolta at Evanston (Ill.) GC, has been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.

Medinah CC (Chicago district) has renewed its contract with Tommy Armour, the noted Silver Scot, for three years. . . . Pinehurst's 42nd North and South Open, March 14-16, will be open to all pros and ranking amateurs this year instead of being restricted to older players and uniformed star golfers as was the 1943 N & S. . . . This year's North and South will not be on the

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PGA winter tour schedule because its prize money doesn't meet PGA official requirements. . . . However, no competing events are slated, and leading available pros and amateurs will be in the field at the nation's foremost golf resort.

Harold J. Sanderson, pro at Canoe Brook CC, Summit, N. J., is serving overseas with the Red Cross, and his wife is in charge of the pro shop during his absence. . . . Robert D. Pryde, who's been active in New England golf for 52 years, recently was appointed assistant in the food conservation section of the Connecticut War Council. . . . Bob's work as a member of the 1943 New Haven War Garden committee was credited with being largely responsible for the marked success of that program.

Dick Metz, one of the brightest of tournament stars until an automobile accident checked his playing career, recently bought a 1200 acre ranch east of Arkansas City, Kan. and joined the local country club where he started as a caddie. . . . Dick also owns a 4,000



acre ranch near McAlester, Okla.

Industrial recreation research at Purdue university under the direction of Dr. Floyd Eastwood contemplates the possibility of some definite measurement of the effect of sport exercise and relaxation on players. . . . Frank Strafaci wrote John Sproul, US Rubber golf ball mgr. about a South African paying 100 pounds (\$322 American money) for a dozen balls at a sale in Melbourne, Australia. . . . Frankie also said he played 9 holes in a driving rain one day in Australia, with a bathing suit as golfing garb.

You'll be fairly safe in betting the PGA championship will be renewed this year. . . . Spokane probably will be the host city and the time, August.

Lieut. Percy Belgrave (Laddy) Lucas, 1933 British Boy champion, Cambridge university golf captain in 1937, and one of Britain's ranking pre-war amateurs, recently was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. . . . Lucas previously had won the Distinguished Flying Cross for his performance in the Battle of Malta. . . . Major Robert T. Jones, jr., of U. S. Army Intelligence, at a press session in London said his "prospects do not look too good for a game of golf for some considerable time."



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Jim Haines, ingenious course supt. at Denver CC has the leaf problem solved by a rake 11 ft. wide operated from a tractor. . . . Jim's greatest new production, though, is a red-headed new son. . . . Wartime production at the Denver club has been notable, Jim's new son being matched by the new baby daughter in the family of the club's manager, Howard Mehlman.

## AROUND WITH THE PROS

★ Stanley Davies, Omaha (Neb.) Field club veteran, always comes up with an idea for the good of the cause. Last month Stanley took his first time off in two years and took a quick trip to Florida. He says Jack Ross, George Gordon and Steve Ploudre were among the many who treated him to a most sincere and cordial welcome. He remarked that he realized the imperative need that all pros keep their conduct up to the high standard of gentlemen sportsmen to merit the appreciation of such hospitality.

Stanley tells of a very interesting visit with Ned Everhart at Miami Biltmore. Although Miami Biltmore has been taken over by the government as a rehabilitation hospital Ned is still kept busy healing the battered soldiers with golf. Ned told Stanley of a colonel who had an arm shot away. The officer was virtually essential in an important job. In getting him back into shape Ned had the colonel shooting a pretty fair game of golf with one arm, and by that means restored the man's confidence and built up compensating dexterity with the man's remaining arm. Ned said it was a job that he's prouder of than any other individual case he's handled in many years as a pro, and Everhart has turned out some good golfers.

Ned further told Davies that after talking with doctors and seeing the work golf has done at that rehabilitation hospital he is sure that very few

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