



Cpl. Pete Petroske, former Pro at Meriden CC, Conn., readying a golf club in the work shop at the Casino at Ashford General Hospital before it is used by wounded patients.



Pfc. Charles Vella and Cpl. Petroske issue golf bags and golf balls to two patients at the Casino Golf Club, Ashford General Hospital.
—(U. S. Army Photos)

soldiers are on the putting green perfecting this important part of the game.

Almost every week-end there are tournaments arranged between patients, patients and duty personnel, and a combination of both against all comers. Interest runs high during these events and a large gallery follows the players.

Old timers appear from time to time to give exhibitions. Scheduled to play here early this summer are Gene Sarazen, Joe Kirkwood, Kay Byrne, and Katherine Fox. Others are on the list for later appearances.

"The importance of golf in the physical reconditioning of patients cannot be over-emphasized," says Colonel Beck who shoots in the seventies himself. "Muscles are exercised that have long been dormant. Eyes are strengthened and coordi-

nation of mind and muscles is re-developed.

"Not only does golf do this for our patients," continues the Colonel, "but this sport permits the men to get out into the fresh air and sunshine.

"While convalescing, they can take advantage of one of the most beautiful golf courses in the country. I might point out that the par 3 tenth hole of the 'Greenbrier' course is considered one of the most scenic golf holes on Eastern courses and has been chosen on an 'All-American' golf course.

"I heartily agree with Herb Graffis, Editor of GOLFDOM, when he says that the muscular and general health benefits and the restoration of confidence these casualties are acquiring from golf is not to be overlooked."

Golf Manufacturers Meet

The annual meeting of the National Association of Golf Club Manufacturers was held at the Yale Club in New York City on April 24, 1944. Camille L. Gairoard, president of The Kroydon Company, was re-elected president, a position which he has held for many years. Other officers elected were William F. King, vice president and Fred J. Bowman, secretary and treasurer, both of The Wilson Sporting Goods Company. At the annual meeting of the Golf Ball Manufacturers Association, April 24, 1944, all officers were re-elected by the directors. These officers are: President—L. E. Coleman, vice president A. G. Spalding & Bros.; vice president—Phillip E. Young, treasurer, Acushnet Process Sales Co.; secy.-treas.—James Brydon, vice president, The Worthington

Ball Co. Activities in connection with the nation-wide used golf ball salvage program were reviewed with the association members reporting their increased early season used ball receipts as indicating an awakening to the seriousness of the situation by the nation's players and all-out collection efforts by the golf professionals.

Jack Burgess, for the past 22 years pro at Lake Geneva (Wisc.) CC, died at his home the early part of April after several months illness. Jack, whose full name was John Steven Burgess, was born Christmas day, 1888, in Montrose, Scotland, and came to the United States in 1910. His congenial manner and rare sense of humor won Jack a wide circle of friends throughout golfdom. Golf lost one of its best boosters in Jack's passing.