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THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

Women golfers of Chattanooga, Tenn., have organized their first league, a six team affair playing every other week . . . Buss Waler of the Times got them together . . . Buss printed a picture of the organizers of the league and they show as a very lovely looking bevy of you-alls . . . Buss also is campaigning for the bus company to route a line closer to the Chattanooga muny course.

Chico (Calif.) muny golf clubhouse destroyed by fire. Loss \$13,000. Jack Hanlon, greenkeeper, single-handed saved all members' clubs in storage . . . Iowa City (Ia.) CC has laid out a six-hole iron course on its practice field . . . Bill Jelliffe, Lakewood CC, Denver, Colo., pro recently got his seventh ace. It was his first at Lakewood where he's been pro seven years.

Southern California CC, formerly the famous Midwick club, lost its clubhouse by fire. The club was bought three years ago by Dominick Jebbia, banana king, for \$178,000 and turned daily fee. Jebbia estimated clubhouse loss at \$100,000 . . . Improvements on Oso Beach, Corpus Christi, Tex., muny course, have produced substantial increase in green fee revenue.

Lincoln, Neb. Pioneer Park muny course golfers are trying to get an "angel" to contribute a golf course watering system to the city course for postwar installation . . . McPherson (Kan.) CC burns its mortgage . . . Sgt. Vic Ghezzi, 1940 PGA champion, has been shifted from Fort Monmouth, N. J. to England General hospital, Atlantic City, N. J. to teach golf to convalescent battle casualties.

W. A. Horrell, an Annandale GC, Pasadena, Calif., member recently took only 22 putts for a new course putting record. He scored 73 for the

round . . . Clark, S. Dak. is restoring its golf course after a year out of play . . . Joe and George Hosner, pros, have bought the Atlas Valley CC, Flint, Mich.

Abilene (Kan.) CC, 24 years old, recently burned its mortgage . . . Central City (Neb.) Nonpareil reports: "Central City golf club's board of directors are keeping weather eyes peeled to find a plot of ground suitable for a golfers' exercising course. Anyone with an idle 40 acres might make it known to the club as soon as possible." . . . Surprising how many of the midcontinent villages have golf courses on which the principal maintenance work is burning the tall grass in the spring.

Emmett O'Neill, 94, a founder of the Torresdale-Frankford CC (Philadelphia district) still is going around to local tournaments. He retired from active play two years ago . . . After a two year lapse Pacific Northwest GA is resuming championships . . . Poughkeepsie, N. Y. golfers have been asked to present used golf equipment to the Army Air Force Rehabilitation center at Pawling, N. Y. Appeal was made by commanding officer of the center.

Hastings, Minn., young women with husbands and sweethearts away at war have joined the local golf club to have their membership fees help continue the club where their boy friends used to spend so much time . . . East Hartford Conn. town council postwar planning committee is planning a muny course.

Russia is figuring on making golf one of its big sports after the war . . . Kalamazoo, Mich., will have an industrial twilight golf league this year . . . Chicago's industrial golf league which was put on a solid basis by Claude S. Gordon, prominent industrialist, last year,

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Ashland, Wis., Elks have purchased the local golf club . . . Camp Tyson near Paris, Tenn., recently has opened its 9-hole course . . . Prewar golf balls now are selling at \$2 per but there are very few of them around . . . Tri-State PGA will have a new four-ball event on its summer program counting the total gross scores of a pro, woman, man and junior amateur from each club entering.

Pres. Ralph Y. Pool of the Miami CC, heading 400 members who want to buy the club from the Florida East Coast Hotel assn. and continue its operation as a private club, suggests to Miami City Mgr. A. B. Curry who wants to operate the club as a muni layout; "Why not salvage the Riviera, the old Opa Locka or Golf Park courses which are now weeds?" . . . Schenectady, N. Y., policemen have a golf league.

Henry Picard makes his tournament reappearance, after a three year spell of arthritis, at the \$17,500 War Bond invitation tournament of the Philadelphia Inquirer Charities, Inc., at Torresdale-Frankfort CC . . . Net proceeds of Rhode Island GA tournaments this season will go into servicemen's entertainment fund and to conduct a greenkeepers and green chairman conference.

Nassau County, N. Y. has waived greens and locker fees for servicemen on its Salisbury courses . . . John Shimkonis, Lawrence, Mass., pro who died in action as a navy gunner, left an estate of \$12,000 . . . New York City's muni courses expect greatly increased play over 1943 when play fell 40 percent below normal, due to gas restrictions . . . Essex County (N. J.) CC threw a big party for Arthur G. Hoffman who retired as the club's president after serving for 23 years.



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New name of the Glen Oak GC on Long Island, N. Y. is Great Neck GC. Spencer Murphy is running the club . . . Seattle's munny course play is 5,000 rounds ahead of corresponding first quarter last year . . . Private club play at Seattle also is up . . . John Junor after 35 years in golf has retired as mgr. of the Portland (Ore.) GC . . . Charles E. Sommer, like Junor also a former pro, succeeds Junor as Portland mgr.

Mrs. John Reardon is conducting the Spring Lake (N. J.) CC pro shop while John's in the Army . . . Mrs. Harold Sanderson is running the Canoe Brook CC (N. J.) pro shop while Harold is in Australia with the Red Cross . . . Matt Partridge, for 16 years with Pawtucket (R. I.) GC, 12 as pro. was made an honorary member of the club, given a \$100 war bond and watch, at a dinner members gave him on his retirement to enter another business.

Michigan PGA has given \$300 toward construction of a 9-hole pitch-and-putt course at Percy Jones army hospital at Battle Creek. E. W. Harbert is directing construction of the course . . . Labor shortage is reflected in number of clubs that are having dandelion and weed-digging parties for their members . . . Aug. 6 and Sept. 17 are dates at Milwaukee and Chicago for the annual Wisconsin-Illinois pro team matches.

Gene Sarazen is working out in a New York gym getting ready to cut himself a piece of the summer prize money. Gene's 42, a year younger than Ted Ray when Ted won the U. S. Open . . . Bill Mehlhorn will be pro at Bretton Woods, N. H., this summer and will play in several major tournaments.

American soldiers in India's back country have built a golf course . . . C. M. Hogan and associates have bought the Jackson County (O.) CC . . . Gil Middleton, pro-mgr. at CC of Pittsfield, Mass., is in his 29th year at the club . . . Birmingham (Mich.) GC members have bought the club from its bondholders.

Miami (Fla.) CC's 40,000 rounds per year is probably highest play of any private 18-hole course in the U. S. The club has 400 members . . . Mrs. Floyd Farley is handling pro shop at Woodlawn, Oklahoma City, Okla., while Floyd is in the Army . . . Ralph Van Vliet, Woodlawn's greenkeeper, plays one round of golf a year and got his 1944 round

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Lincoln Park at San Francisco has a monthly servicemen's golf tournament . . . Phyllis Otto, recently selected as best all-around senior girl at Christian college and president of Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honor scholastic society, is giving her sister coeds points on advanced golf at Columbia (Mo.) CC.

Benny Toski is handling pro jobs at Wahconah and Berkshire clubs in Western Massachusetts and continuing wartime job at Western Electric Springfield plant . . . Babe Didriksen shot 70 as her final round in winning at Palm Springs and did it ailing with "tennis elbow" . . . Maurie Wells has started his 23rd year as pro at Cascade Hills, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Westmoreland CC (Chicago district) threw a War Bond dinner party at which the entry fee was a \$100 Bond. The meal resulted in the sale of \$508,000 in Bonds . . . O. W. (Bud) LeSeur, owner and operator of Maplecrest G&CC, Kenosha, Wis., has sold the club to a local syndicate after 11 years' operation. The club will continue as a daily fee course with extensive improvements by new owners: H. Guttormsen, H. V. Carlsen, Arthur Dupons and Margaret Ebner . . . By Chamberlin, pro at Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC is conducting a 15 minute sportscast every Monday evening at 9:30 over local station WGL, interviewing a local sports devotee as his guest each broadcast . . . Bill Slack, former greenkeeper at Ft. Wayne, is now in charge of the grounds at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. The Ft. Wayne club is "in the clear" financially, has a waiting list and is anticipating another big year under the astute guidance of Carl Suedhoff, secy-manager.

Eddie Bush, Oak Park (Ill.) CC pro is busy these days. In addition to his duties as newly elected secytreas. of the Ill. PGA Eddie gave his services each evening to helping with the Chicago Tribune's free golf school. He also has given two golf exhibitions at the Army's Gardiner Hospital, staging both in the afternoons following which he dashed for his Trib school sessions and then on to the war plant where he is employed at night . . . Johnny Holtz, former Cory (Pa.) CC pro is now teaching assistant to Bill Gordon, Tam O'Shanter (Chicago) CC pro.

Tom Cox, mgr., Sim Park, Wichita, Kan., munny course, has helped boys 10 to 14 years old organize a junior club at the course. Tex Con-solver, Sim Park pro gives them free group lessons . . . Aurora, Neb., CC has decided to keep up their 5-hole, probably smallest course of any U. S. club . . . Army golf course at Ft. Warren, Wyo., has been re-opened . . . Moberly, Mo., CC is being revived.

Rev. George Stewart, pres. of the Augusta (Kan.) Golf assn. is one of the few ministers who heads a golf club . . . Rev. C. L. Covell, pres., Stillwater GC, Columbus, Mont., is another one . . . The Northern Baptist assembly has reopened the Green Lake, Wis., Lawsonia GC and brought back the veteran George Kinsman, sr. into pro golf . . . Springfield (Mo.) Leader is editorially campaigning for a first class munny golf course . . . Plan to build a Springfield course honoring its famed native son Lt. Horton Smith, have been discussed for several years.

Lt. Bob Hackbarth, fighter plane pilot son of veteran pro John Hackbarth, was reported missing in action but has been located in a German prisoner of war camp . . . Edge-wood GC, Fargo, N. D., has a public relations committee . . . New York city policemen hold a monthly golf tournament . . . Ray McDonnell, Clearview GC (Long Island, N. Y.) golfer who lost an arm in North African invasion is playing in club tournaments.

Tommy Armour, Medinah CC's famed Silver Scot, is in action again after a severe illness during which he lost 25 pounds . . . Wiffy Cox who set a course record of 66 on Hemptead's par 73 course last year has bet \$50 he'll beat it this year.

Andy Welch, 74-year-old pro has returned from retirement to be Flint (Mich.) CC duration pro while Lorn Shook serves at a war job.

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