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THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

GOLF IN THE SERVICE

DREW Field, Tampa, Fla. military personnel are getting their golf instruction from Pro E. W. Harbert, pro at the Bobby Jones course, Sarasota, and father of the famous Pvt. Melvin 'Chick' Harbert, who has been assigned to a WAC recruiting tour by the Lincoln, Nebr. AAF . . . Warrant Officer Woodrow Tucker, '43 Greenville (Miss.) CC champion and now stationed at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. placed third in the amateur ranks of the recent New Orleans Open . . . Jack Munger, Dallas (Tex.) amateur golfing ace is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex.

Fort Devens (Mass.) has established week-end tournaments for officers preliminary to getting the GIs on the courses.

Sgt. Julius Boros of the Medics at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. was best of the twelve air post golfers who entered the Gulfport \$6000 star-studded open which Jug McSpaden won . . . Six nearby courses have extended playing privileges to Mitchel Field, N. Y. personnel . . . Golf has become one of the major sports at Morrison Field, Fla. with a 12-man team of six officers and six enlisted men to represent the base in military play . . . Charles (Ken) Miles, former pro at Sarah Shank (Indianapolis, Ind.) GC, his home town, and Elwood CC, Elwood, Ind., is now a private at Fort Eustis, Va. and is giving out with the instruction to all who want it.

Approximately 200 of the enlisted personnel at the Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Ground now participate in the numerous tournaments arranged there . . . Pvt. Grant Leonard, winner of the last California State Open, former pro at the Lakeside CC and playing partner of movie stars is at Camp Robert, Calif . . . Ray Hill, former assistant pro at Mamaroneck, N. Y. recently won low gross honors when the Randolph Field, Texas, team, of which he is a member, copped the Servicemen's golf tournament . . . S/Sgt. Ernest Puccini of the AAF at Lincoln, Neb. is a brother-in-law of the Seven Turnesas of golfing

fame and is showing the dogfaces out that way how to hit the little white pill.

The Special Service Branch at Camp Perry, Ohio has plans for three golf teams to represent the post . . . an intra-station golf tournament is now being held by naval air stations on the Pacific Coast . . . A hole-in-one was recently rung up by Sgt. Jimmy McHale, former pro, at the 155-yard third hole at the Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Grounds golf course . . . a six-man team to represent the Marine Corps Base at San Diego will have two former pros, Sgt. Merle Lint and Pvt. Lyon Cearley . . . Once a golfer always a—well anyway Pvt. John J. Schilleli, of Fort Sill, Okla. is planning to interest his buddies in golf; he was formerly pro at the Longbranch (N. J.) CC.

Even with a round of 70 by Jack Creavy, former Albany (N. Y.) pro the Mitchell Field golf team dropped its third straight decision to Woodmere CC . . . Pvt. Johnny Gaunt, recent winner for the third time of the Texas PGA and Texas Open titles is now stationed at the Ardmore (Okla.) AAF base . . . They gave BRAND NEW GOLF BALLS as prizes to Capt. Virgil Landcaster and Miss Marion Moore, post civilian employee, as winners in a recent Camp White, Medford, Ore. tournament . . . S/Sgt. Charles Jennings, former South New Jersey '41 amateur title holder from Medford, N. J. recently shot a blazing 67, three under par, over the Lebanon (Ill.) CC course during a servicemen's match . . .

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Johnny Stammer, former Oklahoma State amateur titlist is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, and assigned to the physical training department . . . Marines from San Diego, Cal. may now play over the Balboa munny course under a plan whereby the Recreation Officer redeems their green fees . . . Chief Specialist Ken Tucker, former NAS golf coach, recently shot two sub-par rounds for a 36-hole count of 144 to win the Pacific Northwest Service Golf title over 162 contestants . . . S/Sgt. John Bostick, 672nd FA Bn. Headquarters Battery, former pro at the

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Loyal Oaks CC, Akron, Ohio, is now in charge of golf tournaments at Camp Gordon, Ga. . . Ben Hogan and "Doug" Dawson are on the golf team at Camp Wolters, Texas . . . It's now A/S Tyrell (Terry) Garth, Beaumont, Texas golf star who is stationed at Mather Field, Cal . . . Charlie Dziejima, pro from Bridgeport, Conn. is now a sergeant at Camp Devens, Mass . . .

Members of the Essex Falls CC, Caldwell, N. J. recently honored their pro, Dave O'Connell, with a purse, for his winning the State PGA championship . . . Chick Rutan has been signed to return as pro for 1945 at the Birmingham CC Detroit, Mich. . . Fire totally destroyed the Beaconhill GC, Red Bank, N. J. clubhouse, valued at \$20,000, on September 13 . . . Formation plans of the Independence CC, Independence, Mo. to include an 18-hole course on a 157-acre tract were furthered at a recent 200-goal membership breakfast rally.

Slammin Sammy Snead has received his medical discharge from the Navy and is back home in White Sulphur Springs, Va. Snead says his return to competitive tournament golf will depend upon his back which has been troubling him for some years . . . Its an eight pound boy, William Dennis, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R Riley, supt., Crestmont GC, West Orange, N. J. . . Major turf problem this year in Metropolitan New York were chinch bugs with the western counties of Long Island being the hardest hit.

Recent hurricane damage to eastern golf clubs was mainly trees blown down and Fall re-seedings washed out . . . Among the thousands of civilians murdered by the Germans during their occupation of France were a brother and nephew of Christopher E. Calloway, veteran British golf pro, now staying with his son Harold, pro at the Pinehurst (N. C.) CC . . . the deceased Calloways had been pros at the Cannes Golf Club . . . due to existing conditions orchestras and entertainers must be booked well in advance of New Year's eve when most clubs hold parties. Many clubs are requesting such reservations now . . . Bill Klimas who formerly caddied for golfdom's great at the Westchester CC, Rye, N. Y. is now with the 660th Field Artillery at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. . . .

Forty five former caddies who received scholarships to Northwestern University via the "Chuck" Evans caddie fund are now on the various fighting fronts . . . Employees of the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation at Hagerstown, Md. recently held their 1944 golf tournament over the local muny course . . . The artistic color plates starting on page 50 of the September HOME AND GARDEN are the work

of Eva Melady, daughter of John Melady who makes up catalogues for Stumpp & Walter . . . The city Shreveport, La. has purchased the Broadmoor golf courses, a step toward their city-wide recreation program . . . Frances Maltby, secretary to Gus Brandon, editor, GREENSKEEPERS REPORTER, has joined the WAVES.

Beatrice Gottlieb Martel, a top-ranking player in women's golf a decade ago, has been named assistant pro at Encanto Park GC, Phoenix, Ariz., muni course, Milt Coggins, golf pro has announced . . . The Denver Country Club Year Book, first edition published since 1940, will come off the presses this month, advises Tom O'Hara, caddymaster, who has been feted this month by the members in celebration of his fiftieth consecutive year of service, the majority of them with the Denver CC.

Sgt. John C. Elliott, Gadsen, Ala., who drives and approaches with righthand shots but alternates with his portside when putting, is now a member of the golf team at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. . . . The American Legion of Shenandoah, Iowa, has been given \$25,000 by the Mount Arbor Nursery Co., the Earl May Seed Co. and the May Broadcasting Co., of that city to purchase the Southmoreland CC and remodel it for a year-round clubhouse, recreation center and golf course . . . Reorganization of the Gallup, N. Mex. CC and improvement of its property will be attempted under a decision of directors and stockholders.

The Britton, S. D. GC closed its season recently with a field day and picnic including putting contest, obstacle golf, driving contest, ladies 25 yard dash and a golf tournament . . . Construction has been started by the Pasadena, Cal. park department of a 990-yard pitch-and-putt golf course on the famous Carmelita Gardens grounds . . . Byron Nelson and Harold (Jug) McSpaden, season's top money makers in golf, have been signed to make a three reel instruction movie . . . Donald Ross, noted golf course architect, has arrived at Pinehurst, N. C. for the winter.

Fred Roth, veteran greenkeeper at Plainfield CC, Plainfield, N. J., died October 8th in a local hospital. Fred, who was one of the most highly regarded gentlemen in the golf turf profession, had been on the job up until a day or two before his death. . . . Takodah GC, Fond du Lac, Wisc., was host to 478 Service men and women who played the picturesque course during the past season, without charge. Their Service register showed entries from practically every theatre of war. Clubs and balls were made available to those without equipment at a small rental charge. The practice will be continued in 1945.

Herbert Strong, golf architect, died at Fort Pierce, Fla., of a heart attack, Oct. 8,

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at the age of 66. Strong was the first secretary of the PGA, having been active in the formation of the pro golf body. Strong, among other courses, designed Murray Bay (Can.), Braidburn and Mountain Ridge (N. J.) Metropolis and Engineers, L. I. He is survived by a wife and two young daughters, and a brother, Leonard, greenkeeper at Saucon Valley club, Penna. . . . Houvenkoff CC, Suffern, N. Y., went under the auctioneer's gravel the early part of October . . . Charley Mayo, pro-greenkeeper has left Cherry Valley club and plans to go to California. Richmond GC (Calif.) keeps its members informed as to proposed clubhouse improvements by means of a large painting of the club "as it will be," with a chart adjoining outlining both planned and completed improvements.

**Pro Provides Golf For
GI's in Italy**

"Lend Me Your Ears" by Jim Burchard in Stars and Stripes, Aug. 15, 1944.

★ Thanks to 1st Sgt. Dugan Aycock, the ancient game of golf again is flourishing in Italy.

To be sure, the nine-hole course isn't exactly suitable for international competition. It's a miniature layout, and the fairways are plain dirt mixed with oil. You could put the whole shebang in a good-sized hat. But the GI's of an ordnance battalion near Naples think it's the nuts, and they jam the lilliputian links each evening to waggle putters and bet their bucks.

Topkick Aycock, a golf pro from Lexington, N. C., was appalled when he first put foot on Italy's shores. Not until he reached Rome did he see a single golf course. He found seven in the vicinity of the Eternal City, but the grass in fairways evidently hadn't been clipped since Samson's hair.

But Aycock is a versatile gent who believes in working overtime for the benefit of his men. So he decided to build his own golf course, well realizing that lot of lads who didn't patronize the tennis, volley ball, badminton, ping-pong or pool-table facilities might like to dig up a few divots.

Aycock had some of the equipment to start. This included a few clubs and balls, mementos of his stay at Fedala near Casablanca. There, at the bequest of a general, he put an old golf course in playable shape, rebuilding tees and greens and fashioning 12 bags out of canvas. Soon the course became so popular the clientele had to be placed upon a limited basis.

With this experience behind him, Aycock went to work in Italy. He used old peach cans for the cups, put four cobelligerents to work on rollers and dug