

THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF By HERB GRAFFIS

POSTWAR construction plans of a \$168,-872 golf clubhouse at Griffith Park, Los Angeles, Calif., was recently approved by the city park commission. It is reported the funds will come from the federal government and that the building will be of reinforced concrete and steel with block glass surfaces on two sides with locker accommodations for 600 men and 200 women. . . Veteran Archie Sanderson, pro at Sands Point CC, Staten Island, N. Y., reports that his brother, Harold, former pro at Canoe Brook GC, Westchester, N. Y., is now in full charge of Red Cross service clubs in Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. The younger Sanderson has been in the South Pacific close to two years. . . Plans for developing the former Rancho GC property near Los Angeles, Calif., by the city's department of parks as a combined recreation area and golf course were inaugurated recently with the city's planned acquisition of a 184-acre tract on Pico Blvd. near the 20th Century-Fox studios.

Ernest Lawson, who has spent two and a half years with the Army, most of the time in the Aleutian Islands, has been added to the pro staff at the Crystal Springs GC, near Burlingame, Calif. . Everett Goulart, former pro at Crystal Springs, is now a technical sergeant in Italy. . . Fred Moore, husky former Dunwoodie CC, Westchester, N. Y., pro, is also back after more than two years with the Red Cross in the European theatre. . A.C. Bledsoe has opened a nine-hole course 3½ miles east of Shelbyville, Tenn., on the new Tullahoma highway. . . C. P. Mingo and Clyde Thornton of Bluefield, W. Va., have purchased the Mercer Country Club, near Glenwood Park, a former public golf course, and plan to spend \$80,000 in converting it to a private country club with a new clubhouse and swimming pool.

Lt. Lawson Little of the Navy became the proud papa of twin daughters on Aug. 22. That makes three little Little girls now. . . The Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC recently played host to all local WAVES. . . A novel "pool" party was held Sept. 2 at the Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., with professional models displaying over 50 fur garments and dresses, followed by dancing and a midnight supper.

Cornell, Dartmouth, Michigan and Pennsylvania recently sponsored Intercollegiate Golf Day at Erie Downs, across the Peace Bridge in Canada from Buffalo. Michigan won with a team average of 91.2 and the affair was reported so successful that other schools are preparing for the next Intercollegiate Golf Day.

The fact that Johnny Ciprani of the South Shore CC, Hamburg, N. Y., has no left hand and guides the club with his wrist, didn't stop him from scoring a hole-in-one on the 186-yard third hole, East course of the Oak Hill CC at Rochester, N. Y., recently. He finished with a 78. . . Brookfield CC, Clarence, N. Y., near Buffalo, taken over by a 15-man syndicate last spring, reports more golf played this year than last. The 9-hole women's course was abandoned. Brookfield was formerly known as Meadowbrook.

A foursome of John Lewis, Walter Ridder, John O'Halloran and Hal Shugard, all except O'Halloran being affiliated with the St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch-Pioneer Press, and members of the St. Paul Exchange Club, of which O'Halloran is president, recently turned in a net best-ball round of 44 including an ace on the 140-yard sixth by Ridder.

One-day golf tournaments with an average of 150 entrants are proving one of the high spots of the summer recreation program at Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corp., So. Charleston, W. Va., plant. . . When the tennis and golf teams of Republic Aviation's Indiana division held matches with Consolidated-Vultee teams at Nashville, Tenn., the Republic golf captain had members of the company's photo club take 300 feet of movies showing the teams in action. . Industrial sportsmen are eligible to submit photos in the "best





sports photograph of the year" and "best sports story of 1944" for prizes of \$100 and \$500 respectively, in a contest being conducted by E. P. Dutton & Co., 300 Fourth avenue, New York, N. Y. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 15, 1944.

While playing his home course recently, Al Robertson, pro at the Armour Fields (Kansas City, Mo.) muny course, had only eleven putts on eleven holes. He was 5 under par for the eleven holes, sinking a second shot on the No. 2 hole for an eagle.

Ross Sawtelle, Worthington Mower company president, became a papa on Aug. 14 with the birth of Nancy Whortley Sawtelle, who weighed in at 6 pounds at arrival... Plans for a 9-hole course at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., on a 23-acre site are being discussed... I. Kent Fulton, owner of the Hob Nob Hill GC, Sharon, Conn, died recently, leaving large trust fund to keep course in operation. Tom Nocker is Hob Nob pro and green-keeper.

It was good grub although not country



club style, when this photo was taken somewhere in France of Lt. Col. Robt. T. Jones, U. S. Army Air Force.

Golf tournaments are regularly scheduled for workers at the Curtiss-Wright Caldwell-Clifton, N. J. plant with good turn-outs. . . . Harry O'Hagan, who has been manager of the Evansville, (Ind.) CC for the past three years, has resigned to accept a similar post at the Dallas (Tex.) CC as of Oct. 1. . . . It's a boy for the Jack Mallons at Garden City (N. Y.) CC. . . . Miss Molly Gourlay, 1923 French Open champion, and player in countless international matches, is now commanding the British A.T.S. and the Canadian and American WACs who are serving under General Montgomery at Headquarters in France. . . Pre-war new golf balls are reported selling in Ireland for approximately \$75 per dozen.

Craig Reynolds, ex-Marine hero actor,

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now on contract to RKO Radio, won his flight at the recent American GA event at Rolling Hills (Calif.) CC. The win was highly significant. Reynolds, because of wounds suffered in the Solomons destroyed the nerves in his left leg, wears a steel brace from the knee down. Within the past six months he has taught himself to overcome the handicap this imposed.

Brentwood GC near Los Angeles, Calif., has been reported sold to a New York syndicate for approximately \$500,000 with future development to await the end of the war. . . . The "Jack Wilson Championship" in honor of the long-time pro at the Salina, (Kas.) CC now stationed in Iceland has been scheduled. . . . Title to the clubhouse of the Flintridge GC, Pasadena, Cal. has passed to a local tavern owner for a reported \$38,000 fee. . . . To develop future Canadian pros, Bill Heyworth, pro at Hastings Park (Vancouver) GC is giving free instruction to a group of thirty caddies.

Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., 17-year old son of the famous golfer who is now an army colonel in Normandy, is captain of the Baylor Boys school golf team and is planning to enter a Georgia technical school next year. . . Olympia Fields (Chicago,

Ill.), has reportedly tightroped its way successfully across an abyss of bankruptcy under a plan whereby the club retains their No. 1 and No. 4 courses, clubhouse and swimming pool but selling their No. 2 and No. 3 courses, proceeds to go to bondholders along with funds from a new \$250,000 first mortgage and a \$200 assessment on each member.

One hundred and twenty-two handicap changes made during August indicate golf activities at Bel-Air CC, Calif., are at high pitch. . . . Contractors began work recently to replace the Westwood (Calif.) GC clubhouse which burned several months ago. . . . Trophies, records and members' locker contents were lost when the Beacon Hill GC (Leornado, N. J.) clubhouse recently burned. . . . Proceeds of the 14th annual tourney of Hardscrabble CC, Ft. Smith, Ark., will be turned over to the local Community Chest War Fund. The event, billed as the South's finest golf tournament, will be played October 13-15.

Settlement of \$2,555.97 for claims against the Greeley CC and City of Greeley, Colo., amounting to \$36,471.05 were accepted by the government. Claims were based on improvements made during period the course was under lease to the

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city. . . . Summit Hills club, Cincinnati district, has been offered for sale for \$150,000. Purchase of the property is under consideration of the club's board of directors. . . . Sgt. Tom Suedhoff, son of Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC seey.-mgr., has been reported wounded. He shipped overseas as a machine gunner in July, 1943. From the tap of the bell Ft. Wayne CC has been especially cooperative in Service activities. Its latest contribution being a program for all local women in the Navy awaiting call to active duty.

Golf is rapidly taking its place as one of the leading pastimes at Fort Dix, N. J. Over a recent weekend more than 300 soldier golfers toured the nine-hole layout on the post during the height of the heat wave. Incidentally, there has been a marked decrease in lost balls since the WAC in charge of the golf equipment put a 25 cent deposit charge on all balls.

Service men and women may play at any time on any of the Indianapolis municipal golf courses without charge.
... Lancaster (Pa.) CC will open its course to the public three days a week with the receipts going to the Red Cross.
... The sports war bond committee is reputedly stirring up a golf match for September involving Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden to be held in or near Pittsburgh.

As of Sept. 1, players on Chicagoland courses had contributed \$12,655 to the Golfers' Dime-A-Round fund, receipts going to the Chicago Service Men's Centers to provide recreation and comforts for men and women in the armed forces. George Donoghue's public park players led the list with a total of \$5,117.

Seaman First Class Samuel ("Erie") H. Ball, USNR, of Richmond, Va., former pro at the Farmington CC, Charlottesville, Va., and grandson of the late John Ball, one of British golfdom's all-time "greats,"



S.F.C. Samuel "Erie" Ball.

has been transferred to headquarters of Naval Air Primary Training Command, NAS, Glenview, Ill.

Seaman Ball's grandfather, a gentleman