

MAKING THE Swing

THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF By HERB GRAFFIS

British Rubber Control has released some balata to British ball makers for recovering. . . . Previously old covers had to be salvaged. . . . Alf Perry, 1935 British Open champion, thinks he stands a chance to again win the British Open within three years after the war. . . . Late last year Alf got transferred to military duty in North England and had a chance to play again. . . . After regaining feel of the clubs he had several rounds in the 60s.

Fred Pignon, noted British golf writer, says British shore defenses against invasion helped some courses by stopping erosion or protecting links from blown sand. . . . Princes, Sandwich, British championship course was destroyed as a golf course by being converted to military use. . . . Pignon also tells tendency of British architects in preliminary planning of post-war courses is to make courses shorter and a sharper test of accuracy rather than distance.

One point not brought out in the post-war ball specification discussion in Britain is that American soldiers, especially U. S. air forces men, who have played on British courses strongly prefer the R&A standard ball. . . . Only two Englishmen have won British Opens in the 15 title events played at St. Andrews . . . J. H. Taylor in 1895 and 1900 and Dick Burton in 1939 when Dick nosed out Johnny Bulla. . . . Bulla recently has been taking advice from a hypnotist on improving his putting.

One of the goofiest golf bets ever made was won by wee Ben Sayers. . . . The bet was on going around Royal Burgess in even four. . . . Ben's opponent insisted the bet meant a four on each hole. . . . The course had eight of the British bogey five holes, but Ben won the bet.

F. F. Schofield, a 56-year-old Englishman, has cycled a round trip of 36 miles between his home and golf course every Sunday but three for the past 2½ years to play his wartime golf. . . . James Braid,

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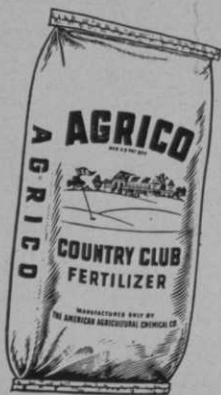
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Some British golfers say one reason it would be a mistake to consider changing the R&A postwar ball to the USGA larger-and-lighter standard is that it would imperil Britain's ball export business which was about 4,000,000 balls in a normal prewar year.

A. H. Tull has returned from war work to resume as v. p. of Arthur H. Peterson Co., Inc., 420 Lexington ave. NY 17. Tull also has resumed his golf course architectural practice. . . Ed Livingston, for 13 years pro at Sioux Falls, S. D. Elmwood Park many course, changes to pro at Minnehaha CC, Sioux Falls.

S/Sgt. Chesney F. Munson, formerly asst. pro, Nassau Shores GC, Amityville, N. Y., now is training Chinese combat engineers in South-Central China. . . . Ivanhoe G&CC, Kansas City, Mo., has become Santa Fe Hills G&CC. . . . Clear Lake (Ia.) G&CC is to be bought as recreational center for war veterans.

Lloyd Gullickson succeeds Byron Nelson as pro at Iverness Club, Toledo, O. . . . Norman Cameron, who was asst. to Al Espinosa at Illinois CC 17 years ago returns to the club as pro. . . . Now the club (at Northbrook, Ill.) is known as Green Acres CC. . . . Pine Springs Tavern GC,

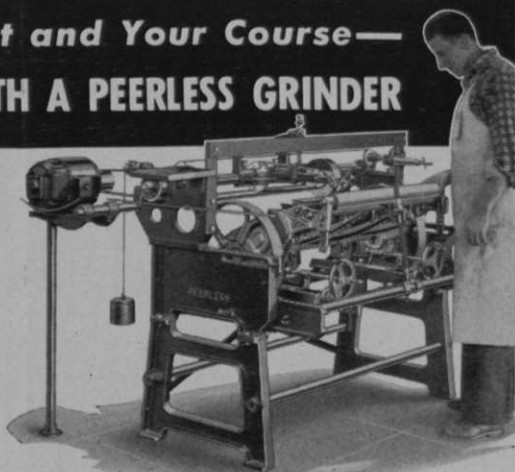
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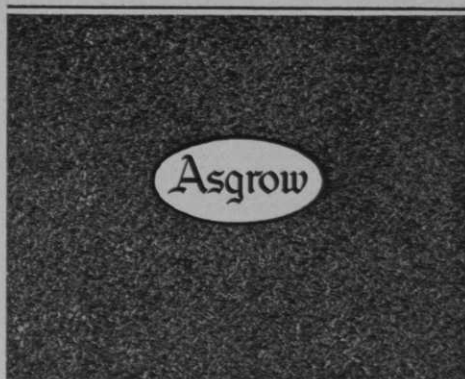
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Paris, Mo., sold to Glenn Collins. . . Dale Morey, Indiana amateur star turns pro to go with Meadowbrook CC (St. Louis district). . . Morey will retain winter job as head basketball coach at Louisiana State U.

Cedar Ridge CC, Livingston, N. J., bought by Abraham Rosenberg, Newark, and Charles Wieland, East Orange. . . Name will be changed to Cedar Hills CC. . . Lawrence Brook G&CC, New Brunswick, N. J., bought by Samuel Walker, Keyport, N. J. . . James Small, formerly at Atlantic Highlands CC is new promgr. . . Rumson (N. J.) CC has leased residence for temporary clubhouse pending rebuilding of clubhouse which burned. . . Carl Bruns now pro at Twin Brooks CC, Watchung, N. J.

NJ Golf Assn. Greens Section plans financing of postwar turf research work. . . Cedar Ridge CC, Livingston, N. J., has a pine tree marked with bronze plaque set in concrete, reading, "In memory of Joseph Dragone, Greens Keeper." . . Out-of-Bounds Aero & GC new name of Houvenkopf CC, Suffern, N. J. . . Airfield in connection with golf course is planned

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SPARS have moved out of Jumping Brook G&CC, N. J. clubhouse which will be reopened with Johnny Alberti continuing as pro-gkpr., and Frank Wedell as mgr. . . . Victor Gerrick now gkpr., South Bay GC, Bay Shore, LI, N. Y. . . . Len Peters now pro at Huntington-Crescent CC, Huntington, LI, N. Y. . . . Twin Brooks CC, Watchung, N. J., clubhouse burned. . . . Fred McMullen, now pro at Hudson River CC, Yonkers, N. Y. . . . Fred Grieve now pro-mgr. Sound View GC, Great Neck, LI, N. Y.

Interlachen CC, Minneapolis, Minn., has reduced its bonded indebtedness from \$63,000 to \$28,000 during the war years. . . . Wartime membership is limited to 300 instead of prewar 325 . . . George Fazio, Hillcrest CC (Los Angeles) pro, is planning strong accent on junior instruction and competition this season . . . Bobby Jones recently got a 65 on the Brookhaven course at Atlanta . . . George Rolfs in his golf column in New Orleans Times-Picayune recalls that Henry Picard in 1941 said Ben Hogan had the best self-control in golf.

Errie Ball, peacetime pro star, has been promoted to chief petty officer at Naval Air Primary Training Command station,

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Bobby Cruickshank declares Sam Snead's swing now is smoother than it was before Snead went into the Navy . . . Industrial Recreation Assn., One N. LaSalle, Chicago 2, Ill., has issued a comprehensive golf instruction folder for promoting industrial golf play.

St. Louis golfers are discussing a memorial to Robert Foulis, of the famed family of St. Andrews pros . . . Bob, who died Feb. 6 at Orlando, Fla. of a heart attack, had been in St. Louis for 40 years and was a beloved builder of golf in that district.

Commerce, Ga., is to have a nine-hole course . . . Albert Jones at Atlanta designed the course . . . Ely, Minn., is campaigning for a muny course . . . Seattle, Wash., three muny courses, Jackson and Jefferson parks and West Seattle, are without pros.

Miami, Fla., will have much postwar activity in golf . . . The city is planning a new low green-fee course, Coral Gables will have a new championship course,

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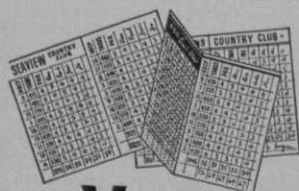
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Civil Aeronautics Authority is making extensive use of golf course turf experts' experience in studying airport turf problems . . . CAA notes that turf cover ranges in cost from \$50 to \$750 an acre against hard surface cost of \$4,000 to \$15,000.

Discussion about postwar ball standard is lively in Britain . . . Concensus is to retain present size and weight as giving the average player a better deal than the American standard . . . The British think we worry too much about what a few pro stars may do in breaking course records.

Golf Monthly, Edinburgh, recommends to British municipal authorities great increase of munny courses to give British working people sunshine, fresh air and exercise they need for recreation after the long working hours, blackouts and bombings of the war.

Belgian caddies infuriated German officers during the occupation by the kids handing the Master Racers the wrong clubs . . . Allied air force prisoners have built a small course in Stalag Luft III . . .

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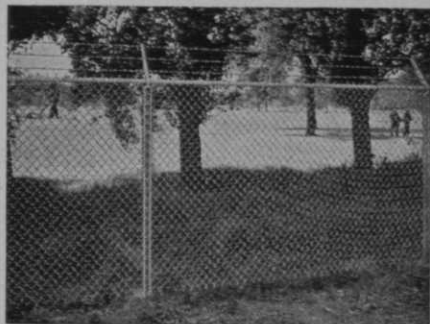
Robert Howarth, former caddie now working in a British munitions factory, was bequeathed \$4,000 by a man for whom Howarth had caddied for 25 years . . . Some British golf courses that were ploughed up for war gardens are being allowed to return to grass . . . Soil was too poor for food crops.

Arie Hanenberg now is greenkeeper at Scarsdale GC, Hartsdale, N. Y., succeeding Rocco Lemongeli . . . Henry T. Isleb is new greenkeeper at Hudson River GC, Yonkers, N. Y. . . . Leonard Minor is new greenkeeper at Apawamus club, Rye, N. Y., succeeding Michael Vecchiolle, who died last fall . . . Charles Mayo now is pro at Hackensack (N. J.) CC . . . Metropolis CC, Yonkers, N. Y., has been sold . . . Present member is expected to continue.

Richard McCarthy and Robert J. Cronin recently purchased the Queen Village GC from Mark A. Cassidy and have changed the name to Queen Village Country club. They plan many improvements after the war. The course is situated in the heart of the Adirondack resort area. Cronin has been Greenkeeping Sup't at Glens Falls CC for the past six years, succeeding his dad the late Patrick J. Cronin, one of the pioneer greenkeepers of the area. McCarthy is an accountant and a fair golfer. Both hold jobs in a defense factory and will work on opposite shifts.

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