

Club's Wartime Service Emphasized to Members

★ THE COUNTRY CLUB'S ROLE in wartime is the subject of an illustrated booklet "Northmoor in Review" sent by Northmoor CC (Chicago district) to its members, 125 of whom are in military service.

Northmoor examined its position realistically and came to the conclusion that the country club which went the limit in applying itself to war work had fullest justification for its energetic continuance in wartime. In the forward to the booklet the club says:

"To those men and women members of ours in the service of our Country it may seem a long stretch of the imagination for us to say that country clubs, too, can play a useful role in wartime. Yet, upon examination it is clear that the idea is not far-fetched. Northmoor has performed a service of which we are proud.

"This booklet has been compiled so that our members in War Service, of whom we are very proud, may get an idea of what is going on at Northmoor during their absence. And it is to let them know that we are looking forward to the speedy and victorious return of every one of them."

War Effort Accented

In detailed pictorial and type treatment the club presents its story without boasting reference to the financial aspects of its cooperation with war effort. This is a policy that is sure to be more widely adopted in the sports field when figures of bond selling enterprises of sports are compared with percentage of servicemen and servicewomen income invested in war bonds. Civilian bond selling events seldom look any too noteworthy when subjected to comparative income basis of weighing.

Northmoor, by accenting its contributions of members' personal effort rather than headlining the wartime cash factor of operations, gives a picture of wartime performance of a country club that must be satisfactory to members overseas.

"Every one of Northmoor's facilities, without a single exception, has been devoted to the performance of some war activity," the booklet tells. It outlines work done for the National War Fund, the USO Party Fund, Red Cross golf collections, Red Cross tennis collections, Dime-A-Round Servicemen's fund and other activities involving cash contributions.

An average of 35 women attend the weekly knitting, bandage rolling and packing, and sewing sessions. More than 1,000 bandages were rolled and packed weekly in addition to the other work done.

Victory gardening for members' and the club's tables was prominent on the program of members and their young-



Attractive front cover of Northmoor booklet which reviews club's wartime activities.

sters at the club. Northmoor's Victory Garden produce won prizes at the Highland Park Garden club show and was exhibited in a keenly competitive garden show the club itself staged.

More than 1,000 servicemen, representing 10 per cent of all golf played at Northmoor in 1944, was played under the Chicago District GA-USO plan giving enlisted men and officers free playing privileges on certain Chicago area private courses.

Hospital parties consisting of day-long outings for patients at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station hospital were planned, sponsored and conducted by Northmoor's women members. The patients played golf with girl members as caddies, swam, strolled around the grounds or just loafed, ate and rested in the sunshine at the club.

Members Hosts to Servicemen

Alternate Wednesday evenings the club was host for dinner, dancing and swimming to servicemen sent to the club through the USO. Guests at these parties were from 40 to 75. A group, con-

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sisting of five members and their wives, bought, prepared and served the food at these parties and provided transportation for the guests.

The club's own competitions were limited in number and the golf admittedly wasn't up to prewar standards, but they did keep members looking forward to a pleasant change of pace and venue from civilian war work. Women's competitive events were continued although entries slumped due to women members' duties with Red Cross, Blood Bank, Volunteer Nurses Aid, AWVS Corps, bond drives and victory gardens. A girl tennis pro was engaged after the club's men tennis pros had entered military service. Tennis at Northmoor slumped more than golf.

Swimming was more popular than usual last summer due to the kids and their parents not leaving the community for vacations at summer resorts.

The course was maintained in remark-

ably good condition despite shortage of labor and critical materials, and a reduced budget. The clubhouse meal service was unexpectedly heavy because of domestic help shortages. Rationing curtailed selection and quantity of food served.

Membership was closed at 231 men, and 21 women members, because of limitations of service imposed by wartime conditions.

The club's report to its members concludes:

"It is our determination to keep in mind the interests of our members who are temporarily away in the Service. When they come back we want to make sure that they will feel that Northmoor is unchanged from the way they left it. We want them to have once again those things for which they remember Northmoor best . . . a pleasant, leisurely atmosphere, the companionship of their old friends, the quiet and beauty of a well-groomed club."

Minikahda Plans \$109,550 Postwar Work

★ MINIKAHDA CLUB'S 46th annual report (for the year ending Dec. 31, 1944) is highlighted by disclosure of the famed Minneapolis organization's postwar planning.

The report, signed by Pres. Clarence E. Hill, says:

"Our Postwar fund for improvements is now \$15,000, to which we are adding \$1,000 monthly. Property, buildings and equipment, less reserve for depreciation, are carried at \$8,960.43 less than a year ago. The mortgage which was negotiated September 1, 1942, for \$165,000 has now been reduced to \$140,821.69. Over one hundred members of the Club guaranteed the first \$25,000 payments on this loan and when the January and February reductions have been made (the reserve for which has been provided) this guaranty will no longer be in existence and the guarantors will be relieved of further responsibility.

"Since December 31, 1944, special annual memberships are not being renewed and will automatically expire during 1945. It will be necessary for these members to be duly elected as resident members by the Board of Governors if they desire to continue in the Club. The membership or initiation fee will be raised from \$150 to \$240 for married couples as of April 1, 1945.

"Even under prevailing conditions we have endeavored to keep up the traditional standing and service of Minikahda Club, and a great deal of praise should be given to Richard and his loyal and efficient staff.

"Like other clubs and organizations we are naturally interested in planning improvements to our club after the war and our various committees have spent a great deal of time and effort in preparing suggestions. The following over-all estimates have been made: Refurnishing and Decorating Committee, \$32,000; Mrs. Maurice M. Moore, Chairman, and her members, Mesdames C. A. Lyman, C. L. Grandin, Jr., F. C. Legg, C. A. Taney, Jr., and Robert Meech Building Repair Committee, \$6,350; J. R. Stewart, Chairman. House committee, \$22,000 for refurnishing and adding to the kitchen, A. R. Gallenkamp, Chairman. Grounds committee, \$25,000 for a new underground watering system for the golf course and \$1,500 for an addition to our parking lot and new equipment, H. C. Mackall, Chairman. Tennis committee, \$7,500 for covering courts and building a new one using Hart-Rue surface, Mr. Stanley Hawks, Chairman. Mr. C. Y. Bissell estimates \$5,000 to build an outdoor dance floor; A. E. Joscelyn estimates \$1,200 to provide the private dining rooms with radio and phonograph equipment. George Harsh reports an approximate cost of \$9,000 to repair the fire sprinkler system in the clubhouse. While the above amounts total \$109,550, consideration for carrying out any part or all of this program will be given at a later date."

The club has 244 members, sons and daughters of members, and employees in U. S. Armed Forces. Five are on the club's Gold Star roster.