

MAKING THE Swing

THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

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Mel Smith, Duke of Windsor's personal pro (four hours per day), has resigned as manager of the Bahamas CC in Nassau to manage Fred Waring's Shawnee CC and Inn in Pennsylvania . . . Byron Nelson is the second golfer to win the "Athlete of the Year" selection; Gene Sarazen was first . . . George Wallace, manager has resigned from Millbrae G&CC, Burlingame, Cal. . . . Another resignation is that of Lee Kosten, pro at the Muskegon CC (Mich.) who is now manufacturer's agent for the Diamond Detroit Tool Co.

Organization of Bradenton (Fla.) CC to purchase the former Bradenton G&CC properties is going along smoothly . . . Dubsdread CC, located between Orlando and Winter Park, Fla. has been sold to Malcom C. Davenport of Greenville, N. C. for approximately \$100,000 . . . Maplewood G&CC, Renton, Wash. has been incorporated for \$50,000 . . . New Rio del Mar CC Operating Co., Watsonville, Cal. is planning to purchase the property of the Aptos CC.

Kilbourn CC, Racine Wisc. has been sold under foreclosure to L. C. Christensen of Franksville and Felix Peter of Sturtevant who will continue operation . . . Art Bell, former pro at the San Francisco, Cal. GC, state open and northern California PGA champion, has been inducted into the Navy . . . Common Council of Yonkers, N. Y. has approved the sale of approximately 22 acres of the Grassy Sprain GC, near Tuckahoe, to the Celanese Corp. of America for \$50,000.

John Pentenaro, gkpr., Quaker Ridge CC, has retired and been succeeded by his son Alfred . . . Rocco Limongeli has been gkpr, Scarsdale (N. Y.) CC for 45 years . . . Sound View CC, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. has been sold to Paul H. Jeffrey.

Harry Winters, Inglewood CC, is new pres., Southern California Public Links assn. . . . A federal jury awarded City of West Palm Beach \$251,300 from U. S. government for incorporating 170 acres of the muny golf course into Morrison Field . . . Harold West will be Tualatin GC, Portland, Ore., pro three days a week this year, devoting the rest of his time to defense work.

Springfield, Mo. Chamber of Commerce appoints new heads of committee to establish a muny golf course . . . Chico, Calif., to build new golf clubhouse at Bidwell Park . . . Stockholders of Abbeville, La. CC protest sale saying absent servicemen members should have had chance to pass on sale . . . Besides, objectors declare, there might be oil on the property and the selling price is too low.

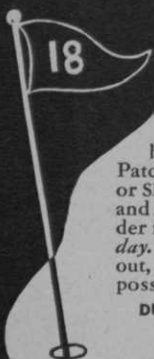
Liverpool (Eng.) public golf course had 30,680 rounds in 1944 . . . Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC lists among its assets \$50,000 (at cost) war bonds . . . Ft. Wayne property and equipment, less depreciation, is carried on club books at \$125,315 . . . Henry Cotton believes that the English Golf Union's alarm at prospect of postwar ball greater distance is needless anxiety . . . He thinks the longer ball will increase golf's popularity . . . Pfc. Bob Anderson, formerly active in Massachusetts amateur golf says old wood clubs are selling for \$10 apiece in France and a reprocessed ball, when obtainable, sells for \$4.

Pfc. Joel Bennett, ex pro at Gorham, N. H., taught golf to patients in Smokey Hill (Kan.) Army Air Base regional hospital in off-time while stationed near there . . . After being transferred to Infantry advanced replacement training center, Camp Howze, Tex., Bennett gave golf class instruction at Texas State College for Women, Denton, Tex.

Women's Western GA members brought old putters for use by patients at Vaughan General Hospital practice green, when the WWGA held its annual luncheon . . . Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. members built the practice area, in cooperation with Chicago District GA, Illinois PGA, Women's Western and Chicago District Women's organizations.

George Duncan suggests that USGA and R&A get together on same specifications for postwar golf ball . . . Sidney Fry, eight times British amateur billiards champion, now 76 years old, recently scored 74 in competition at Royal Mid-Surrey course . . . John de Forrest, 1932 British amateur golf champion and well known in USA is convalescing in Scot-

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land . . . He was a prisoner of war, having been captured in Libya . . . He escaped and eventually worked his way into Switzerland.

Belgian, American and British army men, and French players made up the field of 52 which played the first "liberation" tourney at Waterloo GC, Brussels, Nov. 12 . . . Course was in excellent condition . . . Playing equipment was supplied to military entries.

Ernest Whitcombe, Arthur Lacey, Archie Compton, Arthur Havers, Sam King, George Duncan, Charles Whitcombe, Bill Shankland, Reginald Whitcombe and Willie Davies are contributing their exhibition match services to the Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund . . . No expenses or fees are paid to the pros by clubs staging the benefit matches and illustrated souvenir programs, posters and admission badges are supplied without charge to the clubs.

British golf clubs expect the government to treat them fairly in paying war damage bills when it's possible to appraise and repair such damage . . . Bomb damage, damage of tanks or other heavy vehicles where courses were used as training grounds, and removal of concrete, rail, wire and mine defense works constitute greater part of the war damage . . . Turf hasn't been getting much care although some clubs still manage to maintain nurseries.

BOY OFFERS FAIR SWAP: GOLF BALLS FOR GUM

Seeking golf balls, an AAF lieutenant filed an ad in an English paper. He received this reply: "Dear American officer, I am Peter Turner, aged 9. I will trade my four golf balls for two packages of candy or chewing gum. P. S. If you fly a B-17, you can have them for nothing."

Comrade Dupont Conducts Another African Event

★ CPL. PAUL M. CAMPBELL, Stockbridge, Mass., amateur, won the North African Open champion ship from Sgt. Joseph Ciracella, former Tuckahoe, N. Y., pro, by a 2 to 1 decision in 36 holes.

A field of 24 players from 21 states competed. Qualifying scores ranged from Ciracella's 77 to the 106 of Pvt. W. H. Holmes of South Bend, Ind. Golf of U. S. servicemen in North Africa is handicapped by lack of equipment but more so by lack of time for play. The events are promoted by Cpl. Howard Dupont, a veter-

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