

Green to Tee Distances Add 18% to Course Length

INTERESTING DATA on distance between greens and the next tees at the Virginia CC, Long Beach, Calif., appears in the club's magazine. From the locker room to the first tee is 75 yards. Longest distance between green and tee is 97 yards from 13th green to 14th tee. Shortest is 30 yards, from 15th green to 16th tee. It is 95 yards from 18th green to locker room.

The non-golfing distance is 1,125 yards added to the 6,193 yardage of Virginia's excellent course.

Spalding's War Output Increased in 1944

★ **SIXTY-SEVENTH** annual report of A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc., issued by Charles F. Robbins, pres., showed an increase in sales for the fiscal year ended with Oct., 1944, from \$11,505,746 to \$14,511,895.

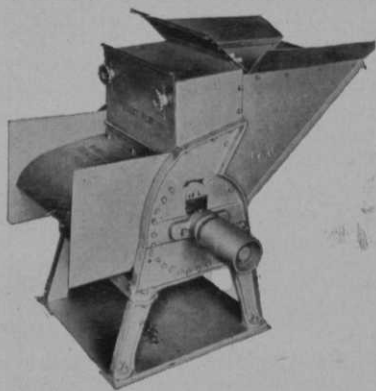
Consolidated net income for the year transferred to earned surplus amounted to \$623,330 after providing \$164,060 for interest on the 5 per cent debentures, \$548,694 for taxes and \$150,000 reserve for

post-war rehabilitation and other contingencies. The net income for the preceding year was \$502,842 after providing a similar amount for debenture interest, \$277,212 for taxes and \$150,000 for post-war reserve.

Current assets on Oct. 31, last, amounted to \$10,510,883 and current liabilities to \$2,513,353, compared with \$8,786,609 and \$1,613,646, respectively, a year earlier. Cash was increased to \$3,634,486 from \$1,191,489, while inventories were slightly changed at \$2,054,591, against \$2,154,611.

Second Lt. Gerry Bert Jr. of Seattle, Wash., one of the most promising younger stars, holder of the Silver Star for heroism at Tarawa and cited by Adm. Nimitz for conspicuous gallantry, fell victim to Jap sniping in the Tinian Island invasion. Gerry won the city junior in 1937 and repeated in 1938 and annexed the State junior title. In 1939 he was co-medalist in the national public links tourney, winning the city amateur title that and the following year . . . With dates yet to be decided, the Washington State championship ship has been awarded to the Tacoma G&CC. Originally the event was scheduled for Yakima CC following which fire destroyed their clubhouse.

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