



JOHN LORMS

John Lorms, Pro's Son, is National Collegiate Champ

★ Dr. John Lorms won the 48th National Collegiate golf championship, defeating John Jenswold of Michigan, 3 and 2, over Dr. Lorms' home lot, the Ohio State university course. Dr. Lorms had received his degree from Ohio

State's College of Dentistry two weeks prior to the championship. He's 22 years old, has passed the Navy physical examination and is to be commissioned in the Naval Dental Corps.

Hundreds of pros all over the country rejoiced at Johnny's victory as the young man is the son of one of the grandest veterans in the game, Charley Lorms, for more than a quarter century pro at the Columbus CC. Russ Needham, noted sports columnist of the Columbus Dispatch, in commenting on Johnny's victory recalled that he'd seen Johnny, aged 5 or 6, batting balls with an old driver his daddy had cut down. Russ wrote that Charley thought Johnny had a remark-

ably good swing for a little boy. Needham concluded his column:

"It's too bad, in a way, that Johnny Lorms, now national collegiate champion, isn't going to follow in his footsteps. Golf needs more pros like his dad. But there's solace in knowing that golf's loss will be dentistry's gain, for Johnny Lorms couldn't help but be just as fine a dentist as he is a golfer and as he is a young man."

Young Lorms is the first Buckeye to hold the Collegiate title. The Ohio State team won the Collegiate team title. In May, Lorms and freshman Howard Baker won for Ohio State part ownership in the Big Ten golf championship. Bob Kepler, Ohio State pro, who is doing a remarkable job in developing golf talent at the school, is one of the busiest golf instructors in the country. Kepler is a former state amateur champion of Ohio and a fellow of fine personality. He undoubtedly could make a hot tournament reputation for himself, but the job he's doing for the Ohio State student golfers doesn't leave him any time for close attention to his own game.

Bill Corcoran Is Mass. GA Executive Secretary

★ Joseph M. Batchelder, Pres. Massachusetts GA announces the appointment of William E. (Bill) Corcoran as executive Secretary. He is the third member of his family to assume that position, previously held by his brothers Fred, now the P.G.A. Tournament Director, and John, who resigned to enter business. Bill, recently placed on the inactive list by the U. S. Army as a first Lieut., was John's assistant before enlisting in the 26th Division in 1940.

The Corcoran brothers have been familiar figures at Massachusetts tournaments since Fred succeeded Dan Horan back in 1926. Bill first learned his new duties under Fred and then served as John's first assistant before entering the Army as a private.

Bill's Unit was the first assigned to Camp Edwards and in 1942 he was graduated from an Army Air Corps Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach, along with Massachusetts golf pros George Apalakis of Bear Hill and John Thoren of Woodland. When commissioned, Bill

was sent overseas and served in the African Campaign. On his return to this country, he was promoted and assigned to duty at the Air Transport Command, Great Falls, Montana.

For patriotic reasons the M.G.A. has not held any state championships or sponsored any tournaments among its member clubs since 1942. It is now making its postwar plans and looking forward to a full program at the cessation of hostilities. The Association is very active in its efforts to procure golf equipment for the convalescent soldiers at Camp Edwards and Fort Devens and in this regard has requested the assistance of all clubs in the state.

War Memorial Courses — Golf courses are high in favor among projects contemplated as Living War Memorials. The Living War Memorial idea is receiving considerable attention as a logical plan for contributing to physical fitness and enjoyment of the nation. The Athletic Institute, Inc., is working on a book of golf course planning advice as a help to municipalities and organizations that are considering construction of war memorial recreation plants.