



THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF By HERB GRAFFIS

Wilmington CC and Concord CC, Wilmington, Del., considering merger . . . Plan calls for operating both plants for combined membership . . . Gas rationing has been Concord's big problem . . . Miami Beach city council wants to get La Gorce as munny course . . . Las Vegas (Nev.) munny course to be rehabilitated . . . Las Vegas also considering munny clubhouse.

Cheyenne, Wyo., considering building munny course . . . Jimmy Lawson has resigned as Indianapolis (Ind.) CC pro where he's been for 15 years . . . He's not said where he's going . . . The club that gets him is lucky . . . Jim's one of the finest . . . Thomas E. Harvey is new manager, Lincoln (Neb.) CC, succeeding H. A. Tarp, who's become Hammond (Ind.) CC manager.

Springfield (Mo.) to build munny course on present airport site . . . Sunset CC members plan to buy their widely-known club from Anheuser-Busch Brewery for \$147,000 . . . Long Prairie (Minn.) is reorganizing.

Sam Snead isn't the only pro whose military service didn't hurt his tournament golf . . . Bruce Coltart, Seaview (N. J.) GC, medically discharged from U. S. Army a year ago because of stomach ailment and bum ankle, won \$2,200 in war bonds or cash in seven starts inside two months on the winter circuit . . . He failed to finish in the money only in the

LA Open . . . Bruce is 35 . . . He's been a Grade A tournament performer for some years but never seemed to click as consistently in the money as his stroke-making seemed to warrant.

George Fazio, formerly Pine Valley pro, is new pro at Hillcrest CC, LA . . . Ed White, for 10 years pro at Davenport (Ia.) munny course now is pro-greenkeeper at Janesville (Wis.) CC . . . Leonard Dodson becomes Millbrae GC (San Francisco district) pro April 15.

M. C. Honeywell, millionaire industrialist, has given ground and clubhouse to Wabash (Ind.) CC on 99-year lease . . . W. H. Diddle will design and construct Wabash's nine-hole course . . . Beresford CC, San Matea, Calif., has been reorganized as Peninsula CC . . . Hugh G. Starkweather, after service with Marines, has returned to civilian life as pro at Eugene (Wash.) CC.

Robert Foulis, pioneer golf pro, died early this month. . . Charles River CC (Newton, Mass.) members have dinner and purse presentation for John Bernardi who's leaving CRCC after 20 years to become Worcester (Mass.) CC pro . . . Neil Ross, son of the late widely-known Alex, has resigned as Excelsior Springs (Mo.) GC secretary-treasurer . . . Neil served without pay in effecting great improvement in the munny course . . . Pressure of other duties necessitated his resignation.

Burlington (Vt.) CC is reorganizing . . . Lloyd Foree, recently honorably discharged from the Army, is new manager of Holstein Springs CC, Knoxville, Tenn. . . . Erie, Pa. two munny courses showed net profit of \$4,979 last year . . . Logansport (Ind.) munny course played 9,071 in 1944 with combined green fee and refreshment stand net profit of \$1,589.

British pro golfers are worried by prospects of postwar discontinuance of ball makers' subsidies, says British Sports Trader and Exporter . . . Ball makers' belief is, ST&E says, "golf balls will be as precious as gold for some years to come and there is no possible need to promote the sale of them."

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assistant to George Cochran at Greensboro, N. C., now is North Shore CC, Milwaukee, Wis., pro . . . Betty Battini is assistant pro at San Francisco's Olympic club . . . Sedalia (Mo.) is considering a new golf course . . . Sedalia was the first pro job Horton Smith ever held . . . Our Pop used to publish a newspaper there . . . He made about as much dough out of it as Horton did out of the Sedalia pro job.

Bob Cochran, St. Louis' leading amateur, is new president St. Louis District GA . . . Colonia CC (Rahway, N. J.) has engaged Charley Laing as pro-greenkeeper . . . Charley is one of Scotia's valuable contributions to the U. S. . . . Willie Davidson, who came from North Berwick 29 years ago to be another of the grand Scot factors in American life and golf, is new pro at Ansley Park GC, (Atlanta, Ga.).

And speaking of Scotland . . . Do you know that you can send 11 pounds of food to civilians in Scotland or elsewhere in Britain without having to show a written request such as is necessary on GI shipments? . . . You should send your pals or kin in the old country something . . . They're on thin rations and have shared a lot of their food in extending hospitality of their homes to American kids in armed service.

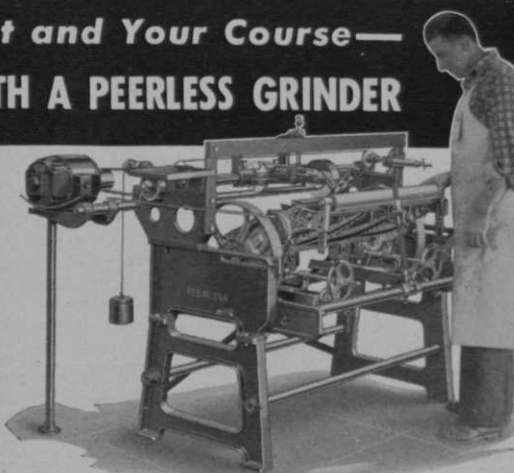
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Tilden Park munny course (San Francisco district) played 3,300 rounds in January this year and 2,400 in January, 1944 . . . Alec Bell, formerly at Oahu CC, Hawaii, now pro at San Francisco GC, while his son, Art, SFGC pro, is in the Army . . . Frank Sprogell, PGA secretary, who went from Kent CC (Grand Rapids, Mich.) to Blythefield CC, Grand Rapids, was succeeded at Kent by Eddie Van Poppering, who's been with Hastings (Mich.) CC 16 years.

Only about 15 pros have been making the tournament circuit this winter . . . Rest of the talent at tournaments seldom comes from distances requiring much travel . . . Golf tournaments involve less use of heavily strained travel facilities than any other major sports events.

Denver's 1944 season was second worst for golf weather in 25 years . . . Last year had 275 playable days . . . In 1929 according to records of veteran Caddiemaster Tom O'Hara, Denver CC, there were 258 golfing days . . . Three prominent New England amateurs, Joe Monahan, Jr., Sam Videtta and Leonard Curran recently were wounded in action . . . Mike Ahearn, Manhattan, Kan., is designing new course at Belleville, Kan. . . Three column story in Charlotte (N. C.) News tells local pros alarm at golf ball shortage.

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Boston syndicate is reported to be buying golf courses to hold for postwar selling profit . . . Springfield (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce endorsed \$100,000 bond issue for building many course . . . Bradenton (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce got 204 citizens to subscribe in saving the Bradenton GC . . . OPA sues an Oregon golf club for charging 20 cents a package for cigarettes instead of ceiling 16 cents . . . Overcharges total \$241.20 so OPA claims.

Benton CC, Benton, Ill., is having plans drawn by Robert Bruce Harris, Chicago golf architect, for a championship golf course to replace their old layout on Lake Moses. The club property, according to Harris, is hilly and wooded and a "natural" for a truly outstanding course. W. L. Lindsay is president, and O. C. Grimmett, treasurer. Harris is also preparing working drawings for a postwar golf layout which will lead its players into two states. Nine holes of the layout will be in Wahpeton, N. D., divided from the other nine in Breckendridge, Minn., by the Red River, the only river in the U. S. that flows directly north. R. J. Hughes, Wahpeton, heads the development. . . . Glenbard GC, Chicago District, sold last fall to the Maryknoll Fathers for a college project, has been leased to H. T. Reeves and Robert B. Harris, former owners, who will continue to operate it as a fee course



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The Herald-American, Chicago newspaper, recently gave front page featuring to "Memorials That Live," a plan conceived by the American Legion whereby communities are encouraged to commemorate their hero dead by building useful, as well as beautiful, war memorials. Nearly one thousand communities already have expressed their intention of following the living memorial plan in the form of community recreational centers which will provide facilities for indoor and outdoor sports, hobbies and relaxation. An excellent presentation of "Memorials That Live" may be obtained by civic groups upon application to their local American Legion post or from Legion Headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind. . . . Aldecress CC, Demarest, N. J., to be put on Sheriff's Sale March 7, 1945. The 100 acre property cost \$2,000,000 in 1920. Back taxes due, \$3,000 to \$4,000. First mortgage with banks for \$196,000, second mortgage is \$1,140,000.

Charlie Lang is the new pro at Colonia CC, Colonia, (Rahway) N. J. . . . Fred McMullen left Twin Brooks CC, Wat-chung, (Plainfield) N. J., and is at Hudson River GC, Yonkers, N. Y. . . . Alex Watson left Hudson River CC, Yonkers, N. Y. and went to Leewood GC, Tuckahoe, N. Y.

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. . . Wm. R. Wood left Garden City CC to be manager at Cherry Valley Club, Garden City, L. I. . . . Arie Henenberg, formerly at North Jersey CC, Aldecrest CC and Saddle River GC and U. S. Army Engineers (at Fort Jay, Governor's Island GC), is now groundkeeper at Scarsdale GC, Scarsdale, N. Y.; he takes over March 1, when Rocco Lemongeli retires on pension, and gift of \$2,000 from his club, and use of house . . . Albert Pentenaro is taking over for his father, John Pentenaro, groundkeeper, who retired from Quaker Ridge GC, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

George J. Rommell, Jr., reported in January Golfdom, is now at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., Ward 8. His dog tag No. 31422145. He is recovering from recent operation, and expects to undergo more. In recent letter he said: "Bobby Jones put on an exhibition on the golf course which is attached to the hospital. This course, by the way, is a beauty. Bobby looked good while I watched him; I was able to go only two holes. I have been acquainted with the greenkeeper here who is a horticulturist from way back. The soldiers are taking a great deal of interest in golf and a great many are being rehabilitated by one club tournaments and being assigned to these by doctors." . . . Dominick Iadenza,

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greenkeeper Sewanee Harbor Club, Hewlett, L. I., suffered a broken rib from a fall.

Alfred H. Tull, formerly a partner with Devereux Emmet, Jr., and the late Devereux Emmet, Sr., in the firm of golf course architects known as Emmet, Emmet & Tull, went down to Delaware in 1940 to design a couple of courses for the du Pont interests, and the Hercules Powder Co. with a side trip out to Erie, Pa., to lay out a course for General Electric. Since then he has been in war work, but has now returned to New York City to hang out his own shingle at 420 Lexington avenue.

Fire causing an estimated damage of \$100,000 destroyed the interior of the famous Rumson CC clubhouse, February 6th. Fire apparatus from three adjoining villages joined the Rumson equipment in a five hour fight to save the structure.

Aim, a sports digest monthly concerned with industrial recreation, and published at Clinton, S. C., now is edited by Ames Castle . . . George S. May Co. has opened its new offices at 840 N. Michigan avenue, Chicago, said to be the world's most efficient office construction . . . Bob Harlow, Pinehurst publicity head, is author of a piece on Streamlined Grand Opera in March Esquire . . . Richmond (Cal.) Open lost \$3,535 but will continue in 1945 with most extensive financial support.



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