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THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF By HERB GRAFFIS

Veteran Harold Sampson, California GC pro, is new Northern California PGA champion. . . . He'll soon meet the Southern California champion for the state title. . . . South Bay GC, Bay Shore, L. I., N. Y., has reorganized. . . . Ted Walker is new pro and Vic Gere, gkpr. . . . Charley Nicoll, recently out of the Army, is new pro at Ardsley-on-Hudson (N. Y.) CC. . . . Tony Manero, 1936 National Open champion is new pro at Tamarack CC, Port Chester, N. Y.

La Gorce CC, famed club of Miami Beach, Fla., has been purchased by members for \$1,000,000. . . . Charles Lane Clements, local banker heads the buyers.

Gene Kunes, tourney star, is new pro at Spring Lake Heights (N. J.) CC. . . . Ed Stuhler is new pro at Cedar Hill CC (formerly Cedar Ridge CC), Livingston, N. J. . . . Sherwood Moore, formerly gkpr., Lake Mohawk CC, Sparta, N. J., recently was promoted to tech. sgt., overseas with U. S. Air Forces. . . . H. T. Islieb has left Hudson River CC, Yonkers, N. Y., to return to government turf work.

John Volkmar is new pro at East Aurora (N. Y.) CC. . . . Tom Creavy, PGA 1931 champion, is new pro at Normanside CC, Albany, N. Y. . . . Out O'Bounds Aero & GC has been incorporated in N. J. . . . Les Scanlon is new pro at Rock Springs CC, Alton, Ill. . . . Mike d. Massey is new pro at Fairyland GC, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Claude Ellender heads the newly organized Houma (La.) GC. . . . Garfield Aldham is new gkpr. at Madisonville (Ky.)

CC. . . . Runaway Brook GC, Clinton, Mass., 9-hole course, has been sold to John Davidson, Clinton, and Alex Briggs, Fitchburg, Mass. . . . Frank Strafacci, 1935 Publix champion, is home on furlough from Pacific. . . . Bill Urban is new pro at Mt. Pleasant (Ia.) G&CC.

Nelson-Snead matches at Fresh Meadow CC, May 26 and Essex County CC, May 27, are expected to set new two-day record in benefit receipts from N. Y. district golf events. . . . Proceeds are to go to PGA fund for veterans' hospital courses.

Marion Smith is new pro at Indianapolis (Ind.) CC. . . . Smith is succeeded at Kokomo (Ind.) CC by Tom Roan. . . . Pipestone, Minn., golfers have bought the city course. . . . Walla Walla, Wash., is to have course in proposed Veterans Memorial Park. . . . Francis L. James, Moscow, Ida., is architect.

News of the World, London, will put up \$8,000 prize for postwar tournament in England with field limited to first 60 in the 1939 British Open. . . . British Golf monthly in commenting on statement of Leslie L. Cooke, chairman USGA Implements and Ball committee that a very small percent of irons played in Chicago major tournament in 1944 would meet USGA specifications, says "The Professional association ought to take up any breach of the rules."

Henry Cotton has become pro and a director of Coombe Hill GC. . . . Previously in the job have been Archie Compston, Arthur Havers and Sandy Herd. . . . Henry Cotton says plans have been made for 14 British postwar tournaments with total prize money of \$80,000 and in the April-November season there is room for six more. . . . British pro stars have had no tournament play during their war. . . . Wartime appearances of the leading British stars have been in benefit matches without fees.

Food, liquor and help shortages are compelling clubs to enforce guest restricts strictly this year. . . . Roanoke (Va.) CC in its club publication gives prominence to warning that rule limiting guests from Roanoke city or county to two club events a year must be observed, otherwise "drastic action on the part of the Board."

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Fred Annon is new pro at Innis Arden club, Greenwich, Conn. . . . Peter Pe'cher is new pro at Davenport (a.) CC. . . . Eight Spalding employees have been killed in action. . . . John H. Cain, now out of Marines, returns as pro to Newport (N. H.) CC. . . . Valley View CC, Bozeman, Mont., closed last year, is reopening. . . . Jerry Zolan is new pro at Belmont Hills CC, St. Clairsville, O. . . . Harry J. S. Anderson is new pro at Burnham G&CC, Lewistown, Pa.

Sumner Lowe is new mgr., Clearwater (Fla.) CC. . . . Kearny Park G&CC (formerly Emmetsburg G&CC) Emmetsburg, Ia., planning new clubhouse. . . . Bayshore GC, Miami Beach, Fla., purchased by the city for \$920,000 after being turned back by the Army, is being rehabilitated at cost of \$50,000. . . . Art Gleason is in charge. . . . Army still has old Miami Beach muni course

Westerly (R. I.) Chamber of Commerce investigating purchase of Winnapaug Hills GC as civic asset. . . . Club has been tottering as private operation since Westerly

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had unusually heavy loss of men who joined military services. . . . Indianwood CC has been leased for five years by Foreman's Ass'n of America as union recreational center. . . . Schriners have bought Four Lakes GC, Adamsville, Mich.

Len Gallet, four-time Wisconsin PGA champion, is new pro at Ozaukee CC, Milwaukee, Wis. . . . Longview (Wash.) has closed its membership at 300. . . . Charley Sheppard is new pro at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Stroudsburg, Pa. . . . Long Prairie (Minn.) CC has been reorganized.

Millbrae G&CC, San Francisco, has been reorganized as Green Hills, CC, and purchased by members for \$135,000 from West Coast Life Ins. Co. . . . Chillicothe (Mo.) CC reorganized. . . . Fred Wetmore, former pro at San Francisco Olympic club, who built a 3-hole course and gave lessons "until everyone became too weak to swing a club" at Santo Tomas prison camp, Manila, is among liberated prisoners who have returned to the States.

British sports raised \$4,000,000 for Red Cross last year. . . . Darts led with \$504,000. . . . Golf was fourth with about \$400,000. . . . Excellent showing considering small amount of wartime golf played in Britain. . . . J. H. Taylor, five-time British Open champion, has begun his 47th year as pro at Royal Mid-Surrey GC. . . . The 74-year-old pro who is still full of

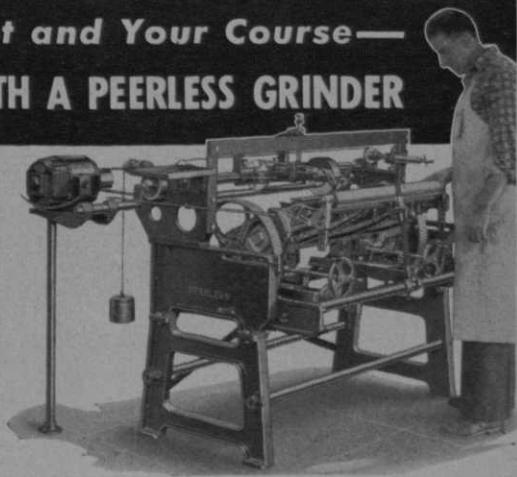
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George Lake, Recreation Park, Los Angeles, succeeds Olin Dutra as president of California's Southland PGA. . . . Dutra's daughter is in the Spars, his son, Jerry, is in the Navy. . . . Everett Brinkman, Wheeling (W. Va.) dean of boys and basketball coach, will join the Oglebay munny course caddie staff. . . . The Oglebay caddie camp, directed by Dan Hile, is the stand-out caddie enterprise of the country, so far as GOLFDOM has seen.

John Gustafson is new pro at Ridgeview GC, Duluth, Minn. . . . West Virginia State Open will be played at Lewisburg, June 15-17. . . . Construction has started on the Army's Birmingham General hospital at Van Nuys, Cal., one of the PGA rehabilitation projects. . . . Billy Bell is architect of the pitch and putt course. . . . Wilshire members underwrote this course. . . . Other courses are being financed by PGA exhibitions. . . . Artesia (N. M.) GC considering building new course. . . . Kinsley (Kan.) CC reorganizing.

Bob Ray, new pro-gkpr., Shaker Ridge CC, Loudenville, N. Y. . . . Dick Stenard is new pro at Amsterdam (N. Y.) munny course. . . . Norman Kidd is new pro at Meadow Brook CC, Dayton, O. . . . Bill Harmish is new pro at Dayton's Madden Park public course. . . . Dayton golf had biggest starting play of its record.

Fred Ebetino, pro at Wilbur Wright Field Officer's club, Dayton, O., has been elected pres. of Osborn-Fairfield Rotary club. . . . Ebetino has been active in Rotary affairs for nine years and prominent in civic enterprises.

Annual spring tournament of Metropolitan (N. Y.) Club Managers Ass'n at Knollwood CC, Elmsford, N. Y., May 14. . . . Members of other club and hotel manager groups have been invited. . . . The Met CMA April meeting authorized purchase of another \$500 war bond with as-

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sociation funds. . . . Connecticut Club Mgrs. at their April meeting were told by Austin Nichols Co. officials French wines lack of "continuity" dictated caution in making up imported wine lists. . . . Scotch is due for indefinite period of scarcity. . . . Bourbon, straight rye and good rye blends will be scarce for "an extended period." . . . Neutral spirit blends with low per cent of straight whiskey seen due for headlining in immediate postwar period. . . . Plenty of gin after the war's over.

Metropolitan (N. Y.) amateur championship will be played week-ends. . . . 36-hole final will be at Garden City GC Sunday, August 19. . . . Jock Redmond, trick-shot golfer overseas with a USO camp show. . . . Tulsa (Okla.) will have a big 16-man invitation tournament in Sept. with vets rehabilitation program as beneficiary. . . . Labor shortage has members of big and little, ritzy and pasture course, working in course maintenance during spare time. . . . Baltimore papers show pictures of gkpr. Bob Scott of Baltimore CC showing prominent businessmen golfers how to handle mowing jobs.

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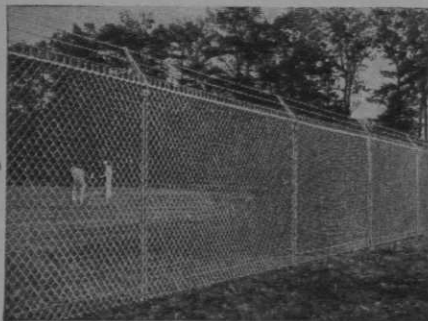
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chase of many course land. . . Burlington (Vt.) CC reorganized. . . Ben Thomson, new pro at Lansing, Mich.'s Walnut Hills GC welcomed by city's golfers at club dinner. . . Ted Longworth, Waverly CC, Portland, retains his Oregon PGA title. . . Blackhawk CC, Madison, Wis., planning new clubhouse. . . Carl J. Suedhoff, sec-mgr., Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC, has been appointed by Indiana's Governor Gates to an advisory committee to serve with the State's newly-created Department of Commerce and Public Relations.

John H. King, Detroit, theater and radio magnate, has employed Robert Bruce Harris to design a championship golf course for his King's Gateway resort at Land O' Lakes, Wis. The property lies in Michigan and Wisconsin and the golf course will be an inter-state layout. King's Gateway hotel has one of the nation's largest ski slides and its own two-runway airport. . . Sgt. Jack White, former La Porte (Ind.) CC pro and now director of McCloskey General Hospital's recently completed nine-hole course, plans to have several tournament stars play an exhibition round at the formal opening. John Bredemus, Houston, Tex. pro, did a grand job in designing the course, which is primarily for returned wounded veterans.

Pasadena (Cal.) Brookside Park many course recently turned in another \$10,000 to reduce the original golf course debt to \$57,000. . . Bill Belto, Purple Heart veteran of South Pacific, now is pro at West Seattle (Wash.) GC. . . Lt. Donald R. Nowak, formerly asst. pro, CC of Lansing, Mich., now a PW in Germany, has been awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. He also has the Air Medal with four clusters.

Green Meadow GC, Harrison, N. Y. has been bought to be used for postwar home sites. . . Spokane (Wash.) to have new 9-hole Spokane Valley course. . . Frank James, Moscow, Ida, is its golf architect. . . Pennsylvania GC, Llanerch, Pa., has been sold to become a postwar housing project.

Tommy Armour signs as pro at Rockledge CC, West Hartford, Conn., at reported record salary. . . Armour considered by course owner to be potentially great advertising asset for the club. . . Eddie Duino, San Jose (Cal.) CC pro conducting hole-in-one contest with entry fee being five used balls and first prize \$50 war bond.

Jimmy Hines, PGA tournament chairman, says committee will consider plea of lesser tournament players for wider division of prize money to encourage their continued participation in tourney circuit events. . . Waverly (Ia.) GC planning postwar new clubhouse. . . Fordyce (Ark.) to spend \$5000 improving. . . Harry Kase-



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Alex Watson changes as pro from Hudson River CC to Leewood GC, Tuckahoe, N. Y. . . . Alex got one of the all-time great rounds in 1937 at Hudson River . . . It was a 59 . . . For our money Alex was one of the finest shotmakers in the game but the world's most pitiful putter . . . But what a swell guy . . . Oh, well, you can't have everything . . . John T. Kelly, formerly mgr., North Jersey CC, is Leewood's new mgr.

Jack Gage, formerly California State amateur champ, has switched from pro job at Valley CC, Santa Barbara to Arrowhead Springs CC . . . John Schumaker, club and hotel veteran, is new mgr., Des Moines (Ia.) CC . . . Silas Newton, formerly Colorado state amateur champ, is re-elected pres., Colorado State GA.

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clubhouse destroyed by fire, that's a model of such presentations . . . Topeka (Kan.) CC out of debt for first time in 40 years and plans new clubhouse . . . Missouri Valley (Ia.) plans building postwar country club . . . Arie Hanenberg replaces Rocco Lemoncelli who is retiring after 45 years as Scarsdale (N. Y.) CC . . . Hanenberg has been greenkeeper at several eastern courses and returns to greenkeeping from Army Engineer airport work . . . In World War I Hanenberg was an infantry sgt. in the Dutch army.

Donald Ross in advising Daytona, Fla., on its proposed new public course recommends that muni golf be taken out of politics and put under supervision of committee of golf-wise citizens of "impeccable repute" . . . Ross also suggests the word "municipal" be dropped from course label and club be called "Dayona City CC" . . . He advises that clubhouse be enlarged to serve as community center.

Sgt. Dugan Ayecock, former Lexington (N. C.) CC pro, built a GI golf course near Naples, Italy . . . It gets a great play from Yank soldiers . . . LaGrange (Ill.) CC claims its junior boys and girls golf, tennis and swimming program for 1945 is one of most complete of any country club.

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