

The kids gather to shoot for a prize list valued at \$1500, topped by a scholarship at Ohio State university. The prizes were offered to a field of 94 caddies selected for conduct, ability and sportsmanship, who competed in the Columbus (O.) city caddie tourney at Twin Rivers muny course. The tournament was sponsored by ex-caddie Mayor James A. Rhodes of Columbus.

spectacular genial qualities made him not only the idol of the fans, but of the pros too.

In short, Hagen the professional, and Robert Jones the almost unbeatable amateur, gave golf a color and popularity that time hasn't dimmed. Today's fine looking and clean living golf pros, who hold high the standard of good sportsmanship, owe a great deal of their successful popularity to those two stars of yesterday."

Sunkist Crop Looks Good

George Lake, pres. of the Southern California PGA, and pro at Recreation Park courses at Long Beach, is very optimistic about the younger crop of golfers bringing amateur golf up very close to professional scoring standard soon. George is a canny judge of playing technique and temperament. He points out that CPO Dale Andreason winning the Southern California PGA title from a fast field is an indication that much star ability is going to come out of uniform soon. Andreason has been in the Navy since 1942. Before that he was asst. to Vic Baker at Lakewood. Andreason has been in charge of the golf part of the rehabilitation program at Corona Naval hospital.

Lake said that some pros' youngsters are among the most promising of the potential champions. He named Willie Hunter's boys, Mac and Bill, as the best looking prospects. Dave Bauer's daughters, Alice and Marlene, are excellent prospects. Alice, the older, is 16. Marlene is 11.

George added:

"We have a lot of boys and girls who show much promise. We have at this club the Beaver girls. The older sister holds the Ladies' City championship and usually shoots in the high 70s. Her swing is not as fundamentally sound as the younger one and I don't think she will go as far. I have several boys and girls from my golf classes who are playing well and show promise. I played with one last week, Dorothy Deatherage, who defeated the older Bauer girl, Alice, for the Long Beach city junior championship. She had 82 with me and putted badly. She has nice style and is very interested. We have several boys here and at the other clubs who look good.

"The present crop of youngsters seems to be better on the average, but with less standout stars among them. Possibly this is true because we have so many that all shoot in the 70s. Before the war we had several low scorers, but a big gap to the next group. Now they are all playing quite well and show a lot of interest. My school classes this year were by far the best I have ever had. The classes were larger, the kids stayed in them from start to finish; they would wait a long time to get a little help on their swings.

"Standout players who were called away to war were: Bobby Judson, U. S. Marine Corps, who at 16 was the medalist in the L. B. city championship, with 67. Ted Richards, bombadier, who is now only 20 and who has won the So. California Prep Championship, had a beautiful swing, and will definitely be back in there when he returns. Walter Porterfield, Jr., now 18, and in the Merchant Marine, won last year's Southern California Prep Championship. He won the Recreation Park Men's Club championship last year, having 8 birdies the first 16 holes in the finals. S 1/c Jackson Bradley, now 23, former S. C. Prep winner and winner of the 1942 \$1,000.00 Open as a pro, from a field including Lloyd Mangrum, Willie Hunter, Olin Dutra, etc. One boy from San Francisco, who was the best in the Bay Region, was Earl Fry's son, Eddie. He was killed at Okinawa.