

# Making the Swing

## THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

West Point's new golf course, being constructed to design of Robert Trent Jones, jr., has one of nation's finest scenic situations, bordering the Hudson . . . Clear Lake (Ia.) course and clubhouse, being rehabilitated, to be bought by Chamber of Commerce for American Legion operation . . . Butte, Mont. Highland View GC course and clubhouse to be rebuilt . . . Pella, Ia., Kiwanis club plans golf club.

Claude Harmon of Lochmoor Club (Detroit district) who'll succeed Craig Wood as Winged Foot pro, started out to be a carpenter . . . John Montague, pro at California CC (LA district) is playing better golf than he did when he was The Great Unknown . . . Barney O'Grady, who left genl. management of Olympia Fields CC (Chicago district) to become a captain in the Marine Corps recently married Lt. Mary Elizabeth Murnane of the Waves . . . O'Grady's out of uniform now and returning to club management.

Zell Eaton is new pro at Montebello GC (Los Angeles district) . . . Marshall, Mo., to have 9-hole muni course designed by Tom Talput and Lloyd Thompson of Kansas City, Mo. . . . McMinnville, Ore., headed by Jerry O'Malley to organize golf club . . . Construction started on Sawtelle military hospital course at Los Angeles, financed by \$10,000 subscription of Hillcrest CC members . . . Spring Lake GC sent Maurie O'Connor, New Jersey PGA pres., \$3368 from its \$75,000 tourney pool, for building golf facilities at Lyons General hospital.

New clubhouse at Mapleton (Ia.) G&CC . . . Los Angeles Park commission acquires Rancho GC . . . Winfield (Kan.) CC burns mortgage . . . Barbara Ann, daughter of "Shorty" and "Chick" Bangs, widely known in club management, recently married to Ensign Gilbert Smith Pellet.

Great Bend (Kan.) CC formed from Great Bend GC and Gateway CC . . . Stockton, Calif. to have new muni course

. . . Marshall, Mo., to have muni course . . . Rapid City (S. D.) Army Air base has new 9 hole course . . . Marshall (Minn.) CC enlarging course.



Cpl. Lloyd Mangrum, who got a 9-under par 291 at St Cloud club, outside Paris, to win the pro championship of U. S. forces in Europe. Lt. Matt Kowal was second pro with 296. Pvt. Jimmy McHale and Lt. William Campbell tied for amateur lead at 294.

Chick Rutan will switch from Birmingham CC to replace Claude Harmon as Lochmoor CC (Detroit district) pro when Harmon goes to Winged Foot (NY Met district) next spring. . . . Pvt. Thomas L. Vaughn, one of five pro brothers, four of whom have been in the army, now is acting pro at Coffin GC, Indianapolis. . . . Ann Dawson, who is to be Miss Fairway of the Portland (Ore.) Open, Sept. 27-30, is the best looking young doll ever to be front girl for a golf promotion. . . . We say so, and at our advanced years judgment is expert, impartial and glacial.

Metropolitan Golf Assn. will revive Lesley Cup matches between teams of Met. Assn., Mass. GA, Penna. GA and Province of Quebec GA in 1946. . . . Matches were started in 1905. . . . Next year's revival will be under Mass. GA sponsorship.

Park Lane Realty Co. has bought Rye (N. Y.) CC, recently called Bay View CC, and will call it Sound View CC. . . . Bowery Savings Bank was seller for \$50,000 cash and \$75,000 mortgage. . . . Alex Ferguson is back as pro-gkpr. at South Bay GC, Bay Shore, N. Y., after 3 years with the Marines in the Pacific. . . . Larry King, sr., gkpr., North Hills CC, Douglaston, N. Y., is a grandpa again.

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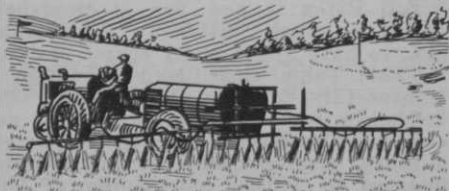
... Larry, jr., father of the new queen of the Kings is in the Navy. . . . Richmond (Calif.) CC already is selling tickets for its open tournament next winter.

Ryder Cup matches probably will take one of the week-ends of the winter circuit when they're resumed. . . . British pros want the matches after British season is over. . . . Bill Meredith, age 9, holed his tee shot on 140 yard 14th of Minehead and West Somerset course in England. . . . He's believed to be youngest golfer to have an ace on regulation course.

Renewal of British pro tournaments has brought large galleries. . . . American plan of marshalling is being adopted. . . . Henry Cotton was eliminated in News of the World \$8,000 event by Reginald Knight, one of his assistants. . . . Reginald Horne, who was invalidated out of the Royal Air Force after 4½ years, and is pro-gkpr. at a 9-hole course, won the event. . . . There were 149 competitors.

Dick Dickerson, formerly asst. at A. D. Lasker private course and Knollwood CC (Chicago district) now is out of the Marines and is pro at Hillcrest G&CC, Birmingham, Ala. . . . Wheatley Hills GC (NY Met district) members give party celebrating Willie Klein's 20th year as club's pro. . . . Willie is one of the grandest guys in golf and still whacks a neat stick. . . . Bob Ford has gone to Rome, Ga., as pro-gr., Coosa CC. . . . Arnold

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British Board of Greenkeeping, similar to USGA Green Section, holds first post-war meeting . . . British Golf Monthly suggests no hurry resuming Ryder Cup play, saying, "To restore the match immediately with America would be wrong. Many of the American professionals have been in constant competition, and have not gone through searing years." . . . Hector Thompson, 1936 British amateur champion, has turned pro.

Present belief of ball makers is there'll be no rubber golf balls until 1947 . . . Some developments in steel shafts as result of war manufacturing experience are being rumored . . . No need to tell smart pros to order this fall for spring delivery in view of demand certain to be ahead of playing equipment manufacturing capacity for many months to come.

Will Fyffe, famed Scots comedian, has bought the St. Andrews hotel . . . Expects to reopen it next year . . . Jack Redmond, trick shot golfer, playing a USO show in the Pacific, says golf interest among soldiers and sailors is greater than he's ever seen before in the game . . . Sgt. Pat Abbott, Western Amateur duration



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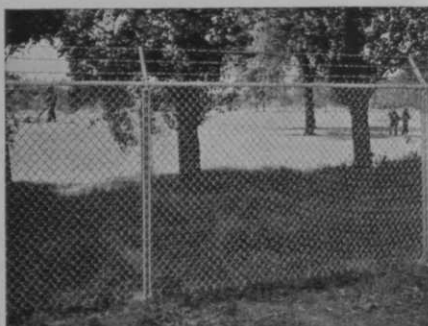
Probability of great growth in private plane use is stirring up plans for ultra smaller resort courses . . . Golf clubs are wondering how to get back to prewar non-tipping basis . . . Ohio Valley Chapter, Club Mgrs. Assn. of American, celebrated its 11th anniversary at Cincinnati, Aug. 19-20.

Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago district) makes big feature of Teen Age party, with dancing teacher as a headliner . . . Costs Dad a dollar for each kid . . . Five weeks after Capt. Ray Richeson amputated the left arm of 19-year-old Pfc. Larry Bird at McCloskey General hospital, Temple, Tex., Bird shot 46-40-86 to beat the surgeon's 48-50-98 . . . Pfc. Bird's arm was shattered in France.

Sherman M. Kennedy, travelling pro golf instructor who used to cover Iowa, Minnesota and Texas, died in a Pasadena, Texas hospital, August 1, aged 67 . . . Mrs. H. H. Meyer, who handles the registration for the New Orleans Open performed the same job for the Memphis Open at the latter's request and expense,

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That beloved veteran Herb Shave was guest of honor at Oakland Hills CC, Aug. 11, his 25th anniversary with the club . . . 36 rental sets at Elmwood GC, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. are kept in constant use by GIs at nearby deployment center . . . J. L. Jennings is out of the Army and returned as supt. to Brae Burn CC, Bellaire, Tex.

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H. Darling, supt., Juniper Hills GC, Northboro, Mass., gave a prize for best suggestion and answers to a course questionnaire when New England Greenkeepers club held their meeting at the club . . . That's an idea host clubs should adopt . . . Hugh Luke, veteran supt., formerly with Garden City GC now is at Deepdale GC Great Neck, LI, NY . . . Minnesota Greenkeepers having their annual picnic at Orono Orchards, Sept. 9.

Mohawk Valley CC, Little Falls, N. Y., using pro shop as emergency clubhouse . . . Will rebuild clubhouse burned last winter right after the war . . . Oak Park (Ill.) CC has as its guests week days 12 lads from Vaughan General hospital . . . Members play with the soldiers . . . Some have never played before, but keep place on course very well and they and Oak Park hosts have very enjoyable games.

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