



Capt. C. M. Shaar hits first ball at Long Beach Naval Hospital course opening. In background George Lake, Olin Dutra and Bob Hope sitting down.

When he inquired why we didn't make the course a nine hole affair and was told of the cost of such a layout, he offered to help enlarge if enough land was available. Captain C. M. Shaar, who relieved Captain Albright, not only agreed to give us the land but to help with landscaping. With this assistance, the pros were able to make the course 9 holes and add a large practice putting green. The total cost was \$12,000. Other monies used to finish this course were raised through the playing of exhibition golf matches throughout Southern California and from sweepstakes held and conducted by PGA professionals at the various clubs.

Lake says: "Those who have helped us in this golfing program are too numerous to mention, but we would like to pay particular thanks for their assistance to Captain C. M. Shaar, Medical Officer in Command; Captain I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer; Captain P. M. Albright; Lt. Commander Karl G. Johanboeke, Welfare Officer; Lt. Dan Henry, Recreation Officer; Lt. Commander C. B. Sharer; Milton Arthur, Wm. P. Bell, Architect; Jimmie Lawson, and Rodney Barker, Virginia CC.

Columbus (O.) Sets National, State and Local Caddie Dates

★ Columbus (O.) private and municipal course golfers, headed by Mayor James A. Rhodes, plan to put caddie golfers into the spotlight with caddie tournaments this summer. The first national caddie tournament will be played at Ohio State university's golf courses Aug. 26-31, inclusive; the Ohio State caddie event will be played at the Ohio State layout, Aug. 19-24, and the Columbus Metropolitan caddie tournament will be played Aug. 12-17. Two private clubs and 2 public courses are bidding for the Metropolitan event.

These events, with the Columbus \$10,000 Open, July 5-7, should make the Buckeye capital a hot spot for golf this summer.

Caddie tournament first prizes are to be

4-, 2-, and 1-year scholarships at Ohio State University, for the national, state and local events, respectively. Caddies must have sanction of president, pro, caddie-master or manager of clubs they represent. All events will be run at match play after qualifying rounds.

Consensus of Columbus' leading golfers is that golf needs far more emphasis on caddie play and should have something on the order of the American Legion junior baseball schedule with its "Little World's Series" climax, and the other annual junior baseball feature, Esquire magazine's All-Star boys' ball game in which 32 newspapers in major cities collaborated in 1945.

Columbus golfers intend to establish the National Caddie Association, a non-profit organization for the help and encouragement of the kids. Mayor Rhodes, an ex-caddie, hopes to arrange for a Bing Crosby-Bob Hope exhibition match in Columbus as one of the means of financing the caddie association's activities.

John B. Gillespie, Ohio GA, pres., who helped establish the highly successful Columbus Metropolitan caddie championship, is among those active in getting the caddie championship idea on a state and national basis.

The intention is to have elimination tournament play. Favorable reception of the caddie tournament idea by club officials and pros in various parts of the country indicates that there is definite promise of arousing considerable interest in the kids' play. One of the objectives is to get the association so established that the kids themselves can do considerable of the job of conducting the organization's affairs, thus receiving training unique in sports operation.

The plan calls for bringing into sharp focus publicity for the kids, locally and nationally, that'll be complementary to the excellent job the Western GA has done with its Chick Evans scholarships and other caddie enterprises.

Club presidents, pros, caddie-masters and managers interested in the plans Columbus golfers are making for the caddie tournaments can get full details by writing James A. Rhodes, mayor, Columbus, O.

★ CHALLENGE RECRUITS CADDIES —When Ray Sage went from Forrest Hills GC, Atlanta to become pro-gkpr. at Southwinds, Lake Placid, Fla. course owned by Ronald A. Baker, New York hotel man, Ray brought along an excellent Negro golfer to act as caddymaster. Each Monday morning caddies are allowed to play in a tournament against the caddymaster. Any caddy who beats his score gets a prize. The event played on an off-morning draws numerous caddie recruits and gets helpful newspaper publicity.