

Toro Begins Expansion; Goit New President

H. C. McCartney, veteran Minneapolis businessman, retired Jan. 1, 1946 as pres., Toro Mfg. Corp. Kenneth E. Goit was elected to succeed him, following a stockholders' meeting at which McCartney was honored for his long service. Several Twin City business men, including three veterans of World War II, have purchased an interest in the Toro company. Plans contemplate Toro expansion in the mowing machinery field.

Goit was Toro V. P. and has been associated with Toro for 21 years.

R. C. Lilly, chairman of the board of the First National Bank of St. Paul, heads the new interests in Toro. He said he and his associates bought in "because not only does the company enjoy a very excellent standing in the mowing machinery industry, but from all indications it is on the threshold of considerable future expansion."

The three World War II veterans, all of whom will be actively associated in the management of the company, are Robert W. Gibson, Minneapolis; C. Whitney Miller, Kansas City; and David M. Lilly of St. Paul. R. C. Lilly, was elected chairman of the board. Other directors are Goit; John M. Parker, pres. Northwestern Aeronautical Corp., St. Paul; Algot M. Johnson, pres. of the Al Johnson Construction Co., Minneapolis; Philip H. Nason, First National Bank, Minneapolis; David M. Lilly, Robert W. Gibson and C. Whitney Miller.

Commenting on the association of the new group, Goit said "Much as we dislike to see the original founders retire, nevertheless it is extremely gratifying to all of our employees, many of whom have been with us for years, to know that the plant is going to be kept in its present location and that future expansion will take place here where it started. But in addition to that the acquisition of three able young men in management posts is going to prove of great strength to the organization in years to come."

SPORT BROADCAST SCORES—Radio and sports authorities believe broadcast of Cleveland-Washington game for championship of National football league probably had one of the highest listener ratings ever given a sports event. Sunday afternoon time of the event overcame present geographical limitation of interest in pro football. Wilson Sporting Goods Co. sponsored the broadcast which was made by Harry Wismer, with Johnny Neblett coming in with bright commercials and comment.

DRIVING RANGE IDEA.—George Lake, Recreation Park courses, Long Beach, Calif., and pres., Southern Calif. PGA, heads a company which has applied for patents on the Hi-Ball Golf Fairway. The Hi-Ball patent covers laying out a practice range in checkerboard fashion so scoring is done according to the sections in which the ball hits. Handicapping to adjust to abilities of players is provided. The idea seems to have excellent possibilities in introducing a lively and entertaining element of competition in practice fairway golf.

NOVAK CLUB HOT—Novak Adjustable golf club was spectacularly demonstrated in the dedication day tournament at the PGA-donated pitch and putt course at Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif. Wiielded by Marvin Stahl, former Michigan State open champion and now a Southern California pro star the club was used in par figures to tie for low score honors at 54.

TUCKER, SR. & JR. AT GOLF—Lt. Col. Wm. H. Tucker, jr., son of the widely known veteran architect, sends a scorecard of the 9-hole, 2835 yd., par 35 Allied GC, at Venice, Lido, Italy. Tucker, jr. was in the Engineer Corps all through the war in Europe. Latest completed job of Tucker, sr. is the University of New Mexico's 18-hole course, declared the best test of golf and the best turfed area in the state. It was built on a desert. Bill now is constructing the 18-hole course he designed for the Country Club at Carlsbad, N. Mex.

GOLF AUTHOR DIES—Rev. van Tassel Sutphen, 84, editor of Golf from 1900 to 1912 and from the 1890s a prolific newspaper and magazine writer on golf, died at his home at Morristown, N. J. Sept. 20. For years he was a member of the staff of Harper & Bros. After quitting literary work he entered the ministry from which failing health forced his retirement.

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