



THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF By HERB GRAFFIS

Byron Nelson will play few, if any, tournaments this year after the PGA championship. . . He then will be in an income tax bracket that won't justify the strain of the competitions. . . Lloyd Mangrum averaged \$3000 a week income for the first 6 weeks as U. S. National Open champion. . . That's an indication the National Open still is tops as the money-making event for the winner. . . Sam Snead's caddie in the British Open was the one Frank Stranahan had in the British amateur before employer and caddie had their difference.

Ted Williams, the Red Sox outfielder who almost slugged the National League All-Stars into the bushes, shot 117 his first round of golf. . . Williams now has a deep bite from the golf bug and wants to bet (subject to Happy Chandler's OK) he'll break 80 inside a year. . . Pros say USGA proposed revised rules still don't cover situations arising on winter tournament circuit.

One reason pros don't like George May's

idea of pinning numbers on their backs is that safety pinholes damage expensive shirts. . . Another reason is the numbers and pins are annoying sometimes when swinging. . . The writers called George's Tam O'Shanter All-American tournament the All A-May-rican. . . Snead credits putting lesson Hagen gave him at Inverness with causing Snead at last minute to go across. . . Sam had been putting badly at the Inverness Four-ball. . . Walter looked him over and told him to hit down on the putts. . . It worked on the practice green and at St. Andrews.

Elmer Ward may run a British edition of the Goodall round-robin tournament next year. . . Prizes to be \$10,000 with invited field of 15 including 1 or 2 American pros. . . Pomeroy, O., considering building a course. . . Will H. Symons, 50, San Antonio's first city golf champion and operator of a golf shop near Brackenridge Park, died recently at his home. . . Southwestern Golfer magazine, Tulsa, Okla., has expanded to become the Sports Review.

J. E. Tuller, formerly of Inglewood CC, new mgr., Brentwood CC (LA dist.). . . Charles Mitchell is Inglewood's new mgr. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook (he's mgr., Olympia Fields CC) are welcoming Miss Jean, born May 22, into their family. . . A. P. Litzsinger is new gen. mgr., Meadow Lark CC, Great Falls, Mont. . . Hugh R. Watkins is new mgr., El Paso (Tex.) CC. . . Carl Suedhoff has signed Paul A. Haberstick, once chef for the King of Greece, as catering mgr., Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC.

W. E. Winfrey is new mgr., Cherokee CC, Knoxville, Tenn. . . Cherokee's former mgr., Stuart H. Frazier, now is mgr., Roanoke (Va.) CC. . . Lief Halverson, back from the war, is mgr., Shore Acres CC (Chicago dist.). . . Shore Acres

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Fire destroys Oakmont CC clubhouse, Glendale, Calif. . . . Loss about \$200,000; partially insured. . . . St. Augustine (Fla.) CC reopened after wartime shutdown. . . . Art Mauncy is pro in charge. . . . Longshore CC, Bridgeport, Conn., sold. . . . Nelson P. Davies, Longshore's new mgr. . . . Between 1200 and 2000 golfers at Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic bomb plant, considering building a golf course in the area.

A name we like as a good wild west label for a golf club is the Dead Horse Canyon GC, Rock Springs, Wyo. . . . Its membership is closed at 150 this year; 38 more than the club's ever had before. . . . Fulton, Mo., to have a new 18-hole course known as Boone County GC. . . .



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Edgemere course, Oklahoma City, Okla., bought for real estate development . . . Joseph A. Pape, out of army, new mgr., Braidburn GC (NY Met dist.) . . . Pat Abbott, former national publix champion, out of army to be pro at Hardscrabble CC, Fort Smith, Ark. . . . Work begun on course of Brandywine CC, Wilmington, Del., new private club . . . A. H. Tull is Brandywine course architect.

Boone County GA to build new 18-hole course at Columbia, Mo. . . . James G. Harrison, architect, is pushing work on new course of Mount Lebanon GC (Pittsburgh dist.) . . . Among clubs that have revived since fellows have returned from the war are those at Callaway, Neb., Beaver Valley GC at Prestonburg, Ky., Lincoln, Ks., Hemingford, Neb., Slayton, Minn., Tipton (Ia.) G&CC, Elks CC at Pittsburg, Ks.

New courses are nearing completion at Neligh, Neb., Marshall, Mo., Clay Center, Ks., Artesia, N. Mex. . . . Northfield (Minn.) CC enlarges clubhouse. . . . Louis Scott, new mgr., Fort Scott (Ks.) CC . . . Colony Club, Detroit district fee course, reopens after being closed since 1942 gas

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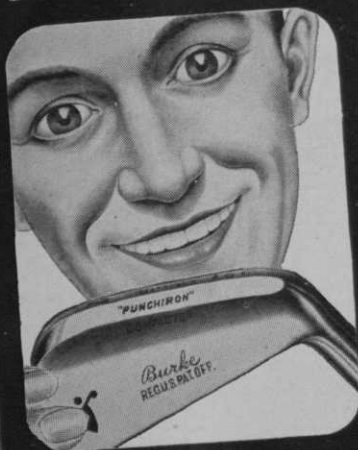
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Salt Lake City, Utah, considering a new munny course . . . Jimmy Hodgson, Salt Lake Tribune sports columnist, says crowded condition of local public courses now shows need of two new munny courses . . . Fred J. Wright, Boston, recently was given medal for winning of 1917 Western Junior championship . . . Due to wartime conditions Wright didn't get his medal at the tournament . . . Western Golfer, San Francisco, plans to begin publication in August.

Local competitions are beginning to show some highly promising young amateur talent, according to pros in many



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Jerry Cooke now pro at Everett, (Wis.) GC . . . Bert Young, returns as sec.-gen. mgr., Inlet (N.Y.) GC . . . Eddie Doeblre is in his 27th season as pro at Thenora GC, Adirondack beauty spot . . . Reggie Spencer is in his 26th year as pro at Fairmont (W.Va.) Field club . . . Rut Coffey now pro at Moundsville (W.Va.) GC . . . Rut made his playing debut in his new connection by winning the W. Va. Open with 278; 2 under par.

Omaha, Neb., considering building 18-hole munny course . . . Now has two 9-hole munny courses . . . Dan McGrew, Hallock, Minn., farmer, lauded by local paper for his work in restoring golf course to good playing condition after wartime shutdown . . . He is no kin of Dangerous Dan Mc-

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Qualifying rounds for Hearst newspapers' national Junior open championship at Oakland Hills, Detroit, Aug. 19-23, are showing better junior scoring than before the war . . . The Hearst event will bring together players from 13 cities.

Stanford's 619 won 1946 National Intercollegiate at Princeton . . . Stanford previously won team event in 1938, 1939, 1941 and shared team title with La. State in 1942 . . . Michigan was second with 624 . . . Others were: Ohio State, 625 . . . Princeton, 628 . . . La. State, 629 . . . Notre Dame, 631 . . . Iowa, 634 . . . Northwestern, 639 . . . George Hamer, Georgia, with 268 won individual title.

George Fazio's victory over Dick Metz in play-off for Canadian Open title con-

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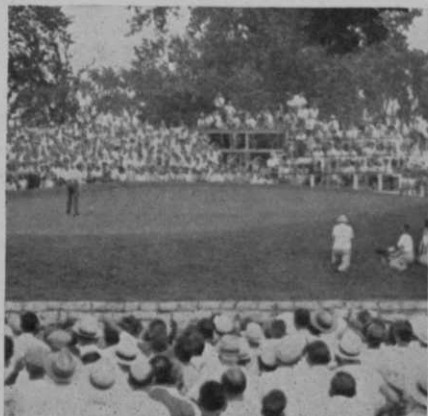
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Howard Denny is new gkpr. at Old Mission GC, Kansas City . . . Fee course being built at Elmwood and Olive st. rd., St. Louis, by L. Wetzel and associates . . . Play at St. Louis private and fee courses is setting records . . . 325 on a recent Sunday at University City 9-hole course.

Ralph Martin has been gkpr. at Shanopin CC (Pittsburg dist.) for 26 years and mgr. for 14 years . . . John Pressler, who's been gkpr. at Allegheny CC (Pittsburgh dist.) since 1897 has retired on club's substantial pension . . . Fred Jacob, gkpr. at Stanton Heights GC since 1909 also retired recently . . . Both men have done much to establish high standard of maintenance in Pittsburgh district where soil, topographical and climatic conditions demand expert operation . . . Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pa. is new name of Tri-State Golf Course Supts.' Ass'n.

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Several correspondents tell GOLFDOM caddie shortage is proving favorable to increase of play. . . Reduced expense with light bags and bag carts is getting play from plenty who might curtail their play because of caddie cost. . . Mike Merig is new pro at Cedars CC, Lakeville, Conn. . . Construction started on Warrenton (Ga.) CC. . . Chillicothe (Mo.) CC remodels clubhouse. . . Lubbock (Tex.) CC issued program for Texas PGA 26th annual championship that was up to national event standard.

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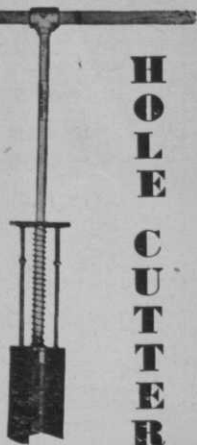
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Athletic Round Table, Spokane, Wash. is having a hole-in-one contest with \$15,000 prizes. . . Three shots for \$1 on 150 yd. hole. . . Sister Kenny fund is beneficiary. . . Send the Round Table your money and ask them to have somebody else shoot for you. . . Bud Ward was promoting the event when he wasn't playing at the National Open at Cleveland.

Royal and Ancient decides to retain its present ball standard. . . British National Association of Public Golf Courses have formed a northern section. . . All space was taken early at Golf Traders' exhibition at St. Andrews during the British Open. . . The affair is organized by Golf Monthly, Edinburgh. . . It began with the 1938 British Open and has been a feature of every British Open held since.

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Robert A. Hudson, sponsor of the Portland Open, will underwrite cost of a golf instruction movie to be made at PGA championship at Portland, Aug. 19-26. . . Betty Jameson introduced canary yellow as women's club steel shaft color at Women's Western Open. . . PGA membership in recent months growing faster than at any other time in the association's history. . . Lawson Little may be PGA member soon on basis of war service. . . Little, if qualified for PGA championship, will have a chance to show if he retains his old match play merit which gave him four consecutive U. S. and British amateur titles.



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Bob Andrews, Perth product who's in his 26th year as pro at Roebuck, Birmingham muny course, is subject of an interesting story in Birmingham News; one of a series on Leading Sports Figures in Alabama. . . Canajoharie Fort Plain (N. Y.) Businessmen's Golf Ass'n plans to buy Canajoharie CC. . . Harold B. Harrison is new pro-mgr., Forsgate CC, Jamesburg, N. Y.

Larry Robinson, World-Telegram golf writer, estimated that New York met district golfers played 60,000 rounds over last week-end in March although muny courses were not due to open until week following . . . This is beginning to look like the record year if good weather continues in most sections . . . Bill (Bunny) Richards new pro-mgr., Hillcrest CC, Lin-

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coln, Neb. . . . Johnny Blood turns pro on job at Battle Creek, Mich., Riverside CC.

Marion, Va., planning new club . . . Pat Denofrio, back from army, new pro at Statesville (N. Y.) CC . . . Additional 9 holes to be completed at Pebble Lake GC, Fergus Falls, Minn., in July . . . Reggie Myles now pro at Walnut Hills CC, Lansing, Mich. . . . Hannibal, Mo., Hillcrest 9 holes reopened after 2 year wartime shut-down . . . Charlottesville, Va., Young Men's Business club considering building course near Thomas Jefferson's birthplace.

Harry Kinnell new pro at Springdale CC (N. Y. Met district) . . . Gene Sarazen now big grower of fancy grapes and peaches on his farm near Germantown-on-Hudson . . . Count us in this fall Gene when you stomp on those grapes getting ready to make them into vintage vino . . . Middlebury (Vt.) CC closed for some years, being conditioned for reopening by war vet students at Middlebury college.

McGregor, Ia., constructing new course . . . Al Jamison, new pro at Officers club at Quantico (Va.) Marine base . . . Piping Rock club (N. Y. Met district) has waiting list of 500 . . . Eugene (Ore.) CC completing installation of \$45,000 watering system . . . Ottumwa, Ia., renews lease on many course and additional 9 will be ready for play in early summer.

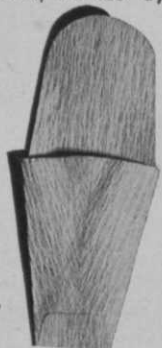
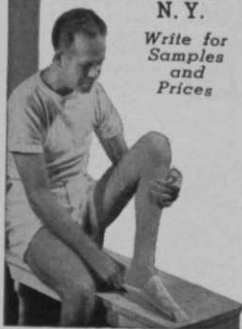
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