

LOS ANGELES CHIPS By CHUCK CURTIS

Los Angeles' park department, which now owns the old Rancho course, is having a slow start on the big reconstruction job. The plan is to level some hills and fill some canyons to make it an easier course, but there's a big shortage of heavy equipment to do the earth moving so it will probably be a year before it can be reopened. W. R. (Bill) Johnson, Griffith Park manager, is in charge of the new job.

Mortie Dutra out of golf due to ill health since leaving the Red Run CC (Detroit district) is now running a driving range in Long Beach, Cal. . . . Woodland Hills, once the Girard CC, reopened for public play has a new clubhouse, and a new watering system for the fairways. It was closed for most of the war. . . . George Fazio who came from Pine Valley to Hillcrest CC as pro, is making the pro circuit this summer. Stan Kertes had the Hillcrest job before the war, and when Stan returned from the service, he was assured of regaining the position under the GI Bill of Rights so Fazio is going to tour for a year.

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Johnny Stapp is a now teaching pro at Santa Anita, near the race track. . . The Fairmount course in Riverside, Cal. is to be rebuilt by the owners of the Mission Inn. . . Red Hill CC, in Upland, Cal. will add another nine.

An investment group led by Amateur Star Johnny Dawson is building a 27-hole public course in San Diego's Mission Valley district. . . They'll also have a pitch and putt course and large practice putting greens. . . Fred O'Bannon is gen. mgr. of the project.

Del Walker, a former Southern California amateur star has the Catalina Island pro job. The Catalina course is now 9 holes. . . Pat Abbott, runner-up to Bud Ward in 1941 National Amateur, turned pro and after working briefly at La Cienega Driving Range in L. A. went to Hard Scrabble, Ft. Smith, Ark. . . Jimmy Thomson married Miss Genevieve Biner of Venice, Calif., in ceremony at Los Angeles CC.

Williamburg (Va.) Inn constructing 9-hole course designed by Fred Findley . . . Tough breaks on weather cut Western Open and Goodall tournament crowds . . . Nine members of Burlington (Ks.) CC each have assumed responsibility for a

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