



Richland GC, Nashville, Tenn., beginning \$250,000 building program. . . . Reid munny course, Appleton, Wis., to have new clubhouse. . . . Quinter, Ks., rebuilding course. . . . Frankfort, Ky., to have 9-hole club. . . . Tecumseh, Neb., reviving its golf club. . . . Madison, S. Dak., organizing golf club. . . . Manzanola, Colo., restoring course after wartime shutdown. Pella, Ia., completes new 9-hole course.

Chet Crowley resigns as pro at El Monte course, Ogden, Utah, because of illness. . . . Clyde Pebley succeeds Crowley. . . . Roger Terpening resigns as Cobleskill (N. Y.) GC pro. . . . New Rochelle (N. Y.) Standard-Star carries illustrated feature on golf of Don, 5-year-old son of Jerry Desio, Gedney GC pro. . . . Harrisonville, Mo., building 9-hole course.

Henry O. Havemeyer, son of T. A., first president of the USGA, resigns as board member of Newport (R. I.) CC after 41 years a director of that club and for most of that time as sec-treas. . . . An-

other unusually long record as a club official is that of Richard Van Nest Gambrill who recently declined re-election after 10 terms as Newport CC pres.

Don Bemish, 40, pro at Newark (N. J.) CC, died recently of a heart ailment. . . . Don was a brother of Walter and Charles, both pros. . . . His widow and one sister also survive him. . . . Don was a grand gentleman golfer whose untimely passing is deeply lamented by many hundreds to whose happiness in golf he cheerfully and generously contributed.

Oak Hills public course, Mobile, Ala., bought to become private club. . . . Extensive improvements are planned. . . . Westlink GC, Wichita, Kan., planning new clubhouse. . . . Gering, Neb., course to be revived. . . . Newton (Ks.) CC to install grass greens. . . . Onawa (Ia.) munny course reopened after wartime shutdown. . . . Houston, Tex., park board considering selling Glenbrook course due to objections to building clubhouse. . . . If Glenbrook's sold park board plans building first class munny course in "same general area."

Kansas City park board and Ed Bruger, supt. of the courses, called in Heart of American Greenkeepers Assn. to discuss improvements on Swope Park course. . . . Fred Grau and O. J. Noer recently made a swing through Oklahoma and Texas holding sessions with greenkeepers, pro-gkrs. and chairmen. . . . Club officials and department heads say the trip of the two was tremendous help to southwestern greenkeeping. . . . Comment received by GOLFDOM from fellows at clubs in territory Noer and Grau visited also forecasts that many USGA memberships will be forthcoming as a result of the Grau and Noer references to Green Section service.

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University of Illinois is considering establishing a turf short course. . . . Don Strand, supt., Westmoreland CC, Wilmette, Ill., is chm. of a Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. committee to outline the U of I program. . . . Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson at Massachusetts State college, Amherst, Mass., is planning a 2 year course in turf maintenance. . . . Registration will be limited to 20.

Everett Hoover, supt., Columbus (O.) CC, in Greenkeepers' Reporter thanks other local greenkeepers for help they gave him in getting his course in fine shape for Columbus invitation tournament. . . . Such cooperation of greenkeepers is seldom realized by tournament players and spectators as valuable backstage factor in many big money events.

Turf short course at Texas A & M was arranged during the trip of O. J. Noer and Fred V. Grau. . . . Mac Hunter, 17-year-old son of Willie, won the national junior championship promoted by Hearst



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newspapers. . . . Mac is beginning to look like he'll beat his dad's amateur record which included winning 1921 British amateur and semi-finalist in U. S. 1921 amateur before he turned pro.

Golf Writers' Assn. of America was revived during PGA at Portland. . . . Russ Newland, AP San Francisco sports editor, is pres. . . . Charles Bartlett, Chicago Tribune, is sec. . . . Newland headed golf writers organization that sponsored San Francisco golf tournaments with charities as beneficiaries. . . . Golf Writers' Assn. was first formed by Bill Richardson, New York Times, and Francis Powers, now of Chicago Daily News. . . . Powers recently was elected head of Football Writers' Assn. of America. . . . Golf Writers' Assn. was responsible for getting USGA to issue press badges to accredited golf reporters. . . . Practice later was adopted by PGA. . . . USGA still restricts its passes to the working press. . . . Golf is most difficult sport to cover due to wide territory of play, size of field and everybody getting into the locker-room act which makes interviewing of players a disturbed job. . . . Other sports can be covered by sitting on the fanny during the play.

Logan (Ks.) GC reorganized after wartime shutdown. . . . The brassie was in-

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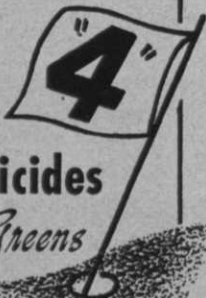
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Success of the national caddie championship at Columbus, O., and the Hearst newspapers' junior championship at Detroit, have aroused interest again in the possibility of an American national boys championship under USGA auspices. . . . Joan Hammond, noted opera and concert singer, is former women's golf champion of New South Wales.

Opinion of gallerites and golf writers at PGA championship generally was that PGA softened event formerly regarded as world's toughest golf competition by eliminating the stymie. . . . Eliminating the stymie took away an exciting feature of match-play and made the PGA hole-by-hole competition less exacting than stroke-play where a stroke loss at any time is an unrecoverable loss. . . . Stymie was ruled out because of star pros' complaint that it introduced an avoidable element of luck. . . . Those who continue to regard stymie

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W. S. Forrester, winner of the Northern Scottish Open, which had a good field of British pros, still is suffering from leg and foot wounds incurred on D-Day in Normandy when he was a captain in the King's Own Scottish Borderers. . . . R & A votes to retain present ball size and weight (maximum of 1.62 in. diameter and 1.62 oz.) for 3 years. . . . More than 10,000 loads of St. Andrews street refuse was dumped during the past 20 years on site of newly reconstructed Jubilee course.

Big boom in competition in district golf leagues. . . . Smaller town and city inter-city club competitions are far more numerous this year than ever before. . . . Among latest of the inter-city leagues is the Illinois Country Clubs' Assn, comprising 5 clubs in central and western Illinois. . . . There's talk of reviving star pro golf league in Florida and southern California during the winter. . . . Prospects don't look so hot for league play in view of present big purses on tournament circuit.

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of first 10 low net scorers in Tom Walsh day tournament. . . . This is first time a Chicago district club has used this method of supporting the Western's caddie program. . . . Clark H. Maudlin, Indianapolis amateur, made what's believed to be new record with 18 putts in a competitive round at Riverside GC, Aug. 10. . . . Maudlin's gross was 80. . . . He 2-putted the first hole, got 15 consecutive one-putt holes, chipped in on the 17th, and holed a 4-footer for one-putt on the 18th. . . . A week previous he made a 212 yd. ace on Riverside's 17th.

British opinion favors 1947 Ryder Cup matches in Britain instead of in USA where the international pro competition would be resumed in maintaining normal rota of the event. . . . British also suggest revising conditions of the competition to admit British team pros from elsewhere in British dominion instead of restricting team to British-born pros resident in Great Britain. . . . British open of 1947 will be at Hoylake where Hagen in 1924 won his second British Open and Jones won his third British Open in 1930. . . . The course is 7078 yds. long.

Frank Newell, formerly asst. to Roy Moe at Spokane (Wash.) CC, now is pro at Fircrest GC, Tacoma, Wash. . . . Pfc.

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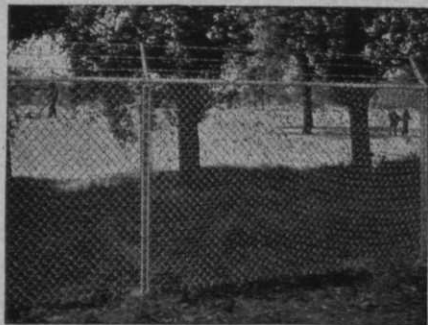
Edward Draper, 19, of Seattle, Wash., won U. S. Sixth Army's tournament at Presidio course, San Francisco, with 297. . . . Sgt. W. H. Ogden and Capt. F. G. Moseley tied for second at 302. . . . Lakewood course at St. Petersburg, Fla., now valued at \$250,000 was offered by the city to PGA in the 30s for \$25,000; \$5,000 down and \$5,000 annually for 4 years, and tax free for 10 years. . . . Ten months after the PGA turned down the deal St. Petersburg businessmen bought the property for \$60,000.

Better check with manufacturers on latest quotations for course equipment and supplies you are budgeting for purchase for 1947 use. . . . Manufacturers are worrying themselves into new crops of ulcers trying to figure out their costs. . . . Another major trouble of manufacturers is inability to get parts. . . . Common tendency of green committees to withhold ordering until next year's committee is appointed may leave clubs out of luck in getting deliveries by next spring. . . . At some clubs supts. are planning to take fertilizer and store it during winter rather than take chances on competing with other users for truck haulage during late winter.

Joseph M. Fungy, 40, who was pro-

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gkpr. at Opequon GC, Martinsburg, W. Va., died recently of a heart ailment which he had suffered for years although he did not let down until a few months before his death, and even then insisted on teaching from his wheelchair. Joe came into golf as a caddy and asst. pro at Clarksburg, W. Va., then was at Martinsburg; Cumberland, Md., Mt. Union, Pa., Allaire, N. J. Denmark, N. Y. and York, Pa.; from York returning to Opequon. He was widely known and warmly admired by the many hundreds who enjoyed the results of his teaching and course maintenance talents and who benefitted from his hearty love of golf. . . . He is survived by his widow, Mary A. Fungy.

Webster, S. Dak., planning munny course. . . . Madison, S. Dak., planning munny course. . . . Negro lad who used to caddie for Sam Byrd was telling Sam about trouble the fellow was having in straying off the fairway. . . . "Pears to me, Mr. Byrd," said the colored player, "Most of the time I'm in the rough playing sacrifice shots." . . . Mary McMillin who defeated Phyllis Otto, Polly Riley and Mildred Zaharias before Louise Suggs beat her 11 and 10 on the finals of the Women's Western Amateur, was not one who never had pro instruction, as a newspaper report related. . . . The McMillin

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Kaler E. Bole, chief storekeeper, USNR, exploring Hiroshima after the atomic bomb blast, found in the basement of the Bank of Hiroshima 3 MacGregor Pace-maker model PIM clubs, which are being sent to the MacGregor museum. . . . Metairie CC, New Orleans, is to enlarge and modernize clubhouse at cost of \$200,000. . . . Oconomowoc (Wis.) CC is restoring 9 holes out of play during the war to return to 18 hole status.

Jimmy Nichols, one-armed golfer on Spalding's staff, recently won Elks-Shriners tournament at Springfield, Mass., with 3-under-par 69. . . . Harold Sampson and PGA instruction committee campaign to liberate dubs from high scores was subject of James K. McGee's sports column in San Francisco Call-Bulletin. . . . Putter sales at pro shops this summer have been surprisingly large considering difficulty of getting the stock.

Distinguished old-timers in the gallery at the PGA at Portland included Rudie Wilhelm, Doc Willing and Walter Fovargue. . . . Walter, born in Cleveland, O., played with Hagen when the Hague won the Open at Midlothian in 1914. . . . Fovargue was pro at Skokie (Chicago district) from 1906 to 1916. . . . He went to the Pacific slope 28 years ago. . . . In 1917 he laid out 10 courses in California. . . . He's been architect of 60 courses. . . . Now he's a lumber magnate at Aberdeen, Wash.

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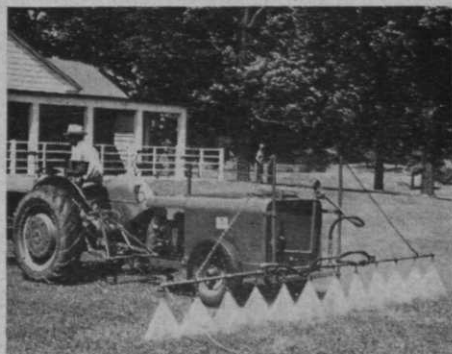
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