

Swinging around Golf



**THE GOLF NEWS
IN BRIEF
By HERB GRAFFIS**

Town with unique golf enthusiasm is Oroville, Cal., where two anonymous business men, through local Chamber of Commerce, offer 67 acres and free bulldozing to the community without charge if it will be used as a muny GC. . . . Rapidly nearing completion is the Riviera CC, Miami. Pro Leonard Ott is already giving lessons and says club lockerroom is about completed. . . . Dick Branham, mgr. Miami Shores CC, blasted the idea of a slack season this winter in Greater Miami. After checking records of play for December, Branham finds an increase of 33 1/3% over the same month in 1945. A count of autos in club parking lot reveals 60% from out of state. . . . Emphasizing his findings, is Pro Walter Scheiber of renovated Miami Muny nine and Gene Tift, gkpr, at Bayshore who discloses Christmas Day as the largest in the course's history.

Fifty candles blazed at Yahnundasis GC, Utica, NY., last month when the club celebrated its golden anniversary. Symbolic of the strides made in this country in the

game is the progress of Yahanundasis. In 1897 its new clubhouse cost \$725.54. The present one, and a beauty, was erected for \$135,000 in 1924. . . . Old timers at the club recall playing at the first course with gutta percha balls. It was common belief that the colder the balls were, the further they could be driven, so erstwhile members toted them about the nine in buckets of cracked ice. Those who played then claim that while the equipment of the game has changed considerably since 1897, the 15 fundamental rules in force at that time are still in use without much change today.

Golf architect James G. Harrison, Pittsburgh, is busy laying out additional nines for the North Fork CC, Johnstown, Pa., and the Leeland GC, Sharon, Pa. . . . Perfect weather last December marked the opening of the Mount Dora, Fla. GC, where Pro Stanley Kuznick is in possession of a newly erected pro shop. Unusual point about the club is that it was constructed without the issuance of a bond or the borrowing of a penny. . . . Entire cost contributed by public spirited townsmen and women. . . . Plans are rolling in McGregor, Ia. for the organization of a Daily Fee 9. Original golf course land has been repurchased and will be reconstructed.

It's a girl at the Sherwood Arlington Moore's of Lake Mohawk GC, Sparta, N.J. Her name is Sherry Ann Moore, born Nov. 8, 1946, and she weighed-in at eight pounds, 10 ounces. Sherwood, sec'y of the N. J. GSA, is a graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agri. at Mass. State College where he majored in turf mgmt. . . . Along with Cliff Roberts, with whom he is associated in the famous Augusta National course in Augusta, Ga., Bobby Jones is completing a Pan American Clipper tour of Latin America. Jones visited Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, returning to Miami Feb. 3. It's just 30 years since Bobby won the Southern amateur as a boy prodigy back in 1917.

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cago theater singing an ad-libbed plug for Wilson clubs after replacing set that had been stolen from him . . . Jimmy Thomas, supt., Farmington (Va.) CC since return from service with 711th Railway Operating battalion in Persia was guest of Capt. J. T. Cull, Brighton, Eng., at Teheran's Royal Persian club . . . No grass on fairways . . . Greens are screened rock chat . . . Thomas says it was a highly enjoyable game because Capt. Hull is a grand guy and Jimmy finally has seen a course where greenkeeping was a cinch.

Garden City, Kansas CC plans 12 to 15 thousand dollar expansion of club building to begin as soon as materials are available and hopes to have it largely completed by next winter. . . . Fire originating in fireplace chimney Christmas Day completely destroyed Scotts Bluff CC house, Gering, Nebr. Losses are estimated at \$35,000. . . . The Munie GC of Springfield, Mo., designed by architect Perry Maxwell, reported 3/4 completed. City Park Board busy planting Chinese elms and willow trees recommended by Maxwell.

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before. . . McSpaden recently was offered \$100,000 for a fee course he owns. . . Ben Hogan and Jimmy Demaret have been figuring on buying homes in Los Angeles. . . Lloyd Mangrum is a landlord there now. . . It cost Bing Crosby about \$60,000 in time away from work to put on his tournament at the Monterey peninsula courses.

Pros and amateurs taking a preview of the scene of this year's National Amateur at Pebble Beach during Crosby's tournament forecast headaches for the amateurs who lose control of their shots. . . As long as there's a memory of the Goodman victory over Jones in the first round of a National amateur played at Pebble Beach there'll be no favorite on this course.

French Lick Springs, Ind., will revive its Midwest amateur with a 54-hole event March 28-30. . . Ben Roman is new pro at Ardsley CC (N.Y. Met district). . . Jimmy Walkup is new pro at Midlothian CC (Chicago district). . . Fred Proctor, golf writer for Chicago Herald-American until illness forced his retirement several years ago, is in Little Company of Mary hospital, Evergreen Park, Ill. . . Proctor, one of the sweetest, squarest fellows ever on a golf course, and his wife have had long sieges of sickness.



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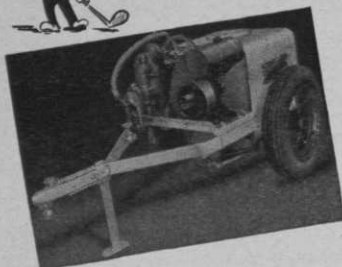
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The bag cart is to be introduced into Britain. . . Caddie fees are so high in England and Scotland it's expected the bag cart will become popular quickly. . . Cmdr. R. C. T. Roe, sec., British PGA, has released figures showing that Bobby Locke of South Africa led British pros in 1946 with a scoring average of 73 for 40 competitive rounds. . . Prize money for the year was equivalent of \$97,092.

Tommy Armour plans to play in the British Open and in other tournaments and exhibition matches overseas this year. . . Cmdr. Roe in Golf Monthly points out that caddies in England and Scotland get from about twice to 8 times what some experienced British pros get as lesson fees. . . Oxhey GC, north of London, where the late Ted Ray was pro for 28 years, has been sold for use as a housing site.

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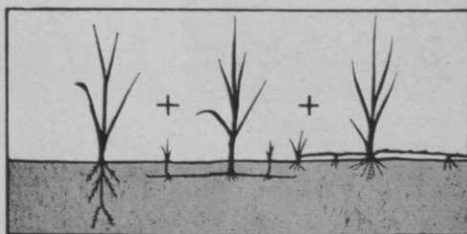
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ing about two of their sharpshooting amateurs making golf their visible means of support in the manner of the gambling pool-hall hustler. . . British pros would like to have the Ryder cup matches held here next fall. . . Their idea is that after the matches they could play in winter circuit events and pick up some extra money plus experience.

Ray Hill, former Texas amateur, now pro at Shreveport (La.) CC. . . McGregor, Ia., in early December to begin an additional 9 holes for the city's North Fork CC. Clearing, grading and filling will proceed until weather halts it. New 9 will occupy 60 or 100 acres recently acquired adjoining club's original 80 acres. All three of Johnstown's golf courses have been heavily taxed and the additional 9 is regarded as a definite community need. . . Harrison is also laying out 9 holes for the Leeland GC, for owner George Lee, at Sharon, Pa.

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Practically permanent is Alan Brodie, pro for 25 years at Lakeside CC, Richmond, Va. Club members honored him with party and trophy-gift week before Christmas. Brodie came to Lakeside straight from Scotland in 1918. . . . Altus G&CC, Altus, Okla., using new greens this season sown with wild Italian rye. . . . Dai Rees, British leading money winner, has coaxed Golf's "Mr. Big" from retirement on a Texas ranch. Rees challenges Byron Nelson to specific test of Anglo-American golfing supremacy in a showdown match. According to P.G.A. Tournament Manager Fred Corcoran, match will likely be held in Feb. in Florida.

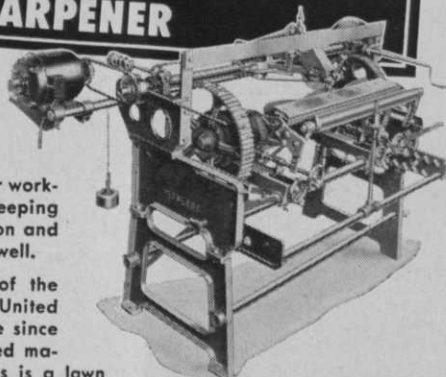
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What promises to be one of the South's fastest courses is rapidly moving to completion in Bunkie, La. The Avoyelles CC, first in the Parish, plans to purchase a Red Cross building or officers' quarters from a nearby army camp to be used as a clubhouse. . . . Richmond GC, Richmond, Calif., has warned members that under state laws no minor under age of 18 can be legally employed on the course without a work permit. . . . The club held its Richmond Open January 16-19.

One of golf's oldtimers died Christmas day after a long illness. Charles H. Michael, greenkeeper in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y. for 45 years. Charlie had been at the Rochester CC for the past two years and had previously served at Brook-Lea CC near Rochester, the Park Club in Buffalo, and the Buffalo CC. . . . Down Florida way, Charles Rohrbach has returned as manager of Martin County G&CC after two years at Melbourne.

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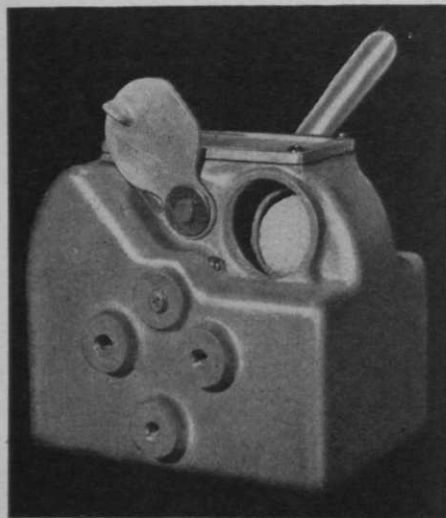
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The Airport GC, Cheyenne, Wyo., is pointing up its drive to enlarge from nine to 18 holes. . . . The 300 members of Summit Hills CC, Covington, Ky., who have been operating the club on a lease with option to purchase since Jan. 1, 1945, have voted to purchase the place for \$150,000



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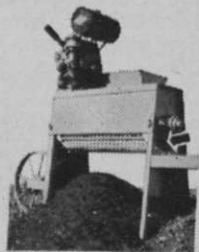
A shake-up in the operation of Brainerd Mundy GC, Chattanooga, Tenn., boosts Pro Jack Jones to supervisor of the club's course maintenance. Previously groundskeepers received their orders from the city commission, not too satisfactory an arrangement. Course water pump has been repaired and new power-driven mower purchased, the beginning, Jones says, of complete rehabilitation of the course.

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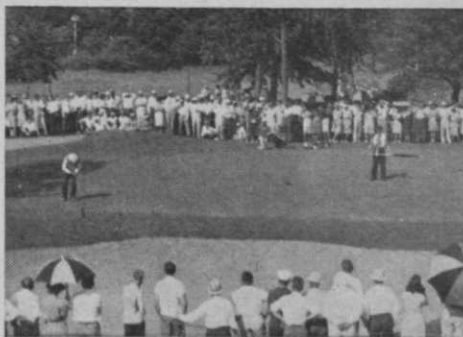
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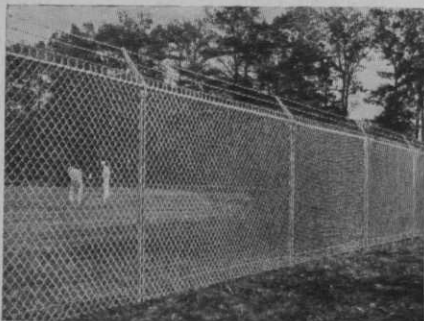
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Anders Johnson of the Swedish Golf Union writes from Gothenburg that the Swedish Open Amateur Championship of 1947 will be played August 20-24th on Halmstad GC at Tylosand on the country's west coast. Competition is open to amateur members of recognized clubs with a handicap of 6 or less.

Philip Morris & Co., New York, giving cigarettes as prizes for aces. . . Willard Hutchison now assistant to Paul Scott at Griffith Park courses, Los Angeles. . . Los Angeles Open in its 21 years has yielded \$193,000 in prize money. . . The colorful D. Scott Chisholm has been announcer at each of the L.A. Opens. . . Willie Hunter, pro at Riviera CC where the 1948 National Open will be played, says 284 will win that event. . . Lowest four rounds in major tournament is the 280 made this year by Ben Hogan in winning the L.A. Open. . . Nelson won the 1945 L.A. Open at Riviera with 284.

Father of the famed Dawson brothers is ailing. . . He's a grand old gentleman and everybody's hoping he will soon recover. . . Frank B. Dodson, 76, oldest pro in Southern California died Dec. 16. . . Frank came to California in 1912 as asst. at Annandale. . . He was at Midwick 16 years and went to Sunset Fields in 1927 where he continued until shortly prior to his death.

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Lloyd Mangrum in winning the 54 hole Montebello open got 19 birdies, 30 pars and slipped over par 5 times in getting his 70, 65, 67. . . Dai Rees and Charley Ward, visiting British pros, are making many friends on their tour. . . They're two of the finest fellows in golf, by Yank tournament pros' judgment. . . Neither one of them can putt up to the American money circuit standard but they're improving. . . Rees for a little guy, hits the ball a big distance but Hogan bats past him when Ben lets out.

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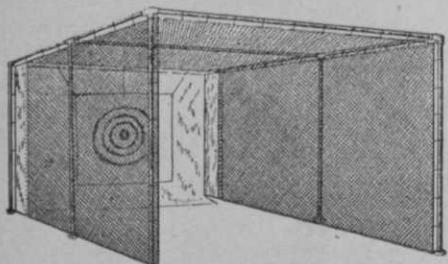
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