

Pine Orchard (Conn.) CC pro shop robbed of about \$1500 in pro shop and members' bags of clubs . . . Pro Stanley Starzec says the thieves took only the best but must have been scared away before they completed the job . . . Bill Voss, age 53, defeated his brother, Ed Voss, 52, by a 4 and 2 margin in the finals of the 15th annual Peoria (Ill.) Star Senior tournament while their dad, W. C., refereed . . . Bill was Peoria City champion in 1928 . . Lloyd Mangrum and Vic Ghezzi are making their 6-week tour of Argentina, Chile, Peru, Panama and Cuba by Pan American planes . . . Argentina GA guaranteed each player \$5000 plus expenses.

Atlanta, Ga., new course designed by Robert Trent Jones can be stretched from 6400 to 7300 yds. . . . Members of the new club, who include R. T. Jones, Jr., may be able to play 9 holes of the layout this summer . . . Colonial CC, Memphis, Tenn., to remodel clubhouse and build pool . . . Jake Fondren, out of army, now is Colonial's pro, succeeding Arnold Mears who went into sporting goods business in Nashville.

Lakeview CC, Winterset, Ia., designed by Bill Keating, Des Moines CC supt., to be opened early in summer . . . Dewey Longworth, Claremont CC pro, and his wife, recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident . . . Ray Raynor, Waynesville (N.C.) CC pro in summer, is on winter job at Royal Park GC, Vero Beach, Fla. . . . Chicago District GA raised \$137,639.37 with help of Ill. PGA and women's amateur organizations, for servicemen's causes.

Lloyd Mangrum and Roberto Vicenzo tied at 291 for Argentine Open title at Ranelagh club, Buenos Aires . . . Frank Stranahan defeated Earl Stewart 3 and 2 for Mexican amateur title . . . Henry Ransom signed as pro by Northmoor CC (Chicago district) . . . Al Roberson, formerly Armour Fields (K.C., Mo.) pro, is opening practice range at Kansas City and Topeka this spring . . . Al has some new lighting ideas he will install . . . Looks like many new practice ranges will be installed this year and generally having more attractive and expensive layouts than the prewar "stop-and-sock" places.

Clinton, Ia. to have 9 hole muny course . . . Town's daily fee course is to be subdivided . . . Ojai (Cal.) Valley CC sold to Don B. Burger and others of Beverly Hills . . Clubhouse to be enlarged as country club resort hotel . . . Pete Cooper switches from Gainesville (Fla.) CC to Ponte Vedra CC, Jacksonville Beach.

Fred Marlow, San Diego, Cal., heads company planning \$10,000,000 Borrego Valley resort . . . 18 hole course with unique \$100,000 clubhouse to be a feature of development . . . Edward J. May is new mgr., Tuscaloosa (Ala.) CC . . . Club is adding 9 holes . . . C. D. (Chuck) Hunter, for about 20 years one of Tacoma's top amateurs, is new pres., Tacoma (Wash.) C&GC.

DuPont company at Wilmington, Del. to build a new 18 hole championship course to plans of Alfred H. Tull . . . Tull also is re-

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modeling the 18 hole Nemours course and converting the old 18-hole duPont course into a 9-hole layout . . . Tull recently designed a 9-hole course for employees of duPont's nylon plant at Martinsville, Va.

"King" Troensegaard changes from Old Oaks CC to Apawamis club, Rye, N.Y., as gkpr. . . . Richmond (Cal.) CC to spend \$40,000 improving clubhouse . . . J. W. (Joe) Palise is new mgr., Country Club of Indianapolis, Ind. . . . Jerry Jackson signed as McPherson (Kan.) CC pro . . . Lady's Island CC, Beaufort, S.C., chartered with \$30,000 capital stock . . . Hamilton, O., considering adding 9 holes to its present 18 hole muny course.

Rockwell-Ballew Legion post takes 20 year lease on Asheville (N.C.) muny course and clubhouse . . . Late Col. E. R. Bradley's course and clubhouse at Ashland, Ky., sold for reported \$250,000 . . . Don Rapelye, for 10 years mgr., Wampanoag CC, Hartford, Conn., goes to Hartford's Canoe club as mgr. . . . Seminole, Okla., completes its 9 hole muny course.

Golf Monthly of Edinburgh again is campaigning for R&A to select its 1947 Walker Cup team after trials at St. Andrews where the international amateur matches are to be played . . . In 1938 the selection method Golf Monthly advocates was used and Britain, at St. Andrews, won the only



Walker Cup competition of the 10 that have been played.

E. F. Storey, member of several British Walker cup teams, has played 300 different courses in the United Kingdom and Eire... George W. Rossetter elected pres., Illinois Seniors GA... Summerville (S.C.) CC being reconditioned for reopening in spring... James Adams who finished second in two British opens tied with Bobby Locke in Dunlop Masters' tournament which had field of Britain's 20 leading playing pros.

Ashland (Ky.) GC bought by syndicate for \$250,000 from estate of E. R. Bradley . . . Broadmoor GC, Portland, Ore., fee course is operated by the 6 daughters of the founder, Rudolph Schneider . . . Schneider was killed in an accident 15 years ago before the Broadmoor course was finished . . . The girls carried on the enterprise successfully . . . Port Jervis (N.Y.) CC completes another good season far enough in black to buy \$2800 in maintenance equipment . . . At one time during the war it was ready to close with only 50 members . . . Pepped-up golf and social program brought it back to vigorous life . . . Fairbanks (Alaska) G&CC 9-hole course with clubhouse windows presenting view of 18 mountains, opened on 79th anniversary of purchase of Alaska.



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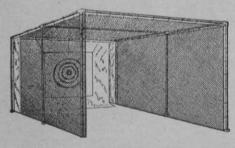
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Horace (Ossie) Pickworth, 28-year-old Manly asst. pro, won 1946 Australian Open with 75, 69, 69, 76—289 over the par 72 Rose Bay course of the Royal Sydney GC . . . Pickworth finished 5½ years in the army Feb. 4, 1946 and went back to his job the next day . . . Qualifying preliminary rounds reduced the field to 120 . . . A. N. Waterson finished second with 291 . . . Waterson won the Australian Amateur over the same course by defeating Dr. J. Pendergast, 2 and 1, in the finals . . . The championships were resumed after a 7 year lapse.

In 1947 the Australian Open and Amateur championships will be played separately . . . Since 1904, when the Open was inaugurated 10 years after the Australian Amateur, the events have been played as part of a program on the year's championship course which for many years also included the Australian national pro, women's and other events.

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PGA National Officials Re-elected. L to R: Ed Dudley, pres.; Willie Maguire, treas., and Joe Novak, sec. See story on page 49.

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Paul Wert, owner, Milton (Pa.) GC plans to build new clubhouse and enlarge course from 9 to 18 holes this year . . . Doug Woodrow is at Great Southern CC, Gulfport, Miss. this winter and will return to Muskegon (Mich.) CC as pro late in spring . . . Jim Brown signed as Hyperion Field club, Des Moines, Ia., pro . . . Jim is brother of Joe, pro at Des Moines G&CC and leaves Atlantic (Ia.) CC pro job to go to Hyperion.

Leonard Biles takes over management of Holston Hills CC, Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 1 . . . Austin (Tex.) CC, reputed to be oldest in Texas, has been sold to the city . . The club will retain possession for 3 years during which it will be building a new course and clubhouse further out . . Les Heon

returns to Riverside Military academy, Hollywood, Fla. as golf instructor . . . Les, prior to the war, had introduced golf to 1500 lads during his years at the school.

In April A. S. Barnes & Co. will publish a golf guide edited by William D. Richardson . . . Jimmy Hines selected as pro by North Shore GC (Chicago dist.) on retirement of Alex Cunningham . . . Percival E. Furber reelected pres., Metropolitan GA of New York . . . The Metropolitan has scheduled amateur, am-pro, senior publinx and junior championships for this year.

Stanley Pniewski, formerly asst. of James Vigliotti, supt., Westchester Hills GC, White Plains, N. Y., is new supt., Crescent GC, Huntington, N.Y. . . . A barrel

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TURF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TENNESSEE

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. Jan. 6-7

TEXAS
*Texas A&M College, College

Station Jan. 21-23

*Oklahoma A&M College,

Stillwater, Okla. Jan. 27-28

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office Chief of Engineers, Wash-

ington, D.C. (Ground Maintenance AAF & Ground

Forces) Jan. 27-29

G.S.A. CONVENTION Hotel New Yorker, New York

City Feb. 10-14

MARYLAND

University of Maryland, College

Park, Md. Feb. 20

NEW JERSEY

Rutgers University, New

Brunswick, N.J. Feb. 23-28

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania State College,

State College, Penna. Mar. 3-6

IOWA

Iowa State College, Ames,

Iowa Mar. 10-11

MINNESOTA University of Minnesota,

Minneapolis, Minn. Mar. 12-14

PURDUE

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana Mar. 17-19

MICHIGAN

Michigan State College,

East Lansing, Mich. Mar. 20-21

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Lefthanded golfers of San Francisco Bay area have formed an association . . . Nelson Cullenward, golf writer of S. F. Call-Bulletin, won southpaws' first tournament at Tilden Park with 77-69—146 . . . Ellis A. Gimbel, who has been pres., Philmont CC (Philadelphia dist.) since it was organized in 1906, has retired to become honorary pres. and director for life . . . Louis A. Hirsch succeeds Gimbel as Philmont pres.

PGA 1947 WINTER TOURNAMENT

SCHEDULE	
	CASH
Jan. 3-6—Riviera CC, Los	
Angeles	\$10,000
Jan. 10-12—Bing Crosby-Amat.	
Pro, Pebble Beach, Del	
Monte, Calif.	10,000
Jan. 16-19 — Richmond (Calif.)	E MARKET
CC	10,000
Jan. 23-26—Phoenix (Ariz.) CC	10,000
Jan. 30-Feb. 2—El Rio CC, Tuc-	
son, Ariz.	10,000
Feb. 6-9 — Brackenridge Park	
GC, San Antonio, Tex.	10,000
Feb. 13-16—Tentative, New Or-	
leans, La.	10,000
Feb. 20-23 — Tentative, Pensa-	
cola, Fla.	10,000
Feb. 27-Mar. 2—St. Petersburg,	
Fla.	10,000
Mar. 6-9—Miami (Fla.) 4-Ball	10,000
Mar. 13-16—Hyde Park CC,	-0,000
Jacksonville, Fla.	10,000
Mar. 20-23—Greensboro, N. C.	10,000
Mar. 27-30—Charlotte, N. C.	10,000
April 3-6 — Masters', Augusta	10,000
(Ga.) Nat'l Golf Club	10.000
(Ga.) Ivat I Golf Club	10,000

Westlink GC, Wichita, Ks., planning \$40,000 clubhouse . . . Hotel fires have managers of country clubs with guest rooms making thorough check-ups and reports of fire prevention and safety provisions at clubs . . . Bellerive CC (St. Louis dist.) to spend \$75,000 improving course and clubhouse . . . Alex McKay, veteran gkpr.-pro, appointed gkpr., Holston Hills CC, Knoxville, Tenn.

Funny how the scotch and bourbon came out of hiding when ceilings were lifted . . . Joel Bennett, asst. to Frank Walsh at Red Run GC (Detroit dist.) is conducting a golf school at Roney Plaza hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., this winter . . . Complexity of scientific greenkeeping is in-

dicated by presence of 96 minerals in the soil.

Royal Canadian GA has adopted USGA standard ball, increasing the size of the official Canadian ball from a minimum diameter of 1.62 in. to 1.68 in. Both balls have same weight; maximum of 1.62 . . . Dentists accounted for two major items in modern golf; Dr. Haskell for the rubber-thread winding of the ball and Dr. Lowell for the peg type of tee . . . World production of golf balls in a normal pre-war year used 1,000 tons of rubber.

Jim Nichols, one-armed Texas-born member of the Spalding exhibition corps, has been turning in scores right up with the two-armed lads during his tour of the Middle and South Atlantic states . . X-ray examinations of chests have been added to free physical check-ups provided Mac-Gregor-Goldsmith employees . . . First ace ever made on Aurora, Mo., Metro course recently holed on 165 yd. third by local high school sports coach, Orville Pottenger.

This past Christmas pros made more extensive use of Christmas card mailing to their members and other friends than ever before... George Aulbach, Amarillo (Tex.) CC pro, for years has been getting up special holiday greeting messages that really glow with friendly golfing sentiment... It makes you feel good to be remembered by the fellows when they're making up their holiday greeting lists... A great New Year to the whole bunch of them.

FBI SEEKS FUGITIVE GOLFER

Wanted by the FBI as an army deserter and confidence man is a fugitive who is a frequent and rather proficient golfer.

His name is Peter Martin Thompson, with aliases. His racket is to sell expensive "Honor Rolls" bearing a photograph and purported service record of husband or son to the wives and parents of ex-servicemen. FBI men are interested in the complaint that the salesman claimed to represent the Federal Government and that the "Honor Roll" was issued by or endorsed by the Government.

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A good golfer who plays in the high seventies, "Tommy" owns an expensive set of clubs and spends all his spare time on the links. With "Tommy" usually his first name, he has been known to call himself: E. Thomas Alderidge, E. Thomas Aldridge, Eaton T. Aldridge, Tom Aldridge, Eaton Thomas Anderson, Tom Anderson, Eaton Thomas Andrews, Tom Andrews, etc.

Anyone having information about him is urged to contact the nearest office of FBI, listed on the first page of every telephone

book.

Cheyenne (Wyo.) CC to improve course and clubhouse, including construction of grass greens . . . J. W. Scruggs named progkpr.-mgr., Seminole (Okla.) muny course Abbeville (La.) GC modernizing course . . . Murfreesboro (Tenn.) installing grass greens after more than 25 years with sand . . . Course at East Hampton, L.I., N.Y. sold to syndicate which includes Juan Trippe, Pan American air chief . . . George Matson and wife to be pro-mgr. team at Arkansas City (Ks.) CC.

Pro campaigns on golf goods as Christmas presents also seemed to hit a new high last month . . . One of the most elaborate advertising efforts was the one that Chuck Tanis, Olympia Fields CC, and Jerry Glynn, Skycrest CC (both Chicago dist.) used . . . Chuck and Jerry had their respective signatures on the handsomely illustrated folder of golf Christmas gifts sent to Olympia Fields and Skycrest members.

British pros, headed by Henry Cotton, are trying to devise way of speeding up slow play in tournaments . . . If slow play bothers them much they may blow their tops when competing against some of the 1947 U.S. Ryder Cup possibilities who act like they're going to spend the week-end figuring out each shot.

Paul Irwin, London Sunday Express sports columnist, says "rising costs may put average (British) golfer out of the game . . . Among present costs Irwin cites as forbidding "a people's pastime within paying power of all" are: Greensman's wages, \$20 a week, grass seed at 92 cents a pound; maintenance per bunker about \$60 a year . . . He quotes Sir Guy Campbell as saying a full length championship course in Britain now would cost about \$80,000.

Leonard Crawley, London Daily Telegraph golf correspondent, opines British Ryder cup pros are going to be badly handicapped because of their putting in-



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feriority which he attributes to variation in British green condition which ranges from "first class to totally unfit for tournament play." . . . Lack of greens uniformity and generally bad condition of British tournament course greens Crawley says removes incentive for British pros studying putting methods and compels them to trust to luck . . . He says "Americans, on the other hand, consistently putt on perfect greens of medium pace upon which a method is worth while and confidence is born. I believe that had the first 6 golfers in America played here throughout the season, by the end their putting would have deteriorated and their confidence would have vanished."

Crawley names as British Ryder cup team possibilities Cotton, Locke, Rees, Adams, Ward, Horne, Burton, Alfred Padgham, King, Faulkner, Haliburton and L. B. Ayton.

In his piece about Ryder cup prospects Crawley censured British pros for igno-

rance of the rules of golf.

Swinging Around Golf (Continued on page 53)

MANAGERS PLAN CONVENTION AT NEW YORK, FEB. 16-19

With 200 rooms set aside in New York City's Hotel Pennsylvania for the annual CMAA convention, February 16th to 19th, CMAA President Eric Koch this week urged Club Managers to make their reservations immediately. Overflow, Koch promised, would be placed in neighboring hotels.

The convention agenda, according to President Koch, includes lectures on club operation by outstanding speakers who are expert in their fields. As usual, an intensely practical and profitable feature of the program, he explained, will be the round table forums for city, country, beach and yacht club managers.

Golf club house suppliers, whose representatives have always attended CMAA conventions, plan to outdo their performance of past years. For the first time since 1942, scarce equipment is once again avail-

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Swinging Around Golf

(Continued from page 16)

OLLIE'S ONCE-OVERS By A. H. "Ollie" Painter, Sr.

(Ollie Painter, Sr. was golf editor of the L. A. Daily News, then succeeded Maxwell Stiles as golf editor of the L. A. Examiner. For about 18 years he directed and managed practically every pro and amateur tournament in Southern California. Now he's asst. to Gerald E. "Redd" Kerr, mgr., San Fernando Valley CC, Woodland Hills, Calif.—Ed.)

D. Scott Chisholm, the one and only, is doing very well in Ojai, Calif. where he's operating a photo shop . . . Johnny Dawson is prime mover of a new course in Mission Valley, San Diego . . . Course is expected to open next summer . . Darsie L. Darsie, former golf writer, now is editor of the editorial page of the L. A. Herald-Express.

Golf is decidedly on the upgrade in Southern California . . . Strong demand for more courses . . . All clubs are doing fine business . . . San Fernando Valley CC formerly was Girard GC, then Woodland Hills . . . A fire in 1944 destroyed its clubhouse for the second time . . Then Jack Yates and Robert M. Findlay bought it and started to rebuild . . . They put \$100,000 in a new clubhouse, rebuilding 18 greens and installing new watering system.

Course has been open since April 6, 1942...Building restrictions delayed completion of clubhouse until Oct. 12...The club was lucky in getting as mgr., "Redd" Kerr after he'd finished wartime hitch in the Coast Guard...Kerr had been mgr., Santa Monica muny, asst. mgr., Rancho, Lake Arrowhead GC and La Cumbre G&CC before enlisting...He was with Las Vegas (Nev.) muny course where Johnny Diflores is pro, right after he got out of the Coast Guard.

The club also got a fine break in signing as gkpr. Fred A. Day, formerly with San Marcos at Chandler, Ariz., Rancho and Lake Arrowhead . . The San Fernando Valley club is 26 miles out from L. A. on Ventura blvd.

"SOONER" STATE SHOTS By Floyd Farley

Perry, Okla. building new grass greens . . . Ditto for the second 9 holes designed and constructed by former wrestling champion Labron Harris at the Lakeside club, Stillwater, Okla. . . . Harris, former sand greens artist also tough amateur competitor in southwest tournaments, turned pro

this year. He teaches at Oklahoma A. & M. college "on the side."

Chickasha, Okla. installing 9 new grass greens . . . Borden General Hospital at Chickasha turned down Okla. PGA check for \$18,000 to build new course for rehab . . . Hospital is being closed up.

Oklahoma City CC pro Harrell Butler's mother died Dec. 11th at Ardmore, Okla., his old home town . . . Ardmore was starting point of golf architectural work of the famed Perry Maxwell. Maxwell is finishing up the Springfield, Mo. course, also is designing the new country club course at Enid, Okla., where Mrs. Pat Blanton of national tourney fame resides and is a leading factor in golf promotion in that area.

Nine new holes are being added to the already 9 hole Woodson Park layout in Okla. City by Woodson's mgr., Tom Harris . . . Woodlawn GC in Okla. City where Floyd Farley has held forth for 15 years, has been sold and is to become a small food processing plant area . . . 8 oil wells drilled on Woodlawn in 1936.

Twin Hills CC famous 4th green has been torn up and moved back to allow for more aeration . . . in charge of Jimmy Gauntt, pro-gkpr. . . . El Reno, Okla. talking about converting from sand to grass greens . . . Altus, Okla. CC has planted 9 new Bermuda greens.

Oklahoma university's 9 hole student course crowded daily—students waiting hours for starting times and rental sets... A lot of former G.I.'s learning golf as well as other subjects there ... Bruce Drake's first love is golf, but he's Oklahoma U's basketball coach.

Paul Blakeney's old Edgemere layout at Oklahoma City has been sold . . . It is now becoming an area embracing a church, park, playground and residential development. Blakeney is in the grass equipment sales and repair business there . . . Conoco CC at Ponca City, Okla., playing on the second 9 now . . . Ready to invite the Okla. PGA sectional tournament for '47 . . . Okla. PGA receives bids for the annual event from state clubs.

BURTON, VET GREENKEEPER, DIES—Arthur L. Burton, 74, supt., Mountain Ridge CC, Caldwell, N.J., and treas., N.J. Greenkeeping Supts.' Assn. since its inception in 1927, died Dec. 13. He had been with the club for 25 years. He was born in England, emigrated to Canada, then to the U.S. where he engaged in estate and golf course work, in the latter being associated with the late Herbert Strong, architect. Mr. Burton is survived by his widow; two sons, Alfred and George; and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Herbert. George was his asst. at Mountain Ridge and will succeed his father.