

Swinging Around Golf

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OLLIE'S ONCE-OVERS

By A. H. "Ollie" Painter, Sr.

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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 muni, asst. mgr., Rancho, Lake Arrowhead GC and La Cumbre G&CC before enlisting . . . He was with Las Vegas (Nev.) muni course where Johnny Di-Flores 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.

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"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.