

champion, was well among the leaders, as also was his older brother just out of the marines, Willie, Jr. Willie, Jr. is one of the longest driving young golfers on the Pacific Coast, and with a bit more tournament experience is going to be mighty hard to keep down.

Still others were Julie Bescos of the Virginia CC, Long Beach, whose 73-67-140 got him into the money; Pardee Erdman, making a return to golf competition after his navy chaplain duties; Jimmy McLarnin of Lakeside, the ex-boxing champion; Johnny Weismuller, John Carroll, Richard Arlen and others of the movie colony, all contributing to the color and glamour of this revival of pleasure resort golf cycle.

Larry Gleason, new pro-manager of the Island's Visitors' course, was hardly ready for the influx of the "gang" this year, having only recently taken over his chores at Avalon and completing a much-needed renovation and remodeling, but he and the new Mrs. Gleason—Alice to all the golfers—did a grand job, as also did Alma Overholt, Floyd Gillette, J. A. "Pat" Patterson, Otis Sheppard and others of the Catalina official staff.

Only 9 holes were opened for play, making four trips over the links necessary. The fact that Hixon, who is, incidentally, the only golfer ever to win the title more than once, won the "Oscar" with a score 6 over



Larry Gleason, pro at Catalina, and his wife, post the scores in competition for the island's "Oscar."

par is indicative of the test of golf it contains.

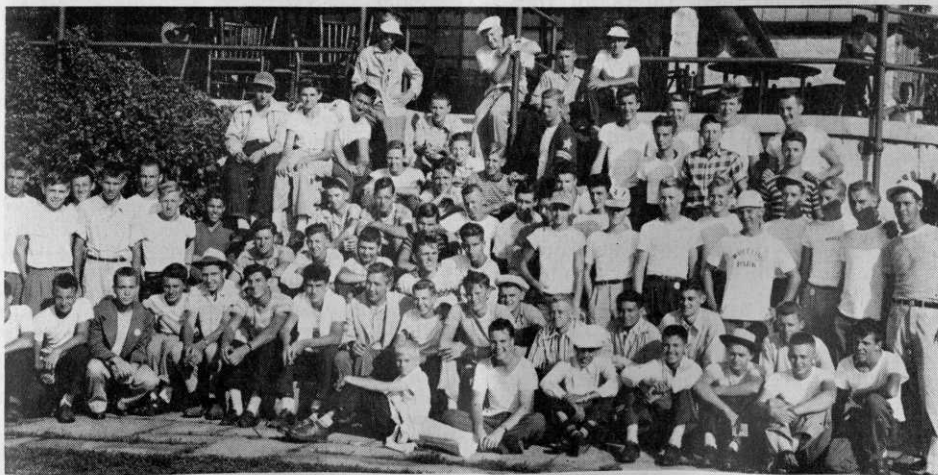
Hixon shot 70-64-134 over the par 64-64-128 course for the 36-holes. Frank (Bud) Taylor, 37-year-old dentist from Pomona, making his first competitive appearance since returning from service as an Army dental surgeon in the European theater of war, finished second with 67-68-135, while song-writer Ralph Wolf of Hollywood grabbed the show money with 68-68-136.

NATIONAL CADDIE CHAMPIONSHIP AT COLUMBUS, O., AUG. 27-31

E. Hugh Davis, Executive Director, National Caddie Assn., 216 Huntington Bank Bldg., Columbus, O., is supplying PGA sectional officials and newspapers with details of the 2d national caddie championship which will be played at Columbus, O.,

Aug. 27-31. Any bona fide caddie under 18 on Aug. 27 and certified by his local pro as a caddie and amateur is eligible. There is no entry fee. Entries close Aug. 24.

As many clubs have caddie championships Davis suggests that district qualifying rounds bringing together club caddie champions be held. In districts where the



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district associations do not conduct district-wide caddie championships PGA sections and newspapers have an excellent golf promotion opportunity.

Davis says that \$5 a day expense should be sufficient for each contestant as the National Caddie Assn. furnishes food at the course and transportation and has made arrangements for supervised rooming of the contestants at the Deshler-Wallick hotel. Provisions have been made by the association to receive the boys and care for their wholesome and interesting entertainment during the tournament period.

The winner of the event which again will be played at the Ohio State university course, gets a \$1500 4-year scholarship at Ohio State. The runner-up gets a 2-year scholarship. Numerous merchandise prizes are given others in the field.

The event was conceived by a former caddie, Mayor James A. Rhodes of Columbus. It was the outgrowth of a Columbus city caddie tournament. Rhodes found that the keen interest of the Columbus caddie tournament was a definite factor in counteracting juvenile delinquency. He had learned that the cash cost was about \$700 annually for each juvenile delinquent who had to be handled by the law and that in far too many cases the cash expenditure after the unfortunate kid had been put away by law was a waste in attempting to straighten out the boy.

He and others got together to make a caddie tournament a national event as an influence to focus the interest and energy of lively kids on an advancing activity. Pro and newspaper cooperation accounted for the initial event in 1946 being a decided success. There were 91 boys from 22 states and Honolulu. One youngster from Ohio's hills played barefooted and cross-handed and survived until the second round. Chick Hendrickson of Sandusky, O., won the title.

PGA sections interested in serving in this rapidly-growing and well publicized event may secure complete details by writing Davis and are asked by the National Caddie Assn. to discuss the tournament with local newspaper sports editors and promotion managers.

CARNOUSTIE PROS RAISING FUND FOR OLD CLUB

Francis Gallett, pro at Blue Mound G&CC, Wauwatosa 13, Wis., and George Fotheringham, pro at Hollywood GC, W. Roseld Ave., Deal, N.J., met during the winter at Carnoustie while both of them were on a visit to their birthplace.

Francis and George found that the Carnoustie club needed considerable help in modernizing its clubhouse. Among other facilities needed are showers. The numerous and urgent requirements of the club