



THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

By **HERB GRAFFIS**

Yakima (Wash.) Chamber of Commerce pushing for a munny course. . . Golf Association of Philadelphia at 50th annual meeting urged to adopt a uniform handicap system. . . Hearst newspapers in 12 cities will conduct their second annual national junior tournament this summer. . . Finals will be at California club (LA dist.) Aug. 18-23. . . Columbus (O.) amateurs still are talking about Bing Crosby's 72 on Scioto April 14. . . The par score was best amateur round on the course this year.

Hans Moen, greenkeeper at Broadmoor GC, in the heart of Seattle, is having a beaver problem. . . The varmints are coming out of a canal on the course and chewing down trees. . . Frank P. Carvey, for 26 years mgr., Lakewood club, Dallas, Tex., has resigned. . . He's succeeded by James Radar. . . Comparative wage scale of New Jersey clubs being compiled by Dan Carter, mgr., Ridgewood CC.

Hillcrest CC (KC dist.) had as feature of one of its Saturday parties entertainment provided by performances of mem-

bers' talented kids. . . After completing expensive and masterly job last year to keep course from being flooded Minnehaha CC, Sioux Falls, S.D., this year was inundated by highest water ever recorded. . . Elmwood Park, Sioux Falls munny course, was isolated by floods. . . Spring much wetter than that of last year has delayed play in several parts of the country. . . Plenty of moaning done about the weather but the old timers in the business remark that golf is like a circus, when it rains you can't have the parade.

Harry Obitz returns to famed Shawnee CC at Delaware Water Gap, Pa., with Eddie Nowak and Howard Capps as new assts. . . Matt Kowal, pro at Philmont CC (Phila. dist.) brings Ted Kroll from Syracuse, N.Y., as asst. . . Tom O'Neil, news director of Associated Press radio, writing in Pinehurst Outlook, puts the blast on the amateurs whose hunger for money has been lousing up Calcutta pools. . . Tom says these cash-and-carry amateur stars are making it necessary to call a halt on the big money Calcutta pools. . . And how right he is!

Pendleton (Ore.) CC to have \$1000 open May 12-13. . . Jack White, Pendleton mgr., says he's never seen as much all-around golf interest and activity in another 9-hole club as there is at Pendleton. . . Freddie Bolton, Pendleton pro, is giving a set of irons to the woman member who wins the most points during the year's competition. . . Chicago Tribune conducting its 15th annual public golf school. . . The Trib school has accounted for 512,000 lessons according to estimate of Charles Bartlett, the paper's golf writer.

John Inglis elected pres., Metropolitan PGA for 18th consecutive term. . . Ralph Trost, Brooklyn Eagle golf writer, says PGA tournament circuit is going to get tough in enforcing USGA regulations on specifications of clubs. . . James H. Roberts, new mgr., Country Club of Terre Haute, Ind. . . Carl Brown new pro at Peru (Ind.) CC. . . Cherry Hills CC, Clarksburg, W. Va.,

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Wm. MacMorran, 58, caddymaster at Indian Hills CC (Chicago dist.) for 30 years, died recently at Phoenix, Ariz. . . He is survived by his widow and 2 sons. . . His brother, Joe, has been pro at Indian Hill for many years. . . Wm. MacMorran came from Scotland in 1917.

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Willard G. Wilkinson, golf architect of Syracuse, N.Y., is going on his 30th year designing and building courses. . . "Wilkie" was vp of the A. W. Tillinghast Construction Co. before going in on his own. . . Argyle Land Co., Silver Springs, Md., buys 145 acres at Layhill, Md., and plans to build course and clubhouse. . . Don Sutherland changed from Davisburg, Mich., to Duck Lake GC near Milford, as pro-gkpr.

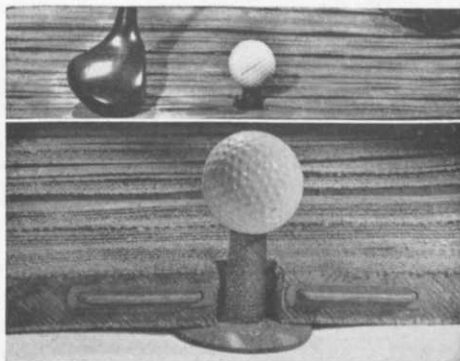
Wm. R. Riley goes from Crestmont GC, West Orange, N.J., to Belleview CC, Syracuse, N.Y., as gkpr. . . Sherwood A. Moore changes from Lake Mohawk GC, Sparta, N.J., to the Crestmont gkpr. job. . . Aleck Reid signed by Echo Lake CC, Westfield, N.J., as gkpr. . . Lew Weilandt leaves gkpr. job at Princeton (N.J.) CC to go in lawn maintenance business on his own. . .

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Bennie Toski new pro at Greenock CC, Lee, Mass. . . . Bill Langford has a 1914 year book of Chicago Golf club in which it says, "Smoking or lighting matches in locker room is absolutely prohibited. A fine of \$10 will be imposed for violation of this rule." . . . Harry L. Smith is new mgr., North Hempstead CC (NY Met. dist.). . . . Herbert G. McCurdy succeeded Smith as mgr., Hempstead GC. . . . Herman Goldstein in his Cleveland (O.) News golf column quotes Tommy Armour: "For what Hagen did for golf and sports this country should give him a million dollars a year and let

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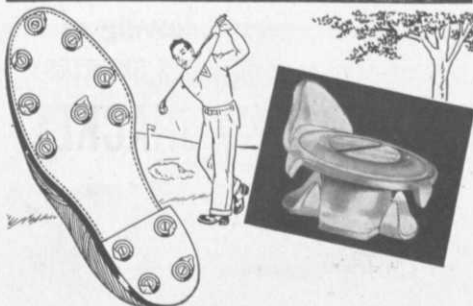
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him spend it. And he can!"

Bob Harlow has a beautiful quote in his Pinehurst Outlook story about the match in which Babe Zaharias defeated Louise Suggs on the 20th hole for the Babe's 15th consecutive tournament win. . . . Some visitor to classic Pinehurst remarked as Babe won with a 4 against Louise's 5, "What the hell; doesn't an intelligent gallery expect to see a great athlete win?" . . . Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsoring a \$2500 36-hole open July 20. . . First prize is \$1000.

Philip H. Goldsmith reelected pres., Athletic Institute. . . D. Scott (Scotty) Chisholm internationally noted veteran golf writer and announcer, is headed for a California hospital to get cataracts removed from his eyes. . . Scotty's eyes sure have seen golf history made. . . We're all pulling for you, Scotty. . . Warren Smith new mgr., Hartford (Conn.) GC. . . Florham Park (N.J.) converted from public to private course. . . Madison (N.J.) GC improving course which is 9-hole layout almost in the heart of town.

Visalia (Calif.) GC, is installing fairway watering system and club's veteran pro J. F. Keough and members are studying plans for adding another 9. . . Jackson (Miss.) CC



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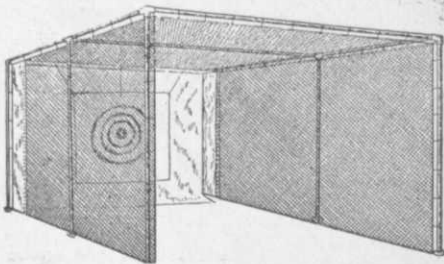
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has permit approved for building \$90,000 clubhouse. . . Tommy Bryant, Moraine CC pro, elected Southern Ohio PGA pres. . . Southern Ohio section has 65 members. . . USGA Green Section has established a research fellowship at Pennsylvania Experiment station. . . James Watson, Purple Heart vet graduate of Texas A & M, is recipient. . . Watson will study development of grass root systems. . . Prof. H. B. Musser will direct the work.

Jim Barnes didn't work Easter Sunday as pro at Hempstead (LI, NY) CC. . . Clergymen didn't take kindly to final of Masters being on Easter. . . Jack Mallon goes as pro to new Cold Spring CC on former private course of late Otto Kahn. . . Eddie Lucas succeeds Mallon as pro at Garden City (LI, NY) CC. . . Hempstead (LI, NY) GC tossing a farewell party for Wiffy Cox May 24. . . That affable veteran Wiffy is going back to Congressional CC (Washington, DC, dist.) as pro.

New Orleans (La.) Recreation dept. had April as "Let's Play Golf" month. . . Program at many courses and playgrounds included free lessons, women's and kids' clinics and two golf clinics, driving contests and hole-in-one contests open to all. . . Pros visited the playgrounds to give instruction.

Grosse Ile G & CC (Detroit dist.) clubhouse burned with loss of \$125,000. . . To be rebuilt soon as possible. . . Tipton (Ia.) G&CC enlarging clubhouse. . . Dayton (O.) plans spending \$100,000 in improving and maintaining its 3 many courses this year. . . Colorado pros and amateurs form Colorado Pro-Amateur GA and schedule 32 tournaments for the year. . . Rip Arnold and Gene Root are co-chmn. of the PGA committee which proposed and organized the program. . . Amateurs up to 20 handicap are eligible. . . Annual dues are \$1. . . Entry fee per tournament is \$2.50 plus green fees.

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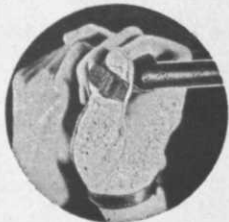
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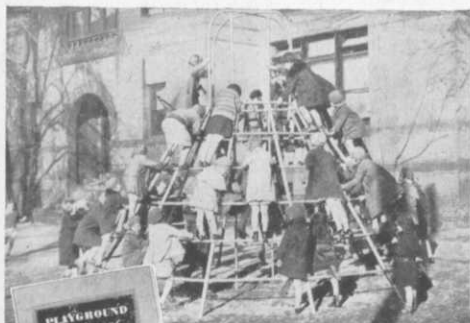
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at Asbury Park (NJ) G&CC died April 3 in Fitkin hospital, Asbury Park. . . The widely known and well-liked veteran was associated with the building of Baltusrol. . . He formerly served at Westfield (NJ) G&CC and built the Echo Lake course where he was pro for 20 years before signing with Asbury Park. . . Northern California Inter-collegiate schedule now under way is revealing much talent that promises to win national recognition says Bill Hubbard, San Jose State college coach.

Bill Wallace says City of Miami (Fla.) may turn the International 4-Ball loose to any Miami club that will underwrite it, but city will continue the Miami Open on the city-owned Miami Springs course. . . Bill reports the 4-Ball due to conflict with spring baseball training news doesn't get national publicity like the Miami Open which is held in December. . . City went into the red \$7615 on this year's 4-ball. . . Prize money was \$10,000.

Warren Smith, Jr., signed as pro by Bisbee (Ariz.) GC. . . Sarazen and George Fazio played second round in the Masters' in 1 hour and 57 minutes. . . Gene got a 70 and George a 76 which was better than his opening tour. . . Clinton (Ia.) to have new muni course designed by Robert Bruce Harris. . . Ashtabula (O.) CC to have new clubhouse.



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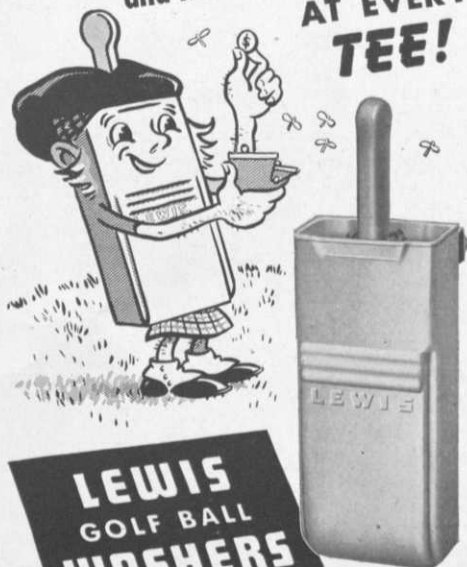
Beth Hightower, golf writer for Sacramento (Calif.) Union, says Babe Didrikson Zaharias refused to play in the Northern California women's circuit events claiming the field wasn't good enough. . . Then Beth asks, "What does the lady want? The field includes 4 national champions: Patty Berg, Betty Jameson, Betty Hicks, Helen Detweiler, along with Clara Callendar Sherman and others?" . . . Come, come, girls, let's don't get into any sharp talk like the gentlemen pros. . . It does look like any field that the Babe is in is good enough.

Francis L. James, Moscow, Ida., expects to have the Colville (Wash.) 9-hole course he designed ready for play this summer. . . It's a grand little layout. . . 3110 yds.; par 35. . . Another example of good judgment, economy and course earning capacity resulting from engaging competent architectural service.

Spring Lake CC formed to build \$300,000 club at Shreveport, La. . . Earl Hoos, golf coach at Sacramento (Calif.) college, has been marking his ball on wet greens with a worm instead of a dime. . . Earl says he's got great hopes for his innovation when he can teach the worms to always crawl toward the cup.

Joe MacDonald, a Navy mechanic's mate, won the national military service cham-

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pionship put on by Oliver General hospital at the former Forest Hills course, Augusta, Ga. . . Next 5 finishers after MacDonald were colonels. . . Nobody can pull rank on a golf ball. . . Harry Schwab, Community CC, Dayton, O., is new pres., Miami Valley PGA. . . Mountain Grove (Mo.) GC building clubhouse.

Nassau County (NY) 2 public courses grossed last year \$73,000. . . In 1945 the gross was \$31,000, in 1944 it was \$21,000 and in 1943, \$17,000. . . Long Beach (Calif.) Recreation Park courses have had an income of \$67,171 for first 8 months of fiscal year. . . Profit is \$16,124. . . The 27 holes at Long Beach in February drew \$2599 in excess of the 5-year average for that month.

Ben Hogan's advice had improved Walker Cupper Dick Chapman's game. . . Hogan told Chapman to quit turning his left elbow out. . . Oklahoma's woman champion, WAC Capt. Pat Grant, is in Germany. . . Russ Newland, San Francisco Associated Press sports scribe, rates tournament pros today in this order: Hogan, Demaret, Mangrum, Oliver and Snead.

Connecticut Assn. of Golf Course Supts. held its annual meeting at Highland GC, Ansonia, April 15. . . Dave Harris new pro at White Lakes GC, Topeka, Ks. . . Don Grauer is new pro at Manchester (Conn.) CC succeeding Ben Roman who went to Ardsley-on-Hudson (NY) CC. . . Jerry E. Zolan new pro at Newark (NY) CC. . . Tom Stevens, 47, pro who served several clubs in Los Angeles dist., died April 16 following a long illness.

John J. (Dick) Keenan, first caddy champion of the U.S., appointed caddy-master of Newport (RI) CC. . . Keenan won the initial caddy championship in 1895 on Long Island. . . Monterey (Calif.) public school students getting free class lessons at Del Monte course with Bill Kynock and Frank Abbey instructing. . . Other kids of that neighborhood, especially the Dutra and Espinosa brothers, have done well in golf.

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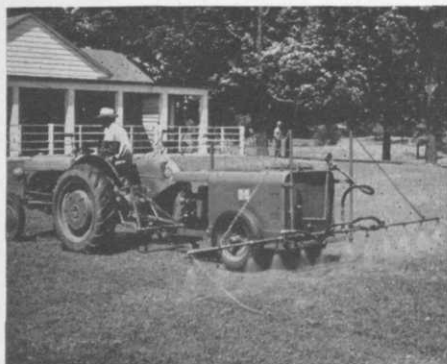
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One of Hempstead (LI, NY) GC successful annual events is Old Timers' reunion and dinner for members who have belonged 10 years or more. . . Hempstead Old Timers this year will meet club's new pro Gus Norwich. . . Floyd Farley in checking 1946 books of Woodlawn course at Oklahoma City found Saturday play 20% greater than Sunday. . . Floyd suspects that the 5-day week has made Saturday the biggest golf day almost everywhere.

Island Hills CC, Sayville, L.I., N.Y., reopened after wartime shutdown. . . Charley Nicolls signs as Bretton Woods, N.H., pro. . . Willie Macfarlane, 1925 National Open, signs as pro for Westhampton Beach GC on Long Island. . . Jack Patroni now pro at Apawamis CC (NY Met dist.). . . Robert C. Brown is new mgr., Abilene (Ks.) CC. . . West Union (Ia.) CC has new clubhouse. . . New clubhouse planned at Jefferson, Ia.

After her 15 consecutive tournament victories Babe Didrikson Zaharias looks like she should be on the list of invitation tournaments to which the big boys are invited. . . Gerald Hall is new pro-gkpr., Red Oak (Ia.) CC. . . Yankee Run CC, Youngstown, O., enlarged to 18 holes. . . Selma (Ala.) CC clubhouse being enlarged. . . Wm. G. Hutchinson is Selma's new mgr.



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Dry Falls state park course west of Coulee City, Wash., being completed. . . Jack Canning is new pro-gkpr., Algona (Ia.) CC. . . Wm. Poor to build course at Chapman, Ks. . . Harold T. Dodson is new pro-gkpr., St. Lawrence G&CC, Canton, O. . . Harry Simpson, who came to St. Lawrence when club was built about 20 years ago, retired following injury in an automobile accident.

Don Wilcox, new pro-gkpr., Waverly (Ia.) GC. . . Kearney Park G&CC, near Emmetsburg, Ia., to have new clubhouse. . . Colorado and Denver universities started on greatest golf activities in the schools' histories. . . Don Bell, Denver, appointed playing coach of Colorado U squad.

John M. Brennan, Long Island Star & Journal golf writer, prints suggestion of George Durst for central training and employment center for Long Island's 25,000 caddies. . . Durst suggests something on the order of Hollywood's Central Casting bureau with Long Island GA and the section's PGA operating the caddy center.

Kerr Petrie, NY Herald-Tribune veteran golf writer, picks Bobby Locker, Ellsworth Vines and Frank Stranahan as possible winners of the National Open.

George Soutar, pro at Broadmoor CC, Indianapolis, was on a visit to Scotland this winter. . . Snow drifts were 10 to 12 ft.



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high. . . George told Al Roche, Indianapolis Star golf writer, "After a winter in Scotland I'm ready to put up with anything." . . . USGA is sending food across for Walker Cup team, including 300 lbs. of fresh and smoked meat. . . Each U.S. team member will carry 25 lbs. of food. . . Before the war the USGA figured it would cost about \$1000 per player to send a Walker Cup team to Britain. . . This year it will cost \$1600 per man. . . To ease food shortages in Britain, Dunlop Rubber Co. employees in Australia are sending about 1500 packages of food a month to Dunlop workers in Britain. . . Americans should be holding prayer meetings in gratitude for being so much better off than people of other nations. . . But we prefer to bellyache.

Ed Furgol, fourth in winter circuit prize winnings with \$5195, tells a Utica, N.Y. reporter that the 20,000 miles of the tournament circuit with his wife ran up expenses that meant his winning only "looked big." . . . Ed stated players regarded last winter as worst of all from weather and playing standpoints. . . Twin Hills CC, Oklahoma City, in extensive course and clubhouse improvement campaign.

John S. Gilholm, Jr., back from army, signed by Potowmut (R.I.) GC as pro. . .

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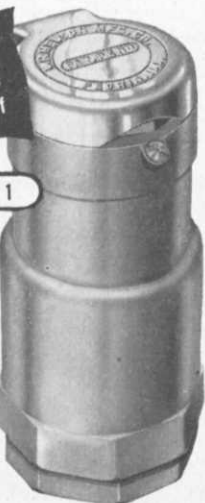
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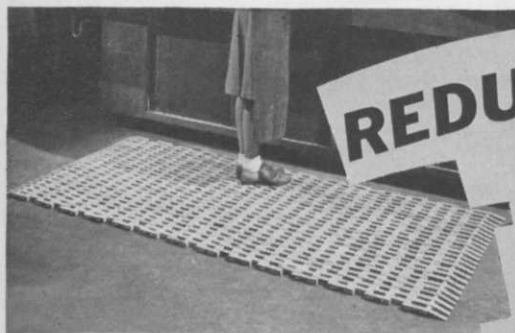
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Eddie McElligott, widely known veteran pro player and teacher, signed by Council Bluffs (Ia.) CC. . . Eddie, Jr., is one of the likeliest looking prospects in Western junior ranks. . . Ted Bourne, son of Walter, Princeton university golf coach for 20 years, hired by Floyd March as asst. at Tulley-Secane CC (Phila. dist.). . . Grassy Sprain GC, one of NY Met. district's oldest courses, taken over for housing sites.

Golf club and Country club at Jefferson, Ia., consider merging. . . John Creelman, supt., Out O' Bounds CC, Suffern, N.Y., has been mayor of Hillburn, N.J. for 42 years. . . Wessington Springs (S.D.) reorganized after wartime shutdown. . . Dyker Beach, Brooklyn, N.Y., public course, had 2796 rounds first week of this year. . . Ralph Trost, Brooklyn Eagle veteran golf writer, says Brooklyn badly needs more public courses and campaign of etiquette education for its public golfers.

Bill Bathie signed as pro by Olwein (Ia.)



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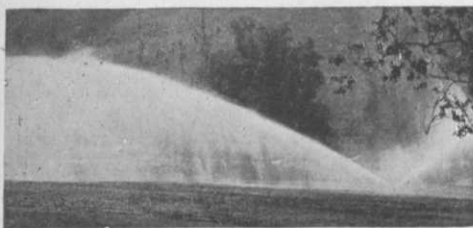
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Elks G.C. . . Louisburg (Ks.) GC revived after wartime shutdown. . . Irving Goewey signed as pro by Osiris GC, Walden, N.Y. . . . Lakeview CC, Winterset, Ia., to build new clubhouse. . . Harry Flora signed as pro by Oneida Golf & Riding Club, Green Bay, Wis. . . . Harry's widely known in midwest, having been pro at Portage Lake GC, Houghton, Mich., for 30 years. . . West-hampton Beach CC (NY Met. dist.) changes name to Kitchabomek GC.

Ken Gookins, sports editor, Zanesville (O.) News, campaigning for a local muni course. . . Lakewood CC (Denver dist.) building a driving range for members. . . Lakewood also putting in miniature course and other facilities for caddies. . . Famed Lido course (NY Met. dist.) returned to private ownership by Navy, won't be rebuilt. . . Thomas Downs to manage Sheldon (Ia.) CC. . . Cabarrus CC, Concord, N.C., to build \$75,000 clubhouse.

Jimmy Martin, pro at Rumson (N.J.) CC succeeding Pop Green who came out of retirement to be Rumson's wartime pro. . . Green was at club 25 years before the war. . . William Stacey, formerly at Bonnie Briar, is new mgr., Century GC (NY Met. dist.). . . Pathe to make sports short movie of Cary Middlecoff.

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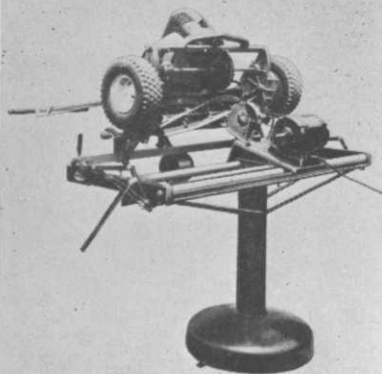


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time shutdown. . . Forty entered asst. pros 36-medal play event at Richmond (Calif.) CC. . . North Shore CC (Chicago dist.) had well attended spring stag introducing Jimmy Himes, club's new pro, and his staff. . . Lot of golf leagues being formed this spring. . . Anthracite GC formed by 7 clubs in N.E. Pa. . . One of Anthracite assn's. plans to promote junior golf. . . Five-club league formed and schedule set by clubs at Liberty, Newburgh, Cornwall, Port Jervis and Walden, N.Y.

Paul Hahn, formerly at Charleston, S.C. and Miami in pro work, is at Hilo (Hawaii) CC as pro after 5 wartime years at sea. . . Paul says the 9-hole Hilo course is a fine layout. . . Bent greens but no sand traps. . . Heavy rains pack the sand too tight. . . Norman Cameron signed as pro by West Bend (Wis.) CC. . . Harry Markel signed for 26th consecutive season as pro at Berkshire CC, Reading, Pa.

Bill Alves, with a Highland outfit in World War I and the U.S. Navy in World War II, has been signed as pro by Marion (O.) CC. . . Melrose CC (Philadelphia dist.) has bought property it has been leasing. . . Joseph Esherick, Cedarbrook CC, is new pres., Golf Association of Philadelphia.

Ollie Painter says 4 of the enthusiastic golfers at San Fernando Valley CC (LA

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dist.) are Chinese lads. . . One of them is the best Chinese golf prospect since Charley Chung from Honolulu, according to Ollie. . . Vern Wickham, mgr., county-owned Santa Anita course (LA dist.) says the county will rebuild a 9-hole course on the old Pasadena layout in Altadena and another one toward Long Beach. . . Santa Ana's new 18 will open soon. . . Painter points out that within about 14 miles south of Ventura blvd. in Los Angeles 12 to 15 years ago there were the Hollywood, Whitley Park, Encino, El Caballero, St. Andrews and Girard courses. . . And on the north side the Sunset Canyon course. . . Now the former Girard which is known as San Fernando Valley CC is the only one left. . . With number of golfers greatly increased in the LA district there's a severe shortage of courses especially for week-end play.

Women's Transmississippi at Metairie CC, New Orleans, May 19-24 expected to have one of the swankiest social programs ever to go with this fine golf event. . . Metairie's mgr., Wm. F. Roulo, is nationally noted as a top authority on country club parties. . . Hassayampa CC, Prescott, Ariz., to add another 9 as result of water being brought in from El Rio. . . Jimmy Crossan is pro at the course which was

started by Messrs. Cory and Walgreen who pioneered many developments in the Prescott section. . . Don Wilkie, pro at Sunset GC, Bartlesville, Okla., is teaching city's high school golf classes free as golf promotion.

C. W. (Bill) Keith goes from Plainview (Tex.) CC to become pro at new Los Alamo (N.M.) CC. . . This beautiful new course recently was opened for employees on the atomic bomb work. . . It's at an altitude of 8500 ft. and surrounded by mountains.

Ohio State amateur at Congress Lake CC, Hartville, July 14-19. . . Ohio GA Senior championship at Scioto CC, Columbus, June 19-20. . . Ohio Juniors at Springfield CC Aug. 12. . . Ohio's Champ of Champs at Brookside G&CC, Linworth, Sept. 13-14 together with association's annual meeting.

Columbus (O.) City Recreation commission considering building 36-hole plant next year to supplant Twin Rivers and Wyandot. . . Storm Lake (Ia.) CC to enlarge clubhouse. . . Bill Campbell starting his 21st year as pro at Granville, O. . . . New York City's many courses open at 6 A.M. this year instead of 7 A.M. as previously.

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