

## Shearman and Adams Report on Scotland

Mike Shearman, pro at Sioux City (Ia.) CC and Bill Adams, pro at Sioux City (Ia.) Boat club have returned after visits to their old homes in Bonnie Scotland. The boys say things are rugged back there but the Scots are not yet a belly-aching people and are bouncing back. Mike was born in Hawick "Amongst the Hills." The course there is in pretty good shape with most greens being good as late as November. Sheep were pastured on the course. Despite fondness of the Hawick Tweed on the hoof for the greens grass putting wasn't too bad. Plenty of bad lies in the soggy fairways though. Winter golf, with peg tees on fairways was permitted. The better players "played 'em as they lie." Bogey of the course is 71 with six bogey 4 holes of less than 290 yds. Rumors that the R & A is going to approve the USGA larger and lighter standard ball in a few years Mike believes should have foundation in the easier year-around play of the U.S. ball. Mike looked over the bombing damage to London before meeting Bill for the return trip on the Queen Elizabeth.

Mike has been pro at Sioux City CC for 33 years and never has had a contract. He says that news getting around among the Scotch and English he visited gave them an impressive idea of the way that gentlemen do business together in Sioux City. It's plenty impressive in the U.S. too.

Bill wrote that despite rationing and "austerity," morale in Scotland is high. Getting around to see his and his wife's relatives was a tougher job by bus and train than the American ease of auto travel. Bill said he had fish three times a day and enough tea to last him forever. Notwithstanding food scarcity Scotch hospitality is at the old time standard, Adams observed. Too cold and damp to play much golf except when clothed heavily. Bill played at Murcar, about five miles north of Aberdeen. He played with former links champions of Aberdeen. One of them, A. R. Grosert, Bill beat in the finals of the 1922 championship. Willie Macfarlane is among other U.S. pros who once were Aberdeen champs.

Other courses Bill inspected included Fraserburgh, Royal Aberdeen, Kings Links, Deeside and Hazelhead. Hazelhead is owned by the Corporation of Aberdeen. It got heavy play last year and was being extensively resodded. Bill had numerous talks with fellows responsible for maintenance of the Scotch courses. They are deeply interested in American maintenance methods. Warmest summer in years, with high humidity, gave them fungus troubles last year. They used 2,4-D effectively for fairway weed treatment last year.

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to mention a heavy traffic of Denton city golfers who also use the course.

### Have Lively Golf Program

Cobb has big hopes for the coming links campaign. With a formidable array of veteran material the North Texas coach can



Clubs and bag carts can be rented and a variety of golf equipment purchased in the blond-wood golf shop where rugged rope carpets keep shoe cleats from marring the floor.

visualize his team as a definite contender for National Intercollegiate honors next summer.

The championship golfers warming up for the campaign include more than a half dozen who are tournament-size and seasoned campaigners. Among them are: Gene Towry of Dallas, former Texas state junior and high school champion, winner of the Marshall Invitation tournament and Lone Star Conference medalist last year; Palmer Lawrence of Arlington, Eagle letterman and quarter-finalist last year in the National Intercollegiate meet; Jimmie Thomas of Dallas, Eagle letterman and Dallas junior finalist; Buster Reed, Dallas, medalist in the San Angelo Invitation, semi-finalist in the Premier Invitational and a steady match-play contender who participated in more than a dozen club tournaments last season, now playing his first year for the Eagles; L. M. Crannell, Jr., another Dallas veteran who holds the Texas public links title, also a first-year man at North Texas; Ross Collins of Breckenridge, a two-star letterman who went to the semi-finals of the Breckenridge tournament last summer; Fieldon Williams, Bill Turner, Bob Yarbrough and Bryan Duckworth.

Coach Cobb is arranging home-and-home meets with Louisiana State University, national champions; the University of Texas, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A & M, Baylor, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma A & M. These matches will be augmented by the regular Lone Star Conference schedule.