

## THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

Billy Bell who, with the late George C. Thomas, Jr., designed Riviera and completed it in 1920, was an interested spectator at the National Open. . . . Bell was pleased by Hogan's record-breaking 276 for the Open and Demaret's 278 and Jim Turnesa's 280 which also broke the record of 281 set at Oakland Hills in 1937 by Guldahl. . . Riviera with its 7020 yds. was longest course on which U. S. National Open has been played. . . Hoylake (7078) and Carnoustie (7200), British Open courses, are longer. . . Bell says plenty of room on greens for placing cups in very favorable location for scoring prevented over-emphasis on Riviera's length.

Bell has designed more than 50 courses in the west. . He just returned from Hawaii where he's installing an 18 -hole Navy and Marine course at Pearl Harbor for the 14th Naval district and a 9 hole course at Kaneohe Bay naval air station. . . Able and widely-known Joe Mayo, formerly supt. of Del Monte course, is construction supt. for the Bell Hawail jobs. . . During the Open and on inspection trips of numerous courses in Southern California Robert Trent Jones, Jr., New York City, was paired with Bell. . . Jones' recent golf architectural gems include West Point military academy, Peachtree club at Atlanta and a job for the New York State Park commission.

Eddie Loos, veteran pro, was around the Open looking in pretty good condition after his long spell of illness. . . Eddie's playing a little golf again. . . His daughter, Margot, has been winning many prizes as one of the finest horsewomen in southern California. . Abe Espinosa was another veteran viewing the Open. . . He reported Abel, Sr.. father of five pros, is still playing golf at 92. . Espinosa, Sr., didn't take up the game until he was 72 and won a senior's tournament at Del Monte when he was 74.
D. Scott Chisholm -the one and only Scotty-was at Riviera looking fit and great for his mileage. . . Many asked why Scotty wasn't announcing at the 18th green to make a major tournament in L.A. truly "official." . . . Scotty will undergo an eye operation soon after which he expects to be in better condition than ever. . . He was lucky to escape with some bad hand and facial burns when a cookstove exploded at his home in Ojai, Calif., recently.

Jimmy Demaret, George Fazio, Bing Crosby and a few others spent Sunday after the Open playing at Ojai (Calif.) Valley Inn where second 9 of a grand Billy Bell course has just been opened. . . Al Demaret is resident pro there. . . Don B. Burger has reopened Ojai Valley Inn and is pres. and mgr, of the whole layout which is most beautiful and classiest little places you'll ever see. . . Two front page newspaper stories during the Open were the gas explosion at Hillcrest $\mathbf{C C}$ which killed a clubhouse worker and destroyed part of the clubhouse and Frank Stranahan's capture of a hotel prowler. . . Frankie had let the guy go once when the prowler claimed he was slightly boiled and in the Stranahan room by mistake. . . Two nights later Frankie awakened to discover the visitor had returned. . . "Muscles" grabbed his driver and threatened to tee off on the prowler if he made an attempt to leave before questioning by the house dick. . . The visitor had a criminal record longer than a fancy lady's dream. . . One of the Open pros in the same hotel as Stranahan had his roll lifted while he slept. . . And people think championship players roll and toss sleepless all night long!

Jess Sweetser, Kentucky-born New Yorker, who won 1922 U.S. Amateur, 1926 British Amateur, 1920 National Intercollegiate and played on six Walker Cup teams, is new publisher of Esquire magazine.

Golf interest among Dallas teen-age girls gets shot in arm from free teaching program of Ben Banks, pro at Cedar Crest CC. . . Banks provides pupils with clubs, balls, tees. . . Lee Kosten, former pro at Muskegon (Mich.) CO has purchased St. Clair River CC seven miles south of Port Huron, Mich. . . Stow (Mass.) CC bought by W. B. Collins; former Penn. pro. . . Collins is improving 9 -hole course and club building. . . Montaup CC, Portsmouth, R.I., new pro-gkpr. is Jimmy Saunders, recently ass't to Marty Higgins, pro-gkpr. for many years at Fall River (Mass.) CC. . . Quinter (Kans.) GC has completed new course. . Hatherly CC, Scituate, Mass., builds new $\$ 75,000$ clubhouse replacing one destroyed by fire last summer. . . Rex Loggans new pro at Clinton (III.) CC.

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Leonard J. Tyrell, 52, golf pro for many years at Lake Placid (N.Y.) $G$ and CC, killed by aceidental discharge of gun. . . Tyrell was born in Saranac Lake and served in the navy during the 1st World War. . . Jack Sullivan, new pro-gkpr, at Suffield (Conn.) CC. . . With new gkpr., Jim Burns; new pro, Jack Peek; and revised layout, Overlook GC, Lancaster, Pa., is all set for fifth season of operation under Sam Snader. . . Gas explosion and fire rip Hillcrest CC, L.A., Calif., killing one man and injuring six others. . . Damage estimated at $\$ 500,000$.

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Excelsior Springs, Mo., City Board endorses proposal to exercise option in lease which permits city to buy 271 acres of golf property valued at $\$ 200,000$ for $\$ 80$,000.

Robert Hagerty, 30, well known Schenectady golfer, now pro-gkpr. at St. Lawrence G\&CC, Canton, N.Y. . . . West Links GC west of Wichita, Kans, now privately owned as Rolling Hills CC. . . Ken Douglas now pro at Cascades course, Jackson, Mich. . . Tom Merritt signs as pro at Maxwelton GC, Syracuse, Ind.

Armand Dauphin succeeds Wm. Tobin as greenkeeper at Laconia (N.H.) CC. . . Tobin has been in charge for past 26 years. . . Marshall Trusttum, former pro at Abbington Hills CC, Scranton, Pa., and Jungle CC, St. Petersburg, Fla., signed recently as pro at Lake Placid (N.Y.) G \& CC. . . Robert Peebles now pro at Glasgow (Ky.) CC. . . Work started on


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Max Rothburg, former mgr, of Greeley (Colo.) CC now managing Cheyenne (Wyo.) CC. . . Paul Tamsen, recently of Beverly CC, New Orleans, now mgr. Lakewood CC, same city. . . Wamego (Kans.) CC lost pres. and founder with death of Wm. E. Smith who has been head man since club's inception in 1920.
Nat. Junior Golf Tourney sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held in Houston in 1949. . . Tournament awarded Houston at Jaycee convention in Philadelphia. . . Sam Burns now mgr. at Chickasaw GC, Memphis, Tenn.

Helen Young new mgr., Four Seasons club, Pembine, Wis. . . . Sherm Elsworthy now pro-mgr., Corvallis (Wash.) CC and will conduct classes at Oregon State college and local high school. . . Corvallis club is building new clubhouse and begins on a second 9 next spring. . . National Open gate dropping under L.A Open at Riviera last winter is hard to explain. . Loss of Sunday gate is one answer. . . Money getting tighter around L.A is an-

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other. . PGA gate at St. Louis was less than 1947 at Detroit.

Jim Standish, chmn., USGA Green section; Chet Mendenhall, pres., GSA; Gus Brandon, sec., GSA; M. H. Ferguson of the Green section; O. J. Noer and other turf authorities met with southern California course supts, and green-chairmen prior to the National Open planning Green section coordination with new southern California turf research program at UCLA. . . GSA officials and Southern California Golf Course Supts. Assn. officials got together on plans for the GSA convention and exhibition at Los Angeles next February. . . Standish announced H. B. Musser, Pennsylvania State college, had been secured as editor of turf maintenance manual Green section expects to issue this year.

Second Ozark Open tournament will be played at Hickory Hills CC, Springfield, Mo., Aug. 7-9. . It'll be 54 holes medal play with $\$ 5000$ for pros and $\$ 500$ in merchandise prizes to amateurs. . . Program will be played Sat., Aug. 7. . . Robt. Pike is chmn., Tournament committee. . . Goodall Round Robin tournament yielded \$15,070 after taxes to New Rochelle (N.Y.) hospital.

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John J. O'Brien, pres., Kebo Valley club, Bar Harbor, Me., has compiled an interesting history of the 60 years of the club. . . Kebo Valley installed a 6-hole golf course in 1892 and expanded it to 9 in 1895in 1919 course was increased to 18 holes. . Shirley Liscombe, son of Andrew E. Liscombe who laid out Kebo Valley's first course and was greenkeeper for 38 years, has been pro at the club for 42 years and gkpr. for 16 years.

Johnny Revolta, Evanston (III.) CC pro, giving 15 minute radio lessons each Saturday morning. . . F. J. Busby, supt., Orlando (Fla.) CC, successfully dynamited a compact green to increase aeration. One-fourth stick of dynamite was used in each hole 3 to $31 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. deep. . . Holes were 6 to 8 ft . apart. . . About 26 sticks of dynamite were used on a large green.
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Cute little stunt Mallinckrodt did in reminding greenkeepers now's the time for Calo-Clor protection. . . Pasted a swatch of green velvet on the letter reminder. That's an idea clubs can use on some of their publicity. . James Harter now gkpr., Rochelle (III.) CC. . . First ace made in 24 years of Mobridge (S.D.) CC by E. P. Harrison on 145 yd . fourth. Henry Dutton, widely known former club mgr., now making Casa de Manana, San Diego, Calif., famous for de luxe service.
L. B. Icely, Wilson Sporting Goods pres., got badly jarred in derailment of City of San Francisco near Grand Island, Neb., late in night of June 25. . . He was en route to Chicago from Pacific Coast and was back on the job in his office June 28. . . Bing Crosby for performance year in and year out has credentials hard to beat as "man who does most for golf." . . . Bing engineered and was main at-

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Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC sent out announcements of its July Fourth party in red mailing tubes with string coming from end, looking like huge firecracker. . Carl Suedhoff, Ft. Wayne's sec.-mgr, always has swell circus publicity for the club's events. . . Hawaii wants another Open with mainland pro stars this winter although angel of last winter's event lost $\$ 4000$. . Miami (Fla.) CC celebrating 50 th anniversary this year. .. Announces 25 th annual Dixie amateur for club Jan. 3-9, 1949. . . Florida Elast Coast Hotel co. courses set 1949 early schedule of men and women's events. . . Louise Suggs, worn down by tough weather during her vietory in British women's championship, passed up Women's Western Open. . . An exhibition match shortly after Miss Suggs return from overseas showed her off her game. . . Report's around that she'll turn pro soon on a manufacturer's staff.

When they lead, they lead in tournaments these days. . . Bobby Locke's 16 stroke edge over Cllsworth Vines' second place 282 in the Chicago Victory Open was a record for a fast field. . . Miss Pat

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Iowa Greenkeepers, after listening to Bill Adams and Mike Shearman tell about conditions observed when they visited Scotland and England last winter took up $\$ 158$ collection for food packages to send abroad. . . Barbara Bourne Smith married to John Bishop von Schlegell at Pinehurst, May 26. . . Ormond Beach (Fla.) GC, usually closed in summer, leased by Ormond Beach Golf Assn. . . . Joe Cannon, formerly asst. to Jimmy Thompson at Mohawk Valley CC, Schenectady, N.Y., is Ormond Beach pro under new summer operating arrangement.

Action photos of Red Run GC (Detroit dist.) appear in club magazine together with pro Frank Walsh's comment on the members' swings. . . Joel Bennett, one of Walsh's assistants at Red Run, married to Hope McFarren of Fairhaven, Vt,
Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. and Illinols PGA to play rained-out tournament at Tam o'Shanter Sept. 13. . . Greenkeeping Supts. Assn. to have annual championship at Medinah CC (Chicago dist.) Oct. 4 and 5 mornings. . . After-



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Henry Longworth blasts British PGA "closed shop" in Golf Illustrated, London.

Says British PGA membership eligibility is unfairly restrictive and "against best interests of the game." . . . Says British pros "seem to be in danger of falling into the same illusion that caused their brother professionals in the United States to fall into a temporary public contempt for which they have not yet wholly emerged. This illusion, bluntly, is that the professional is the 'king pin' of the game of golf. He is not. He is its servant."

Longworth sharply criticizes British PGA for inviting four Italian pros to be temporary members so they can play in British tournaments restricted to the PGA while "young Englishmen are kicking their heels on the sideline, all because they are denied membership in a British trade union, membership which is readily granted to a defeated enemy."

From Longhurst's censure and com-

ments by American pros that their own PGA membership eligibility code needs modernization it looks like PGAs on both sides of the Atlantic could consider revision of qualifications for membership. . . Longhurst hit one out of bounds in referring to "temporary public contempt" of "brother professionals" on this side. The public criticism in the U.S. applied only to bad habit of some tournament players making up their own rules. That situation was cleared up. . . And Henry, old boy, don't think that the smart American pro isn't like any other intelligent businessman in realizing the customer is No. 1 in importance.

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Al Foster, formerly asst. supt., Forest Hill Field club, now supt., Aldecress CC, Alpine, N. J. . . . Joseph Greene now supt., Ft. Monmouth (N.J.) GC. . . Harold Scholzen appointed gkpr., Chetek (Wis.) CC. . . Dayton (O.) Power \& Light Co. group golf lessons for employees, conducted by pro Dixie Rutherford, subject of feature story in Aim, industrial recreation magazine. . .

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Young MacMaster has been running his fathers' golf range for past 3 years. . . Illinois Women's Golf Assn. allotting gallery fees of its 1948 championship and campaigning to sell Western Golf Assn. $\$ 5$ individual memberships for benefit of Evans Caddie Scholarship fund.

Chicago District Golf Assn. 1947 year book recently issued, contains not only records of the CDGA but the most complete presentation of a handicap system you could desire. . . Tom McMahon, chmn., CDGA handicap committee, also was active on USGA committee which revised handicap system. . . MeMahon's CDGA rating of Chicago district courses on a fractional par basis rates Medinah No. 3, where 1949 National Open will be played, from back tees, toughest in the district. . . Fractional par is 76.08. . . On MeMahon's fractional par basis Canterbury rates 75.83 ; Oakmont, 75.65 and Pine Valley, 73.25.

Audubon CC, Louisville, Ky., 1948 Year Book has on front cover a picture of its pro Bobby Craigs and is "affectionately dedicated to Bobby by the membership. Bobby Locke named "Best Dressed International Golfer" by Custom Tailors and


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Here are changes in the pro line-up relayed to us by "Lashe" Meyers of Pittsburgh: . . . Neil McHugh to Grove City (Pa.) CC replacing Bert Gallagher. . . Fred A. Weleh from Binghampton, N.Y. to Pleasant Valley CC, Connellsville, Pa., replacing Ken Rutherford who went to assist his dad at State College Pa. . . . Milton Dunsmore, ex-asst. at New Castle (Pa.) CC to Sharon (Pa.) CC as pro replacing George Swankie who retired. . . Jimmy Born from Foxtburg (Pa.) CC to Suncrest GC, Butler, Pa.

Also from "Lashe": Lou Fabian, exasst. at Chartiers CC, Pittsburgh, to Phillipsburg (Pa.) CC as pro replacing Leo Anderson. . . Leo goes as pro to American Legion course, Mount Union, Pa.
Sammy Drake, formerly asst., Churchill Valley CC, Pittsburgh, Pa., to Elks CC, Richmond, Ind. . . . Dick Klein, formerly asst., Churchill Valley, now pro at Ebensburg (Pa.) CC.

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