

sense and there are no positions that could be called tricky. The tees are large and long and this gives the course a tremendous flexibility and range that can meet any problem of wind, and drought, and still make the course a fine test of golf.

The course from the back of the tees can be stretched to a length of 7300 yards, which possibly makes this the longest golf course in this country. At the same time the tees are of such length that from the front of the tees the course can be shortened to 6300 yards. The tees however will have two sets of markers, one for regular play which will make the length range from 6300 to 6500 yards, and one for championship play which will make the length range from 6500 to 6900 yards. Only under tournament conditions, or unusual weather conditions, would the course be stretched anywhere near its full length.

Nine holes of the course are now in play. These nine holes are really comprised of part of each of the planned final nine hole routings. The best score to date, playing the nine hole routing twice, is 71, and appropriately, this score was made by Bob Jones.

Peachtree GC has 150 members. Bob Jones is president of the club.

The nine hole course that has been put into play is getting the acid test, namely, the judgment of the players. The consensus of opinion seems to be that when the course is finally completed it will come up to expectations.

#### GOODALL ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT

The 7th Goodall Round-Robin Invitation Tournament will be played at the Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, New York, May 6-9, (Thursday through Sunday). Elmer Ward, Sponsor, announced the return of the golf classic to the Metropolitan area in which sixteen leading professionals will be invited to compete at round-robin match play. The entire gate receipts will be donated to the New Rochelle Hospital.

Bobby Locke of Johannesburg, South Africa, won last year at the Charles River CC, Newton Center, Mass., finishing the five rounds of competition with a plus of 37. His medal score was 347 strokes, 13 under par, a medal average of 69.4. The proceeds, amounting to approximately \$10,000, were donated to the Children's Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

The unique tournament, a match play event without eliminations, was originated in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1938 when Sam Snead defeated Gene Sarazen in a playoff. Harry Cooper, Ben Hogan, and Paul Runyan won the next three tournaments at Fresh Meadow, prior to the war; and Hogan repeated at Winged Foot in 1946.

Harold McSpaden will be the tournament supervisor.

## Western GA Expanding Its Caddie Program

Western Golf Assn. has issued an invitation to every club in the country to take advantage of the WGA program that helps clubs improve its caddie service and awards deserving caddies with a college scholarship. Maynard G. Fessenden, WGA pres., says: "In '48 we expect to double our member club list. Last year clubs in 30 states used our caddie program and reported fine results. The more member clubs in WGA the larger will be the number of caddies eligible for scholarships."

To date 82 caddies have been sent to college. Twenty are now in school at Northwestern University, Loyola University, American Academy of Art, Michigan State College, University of Michigan.

The 1948 supplement to WGA's Caddie Committee Manual has been issued to all member clubs. The new supplement includes up-to-the-minute material on caddie matters. Subjects dealt with include: recruiting and training caddies; rates of pay for caddie-masters and caddies; new sections on the club manager and his job in the caddie program; the effect of the new USGA ruling which permits employment of caddies, assistant caddie-masters and caddie-masters up to age 21 without making the person a professional.

The supplement also includes recommendations to golf associations on what they can do to improve caddie service. Wisconsin State GA, the first to affiliate with WGA, is conducting a campaign in Wisconsin to make all clubs members of WGA and to send Wisconsin caddies to school in Wisconsin on scholarship funds raised within the state. Winners of WGA Honor Caddie Badges, that member clubs award to their best caddies, are eligible for college scholarships.

Club members benefit from the club membership in WGA in other ways. Only members of member clubs are eligible to enter the Western Amateur and Western Open championships.

The Western Amateur will be played in Wichita, June 29-July 4. The Western Open is to be played at Brookfield CC, Buffalo, New York, July 29-August 1. Profits from these championships are used to extend the caddie service plan and the scholarship fund.

The Western Junior championship at Purdue university, June 15-18 is for all junior golfers under 20 years of age. Member clubs are urged to see that their caddies participate. This championship is the oldest national ranking junior event and dates back to 1914.