

# MAKING *the* SWING

By  
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## THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF



Carolinas PGA will get PGA annual convention. . . Southern Pines and Pinehurst businessmen offer to meet added transportation costs. . . R&A tightens amateur ruling to prohibit payment of expenses. . . R&A also rules those who play golf to "assist business" are pros. . . Club Managers Assn. charters two new chapters; Virginia and Sunshine State of Florida. . . CMAA membership now at high of 896.

Joe Kirkwood, Sr., played trick shot exhibitions at Alcatraz and San Quentin prisons while on recent western tour. . . Joe went to a drinking fountain at Alcatraz about at same time as a prisoner. . . The prisoner stepped aside to give Joe priority. . . "Go ahead, Mister," prisoner said, "I got plenty of time." . . Big laugh at the Rock when Joe knocked some balls over the walls and asked the crowd, "How about shagging those balls and bringing them back?"

Steve Kay, pro at Sharon Springs (N.Y.) CC, inviting pros and amateurs with 7 or less handicaps, to play in 4th annual 18 hole open July 10 for \$400. . . Herb Meinert, pro, Gary (Ind.) CC, claiming a record for member Dr. S. B. Daubenheyer with 16 putts for a round. . . Women's Western GA again scores with lively publicity campaign on WWGA 20th annual Open at Oklahoma City, June 20-25. . . The girls really put the power on in selling program advertising.

Heavy play at daily fee and munny courses in metropolitan districts on weekends meaning long waits that are discouraging to eager younger golfers. . . Driving ranges and miniature courses doing record business in most districts. . . Going to have to build some more courses or the young men and women who are unable to get in private clubs won't be

able to follow through on the promotion work that's brought them into the game. . . Foresighted city planning calls for study of public course needs to be filled when more labor is available.

They've been having a hard time trying to foul S. G. Leoffler for operating Washington, D.C. public courses and providing good munny golf at unusually low price. . . Despite strongly slanted anti-Leoffler handling of some newspaper coverage of a congressional committee investigation of Washington public course operation the only significant finding made is that Leoffler made no attempt to fake his accounting. . . Government lack of auditors for checking park concessionaires' reports disclosed as reason for arguments about accounting basis. . . Controversy between government offices about who'll be boss of the courses is in background of Leoffler case. . . Leoffler operation has been so successful hungry bureaucrats would like to take over. . . Busy in trying to take Washington deal away from Leoffler and switch it to other private interests is former fight promoter employing the pretty principles of that stinking racket.

Culver City night lighted 9-hole 1,610 yd. course in Los Angeles area recently opened with James Parry, gen. mgr., Ed Wilson, pro, and Ed Stroud, gkpr. . . Joe Kirkwood, Jr. started playing golf 10 years ago. . . He says Ralph Ebling, one-armed pro at Daytona Beach, Fla., got him started and is "one of finest teachers in the game."

Archie Hambrick, pro, Illini CC, Springfield, Ill., reports that Women's Golf Assn. of his club is celebrating its 50th anniversary and that three of the original members were at the birthday putting party. . . When Harry Nash is on the air reporting a major golf championship you listen to accurate, expert reporting. . . Chicago District GA, Illinois PGA and Cook County Council of American Legion dedicated June 16, course they gave Veterans Administration hospital at Danville, Ill.

Manitoba Seniors to be guests of Minnesota Seniors and Twin City Seniors' league at Golden Valley, Minneapolis, July 15. . . The hosts will go to St. Charles CC, Winnipeg, Aug. 12 for return match. . . Lot of clubs putting USGA rule books in each member's locker and pleading for play strictly according to rules.

Doctor urging M. G. (Scotty) Fessenden to ease up. . . The jet-propelled Fessenden is pres., Western GA, pres., Bob o' Link GC, head of PGA advisory committee, pres. of carton industry association, and with his brother, Ace, heads a

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C. A. Shepard, publisher of Golf in Australia, says world golf championship with biggest prize money ever offered in Australia being planned for Sydney in 1956 to be companion attraction with 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. . . Mighty pleasant and deserved tribute to Henry C. Ulen of Lebanon, Ind., in Ulen CC silver anniversary book. . . Ulen, world-famed engineer and builder went "back home in Indiana" and started the golf club his neighbors christened in his honor. . . Congressional CC, Washington, D.C. celebrating 25th anniversary.

Bala course of Philadelphia CC started in 1891 by H. C. Groome setting 3 tomato cans in the club lawn. . . That was 3 years before the USGA began. . . Aug. 15-20 the USGA's first annual championship for girls under 18 whose families belong to USGA member clubs will be played at the Philadelphia CC Bala course.

British team for Walker Cup amateur matches at Winged Foot CC (NY Met dist.) Aug. 19-20: P. B. Lucas (capt.), J. Bruen, J. B. Carr, R. C. Ewing, S. M. McCready, G. H. Micklem, E. B. Mill-

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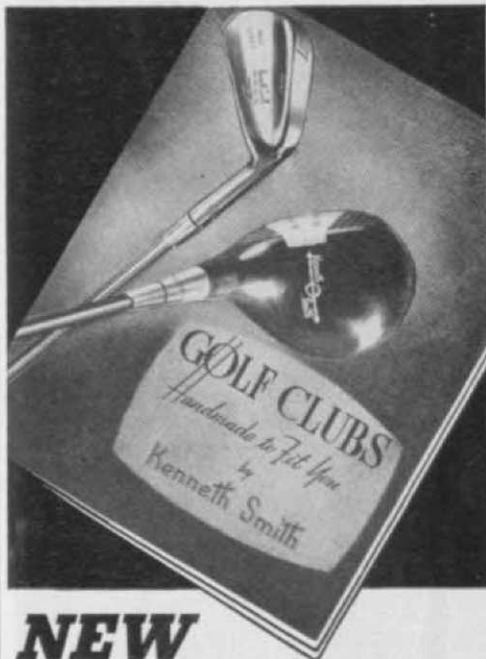
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ward, A. H. Perowne, K. G. Thom and R. J. White, with J. W. Jones and S. B. Williamson as reserves. . . Golf Illustrated of London suggests appointing a pro as coach of the team.

Ray Maguire, Birmingham (Mich.) CC pro, got aces on the 205 yd. 5th and 164 yd. 14th in U.S. Open qualifying trials at Plum Hollow CC (Detroit dist.). . . They were only aces Ray has made in 24 years at golf. . . They're the 13th recorded case of two aces in the same round. . . Maguire's aces were 2 shots in a round of 71. . . His 147 failed by 2 strokes to qualify among the district's 11. . . Amvets conducting first annual Ohio Veterans tournament at Bridgeview GC, Columbus, O., July 23-Aug. 7.

Grand story on Patty Berg in July Coronet. . . What a worker for golf that delightful little redhead is! . . Bill Wright, pro at Klinger Lake CC, Sturgis, Mich., announces his club's \$1000 Open for Aug. 5. . . Bob Gadja now asst. on Al Watrous' staff at Oakland Hills CC (Detroit dist.). . . New Zealand Ladies' GA cancel team tour of Britain. . . Cause of cancellation is what is known in USA as "the shorts."

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National Amateur opening. . . Chick says U.S. lack of an event patterned after Golf Illustrated's Gold Vase tournament is one of few blind spots in American competitive schedule. . . Chick played in the Gold Vase tournament this year after a gap of 38 years in his appearance in this tournament.

Fred Brand, Jr., son of the late and beloved Pittsburgh dist. pro, given watch by Western Pa. GA for his splendid work as its sec. . . Lowell D. (Larry) Rutherford's 16 years working for tournament golf in Chicago district crowned with highly successful National Open at Medinah. . . Larry was one of Medinah's pioneers and long has wanted a National Open for his home club. . . He served 16 hard-working years as chmn., Tournament committee, Chicago District GA.

Gene Sarazen believes we'll see the day when National Open, Amateur, and Women's championships will be played on great public courses. . . There's quite some talk and writing about Sarazen being the logical one for non-playing captaincy of the U.S. Ryder Cup team. . . Gene's played on 6 Ryder Cup teams and still is active in competition. . . On his record he's qualified for the job.

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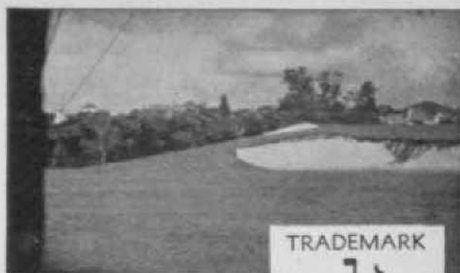
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Construction begun on Willowbrook GC at Monongahela, Pa. . . Fine 9-hole 3300 yd. layout designed by James G. Harrison. . . Don Mader now pro at Manhattan (Ks.) CC. . . Indian Hills CC, Opelousas, La., \$100,000 plant recently opened. . . Again, another record year for industrial golf notwithstanding difficulty of getting places to play in larger industrial areas. . . Eaton Axle plant at Cleveland, O., typical of industrial golfing establishments, has league of 100 golfers out of 2000 employees.

Tom McMahon, long active in handicap management, says that if players are complaining their handicaps are too low, insist that they hole all putts. . . That'll bring their scores up high enough to make their handicaps O.K. with them. . . Charley Burns, mgr. of Edwin Good muny course at Akron, O. for 16 years, and



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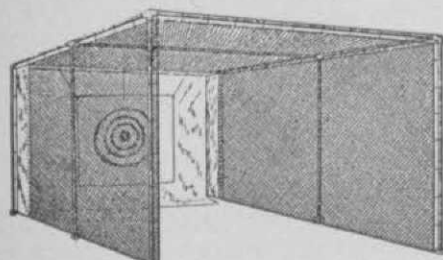
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Valparaiso, Ind., reopens Forest Park course as 9-hole muni plant after 10 year shutdown. . . Moorhead City, N.C. gets plans for new 18-hole course. . . Park County CC, Cody, Wyo. just completed. . . Lake Morey Club, Inc., Fairlee, Vt., incorporated. . . Gonzales, Tex., golfers organize 9-hole Independence GC. . . Local golfers lease Monroe City, Mo. course from Elmo Wilson. . . New Winding Brook GC, Chatham, N.Y., opened with Larry Osterander as pro.

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\$5000 pro-amateur open to players from Texas, Oklahoma and Rocky Mountain districts, at Odessa, Tex., Aug. 4-7. . . Mayor Martin H. Kennelly of Chicago, a pretty fair businessman golfer when he gets time to play, proclaimed week of June 6-12 "Golf Week" in Chicago to help draw attention to National Open. . . Tournament Sponsors Assn. to be organized during Tam O'Shanter All-American events, with representatives of leading tournament sponsors attending to discuss most effective and profitable methods of conducting the events. . . Chet Posson of George S. May organization asked by sponsors to get the conference started.

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Indian caddy championship played at Tollygunge club, Calcutta, drew field of 43. . . Bhasia defended his title with subpar golf. . . Australian tournaments have been drawing record paid galleries. . . Public golf booming in Glasgow. . . About 5000 pounds increase in revenue for latest fiscal year over prior year.

Percy Boomer, 64, pro at Sunningdale (Eng.) GC, died in England recently. . . He was not as famous a player as his brother Aubrey, but was a noted teacher and author of "On Learning Golf," one of the classics of golf books. . . He was born in Jersey. . . His father taught the school attended by the Vardons, the Gaudins and Ted Ray. . . For some years Percy was pro at St. Cloud, Paris.



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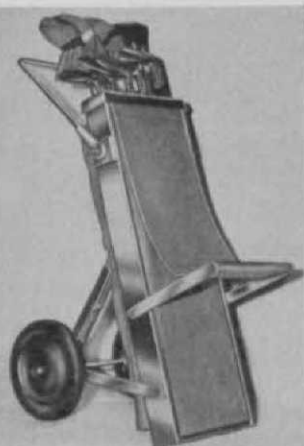
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Dorothy Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. May, married to Timothy John Canty, Jr., at First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Ill., June 10. . . Reception followed at Tam O'Shanter clubhouse. . . Helen (Mrs. Louis) Lengfeld trying to get California Golfer magazine started to use profits for conducting golf programs at vet hospitals with American Women's Voluntary Service conducting the programs.

Antonio Correa, pres. Mexican GA, visitor to USGA National Open. . . Sr. Correa was guided around and introduced by Jerry Bowes, Western GA official. . . Johnny McMurray, amateur, won Panama Open for 3rd time, with 288 this year at Panama CC. . . Ralph Frank of Ft. Davis with 296 was third and the leading pro. . . National Brewery put up \$1,150 for the

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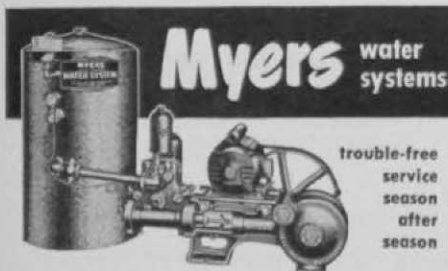
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Ganton, where Ryder Cup matches are to be played Sept. 16-17, is one of few courses overseas having fairway watering. . . It was host to second half of Vardon vs. Willie Park, Jr., when the immortal Harry on his home course swamped Willie, 11 and 10 over the entire match. . . Vardon had led 2 holes in play at North Berwick. . . Both matches were played before record galleries. . . Ted Ray followed Vardon as Ganton pro. . . Then for 31 years the late Arthur Day was Ganton pro. . . Day holds course record, 65. . . Course will be about 6600 yds. for Ryder Cup matches. . . E. Calam has been Ganton gkpr. for 25 years.

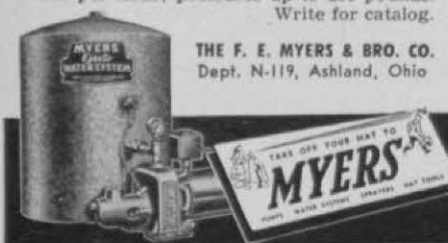


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47th annual North and South Open for Pinehurst, N.C., announced for Nov. 1-3. . . . 1950 British Amateur at St. Andrews beginning May 22. . . . 1950 British Open at Troon beginning July 3. . . . George Peyton Memorial tournament conducted for second year at Cavalier Yacht & CC, Virginia Beach, Va., again showed that an event for amateurs 24 years or younger brings out the sort of a field that needs encouragement in competitive golf.

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George Lake, pro at Recreation Park, Long Beach, Calif. and head of PGA junior golfer development program, makes fine tie-up with Long Beach school supervisor of physical education who circularizes high school principals and physical education teachers asking them to co-operate with Lake in getting kids into Lake's junior classes. . . Players complained about rough close to sides and backs of greens at Medinah during National Open. . . There's a shot that the old time experts used to have that's virtually disappeared from the game. . . Chick Evans is one who still can play it regardless of the type of this rough.

Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, 1937 Women's National champion, elected pres., Women's Carolina G.A. . . Marilyn Smith, Kansas U sophomore, beat Grace Lenczyk, 3 and 2 for Women's Intercollegiate title. . . The 20-year-old attractive Smith girl plans to become golf pro. . . Early Maxwell, Memphis publicity man, managing Carey Middlecoff.

U.S. Walker Cup team: Willie Turnesa, Skee Riegel, Frank Stranahan, Stanley (Ted) Bishop, Johnny Dawson, Ray Billows, Charles Coe, Charles Kocsis, Bruce McCormick, James McHale; and as alternates Thos. Barnes, Dick Chapman and



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Roy M. Tinsley, formerly at Charlotte (N.C.) CC succeeds Tom Rose as pro at Tryon (N.C.) G & Tennis club. . . Rose is going into business in Philadelphia. . . Caddies at Oak Park (Ill.) CC given a practice putting green by club acting on suggestion in Western GA caddy recruiting, training and recreation program. . . First annual Grandpa tournament put on by pro Pat Markovich at Richmond (Calif.) CC for grandfather members.

Herb Winn, 50, salesman for the Great Lakes Golf Ball Co., and widely known among midwestern pros, was killed in an automobile accident near Indianapolis early in June.

Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. did expert work in volunteer services repairing ball holes on greens during National Open. . . It looks strange to see this competent and careful repair work done to greens after which the players dig toes of putters into places around the cup and using their putters as props pick balls out of the cups. . . After making those deep indentations at the most critical spots players have no license to complain about greens being bumpy.

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and Mrs. Jack Schneidermann. . . Pop's pro at Mt. Pleasant CC, Leicester, Mass., and vp, Central Mass. P.G.A. . . On the long mileage end of recent happy events was the surprise party given by supts., club members and golfers of Cleveland area and distant points to Fred Burkhardt, honoring his 35th year as Westwood CC supt. . . Fred was a pioneer in organizing the Cleveland and national associations of greenkeepers and at 74 still is a very lively master of the fine art of course maintenance.

Resort golf business certainly not slumping if the Marty brothers' Northenaire at Three Lakes, Wis., is any barometer. . . Place is one of the class spots of the country and unique among north central resorts. . . 9-hole course with pro team of George, Sr. and Jr., Kinsman kept busy. . . Bob Marty, co-owner of the Northenaire is one of Wisconsin's liveliest golf enthusiasts.

John English, former golf writer of Boston Herald, before and after his service as Lt. Cmdr. in Pacific, has joined USGA staff as asst. to executive sec. Joe Dey. . . John's a very able young man and knows what the score is in golf. . . Al Linkogl, supt. Westwood CC (St. Louis dist.) has more orders than he can fill for fine leaf U3 Bermuda in his nursery.

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