

lies in the fact that Americans have a long standing interest in the game while, in most cases, Mexican youths follow the game merely as a means of livelihood. With the dearth of equipment plus the personal financial limitations of the caddies, the opportunities for them becoming golfing greats is very remote.

"To guide the Mexican caddies into the professional golfing field is going to take more than money. I feel that the primary purpose of our training program should be to instill in the boys a pride in their jobs and also point out to them the opportunities that exist for them within their country in the field of golf.

"In this part of our program we again want to follow the work of the Western and provide the caddies with the guidance they need. This we hope to accomplish through films, lectures and exhibitions. As an incentive in our program we will establish a scholarship fund and award scholarships to Mexican or U.S. universities.

"Another phase of the caddy program will be aid for the sick and needy, provided out of a fund established by the caddies with assistance from the Mexican Golf Assn."

Junior Tourneys Planned

The program Dutra will follow in the development of the junior golfers of Mexico parallels the American system. Tournaments for juniors will be held within the various districts of Mexico with a national junior championship tentatively slated for April of each year. In the junior tourney, as will be the case in all tournaments with the exception of the Mexican Open and the Mexican Invitation, play will be held in a different district every year in an effort to stimulate interest in golf.

In addition to the junior tournaments it is Dutra's plan to take as many of the youths as he can and use them as instructors throughout the country.

To Teach Teachers

As far as any special course of instruction is concerned, Dutra's plans call for the easiest and fastest methods of teaching, the course to eventually include the basic teaching methods of leading American pros.

As Dutra sees his new job it is going to be "a task of pioneering, patience and promotion.

"Golfers are not developed overnight. Nobody is going to expect a great Mexican golfer for a number of years. Golf for the masses in Mexico is going to take plenty of primary work. The biggest task of pioneering will be to bring golf equip-

ment to those taking government sponsored mass instruction. As soon as that is accomplished the next pioneering chore, that of providing sufficient public courses for the new golfing aficionados, will have to be met and solved.

"As in any pioneering project, the program that we have outlined will undoubtedly encounter plenty of obstacles. The successful completion of the Mexican golf project depends, I believe, on plenty of promotion. Here, again, we are going to have to rely on the Good Neighborliness of the golfing clan of the United States.

"While we'll be doing everything we possibly can to promote golf within the Republic of Mexico, for complete public interest in the game and to show the degree to which golf and the golfing profession can develop, we are going to need the heartiest and complete cooperation from Mexico's Good Neighbors to the north."

USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1950

June 8-10—National Open—Merion GC (East) Ardmore, Pa.

July 1-8—National Amateur Public Links—Seneca GC, Louisville, Ky.

July 19-22—National Junior Amateur—Denver CC, Denver, Colo.

Aug. 21-26—National Amateur—Minneapolis GC, Minneapolis, Minn.

Aug. 28 - Sept. 1—National Girls' Junior—(Not determined).

Sept. 11-16 — National Women's Amateur — Atlanta AC (E. Lake) Atlanta, Ga.

Sept. 1-2—Curtis Cup Match—CC of Buffalo, Williamsville, N.Y.

Annual Mixed Two-Ball Tourney At Dubsdread, Feb. 21-26

The ninth annual Mixed Two-Ball Open Tournament will be held at the Dubsdread CC, Orlando, Fla., Feb. 21-26. The idea of a best ball match between men and women has caught the fancy of Florida's winter-time golfing public which turns out in record numbers to watch such stars as Marjorie Lindsay and Henry Picard, Louise Suggs and Gus Novotony, Babe Zaharias and Walter Romans, and Patty Berg and Johnny Revolta, to name a few of the 80 teams who were on hand for the 1949 event. A greater number is expected this year with the announcement of round by round cash prizes to professionals qualifying for the 32 teams that compose the championship flight.