



### WEST POINT GOLF INTEREST "ON THE DOUBLE"

With their new golf course now available cadets at U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., are joining up at a brisk rate for golf instruction. There are more than 150 cadets now in the instruction and intra-mural competitive program. Col. Green, director of physical education at West Point, is a strong believer in golf for the Army men. His assistants in the golf program are Bob Bruce, Bob Evans and Dennis Lavender who is greenkeeping supt. of the academy's course and golf coach of the cadets.

had the unpleasant feeling of hitting a synthetic that looks and sounds like a wet sponge. It is an experience that I do not wish to encounter again if I can help it. However, I must emphatically say that I do not think that hoarding is the answer to the problem, nor do I think that there is any need for hoarding at the present time. I cannot deny that I have sold more golf balls in the past two months, and larger quantities than in any two previous months in the last four years. That this enormous increase in sales is a result of a war scare in buying is apparent. However, what policy am I as a golf pro going to put into effect with my members?

"Before I answer this question I would like to make a brief statement on the current situation in the world of golf. I have been repeatedly informed by the manufacturers of golf equipment that there isn't any cause for alarm. Golf balls and golf equipment are not dangerously scarce, nor is there a probability that they will be in the near future. There are tons of rubber thread in the hands of the manufacturers of golf balls right now, and there are tons of raw material in the warehouses. They have told me that all my orders will be filled, and that there isn't any cause for alarm. I believe these men because I have known them all my

life, and never have they been anything but honest with me.

"If my members choose to buy a large quantity of balls, I simply tell them what I have been told for I wish to be honest with them. Then if they still wish to purchase large quantities of golf balls, I will sell the balls to them, when I can get the balls.

"I do feel though that I owe it to my members at this time to sell only to them and to no outsiders. In brief then I will sell balls and golf equipment to my members as long as they wish to purchase them and as long as I have the merchandise in stock. At the present time I can see no reason for equalizing the distribution among my members. However if the current situation should enlarge itself I will have to modify this policy and set up a system to equalize the distribution."

#### Do Wartime Planning Now

Wm. H. Johnson, supt., Griffith Park municipal course, Los Angeles, in reviewing World War II experience of golf, believes planning and acting should be done now to fit golf into a wartime picture. Johnson's opinion is that with the draft already in operation we must recognize that we have to adjust to war conditions. He says:

"The importance of golf in the rehabilitation of war casualties and as recreation