

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Newspaper story about Happy Chandler, ex-commissioner of baseball, being considered for a job as commissioner of pro golf had merely a locker-room chat foundation . . . PGA has no money for a commissioner . . . Aspirin expense alone for a commissioner would be \$25,000 a year . . . Pro golf had a commissioner for a period when Albert Gates, a former president of Western Golf Assn. held the job . . . He was an affable front man with poise and class and handled legal business of the association . . . Jack Mackie was PGA treasurer and did the back-stage work with such expert Scotch finesse the PGA kitty was fat . . . That was before the tournament circuit got to be big business and show business brought complications . . . As will be understood when PGA releases a financial report so all members can study it carefully, the tournament operations are not self-supporting . . . But tournament business as a PGA show window and playing and teaching training school is sound investment.



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PGA making deal with Sportsvision, Inc. for exclusive television rights to PGA co-sponsored tournaments with film to be canned for national release after live TV is put on by local sponsors . . . Sportsvision televised Pacific Coast football games last fall with automobile company as sponsors . . . USGA answer to questions about selection of Walker Cup team is that players couldn't be picked except on comparative basis of USGA amateur championship showing . . . Without this common denominator the selecting job would be like trying to determine how many apples could go into eight bananas.

Wm. J. Thombly switches as pro to Brook Hollow CC, Dallas, Tex., from Arrowhead CC, San Bernardino, Calif. . . . First competitive round Sam Snead played after recovering from broken bone in left hand was 63, 8-under par, tying course record in La Gorce CC (Miami Beach, Fla.) pro-amateur . . . Event was won with 57 of Willie Klein, La Gorce pro for 25 years, and his three member companions . . . Women's tournaments out-drew some of men's shows in Florida this past winter.

Seagram whisky people to make up difference between US and Canadian ex-

change for American pros competing in Canadian Open at Mississauga GC, Toronto, July 4-7 . . . Seagrams has increased Canadian Open prize money from \$10,000 to \$15,000 . . . Smart public relations for the Canadian distillers to associate with golf . . . American liquor business association with the underworld's scummiest bums has been frequent unsavory revelation of Kefauver investigation . . . In view of traditional popularity of decent drinking in golf the golf club members and managers wonder why reputable elements in liquor business are backward about identifying themselves with respectability . . . Profits on the golfers' thirsts, as well as wisdom of being more favorably known by the company they keep, recommends that clean liquor companies give attention to their golf business where club membership committees select "the gentlemen of distinction." . . . In view of Kefauver and Cairo disclosures U.S. golf organizations now would have to shy away from liquor company championship sponsorship such as is O.K. in Canada.

At Royal Lytham and St. Annes dog-leg 17th there's a plaque on a bunker's edge commemorating a recovery shot Bob Jones played in the final round winning the 1926 British Open with 291; two less than Al Watrous . . . The Jones mashie-iron used for the shot is in a glass case in the clubhouse . . . British Open of 1952 will be played at Royal Lytham and St. Annes . . . Jose Jurado, veteran Argentine pro who competed in U.S. and Britain, made mgr., new Buenos Aires muni course on which there's no green fee for public play on fine course with excellent formerly private clubhouse . . . Australian Golf Union raising \$12,000 fund for trip of team from Royal and Ancient to visit Australia in 1952.

Sydney (Australia) Technical college has year-round course for greenkeepers with classes one night a week . . . About 40 greenkeepers attend . . . Locke's Australian tour with 61 exhibitions drew more than 35,000 . . . Locke was under 70 score 26 times . . . First British Women's Open to be played this summer when American girl pros go across on Weathervane trip . . . Ladies Golf Union of England has approved the competition.



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Pete Cooper in Century Club (NY Met. dist.) pro job . . . British wanted to play next Ryder Cup matches at Pinehurst, N.C., on consecutive days early in November but agreed with US PGA skip of Saturday, Nov. 4 to avoid football competition for gallery . . . W. E. Matthews now managing Hacienda CC (L.A. dist.) . . . Chick Harbert representing city of St. Petersburg, Fla. on tournament circuit.

Golf Life, Aileen Covington's interesting Southern California monthly carries page story by Ted Stoneman expressing pride of the district in election of Bill Johnson, L.A. muni courses supt., as pres., National Greenkeeping Supts. Assn. . . Bill's the first Californian so honored in the association's 25 years . . . Willie Goggin goes to Upper Montclair (N.J.) CC as pro.

Paul Scott, Willard Hutchison and Robt. Lutton staging big junior class lessons twice a week at Griffith Park, LA . . . Lewis Nash now pro at Riverview CC, Redding, Calif. . . Glen Holden signed as pro by Green Valley CC, Vallejo, Calif. . . What Carolina PGA members headed by Pres. Dugan Aycock have done in arranging the Carolina-Texas All-Star pro matches to give Skip Alexander a brotherly hand in picking up doctor and hospital tabs is latest of the many grand stories in pro closing ranks when there's a helpful

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job to be done ... The boys can jaw all over the sports pages about tournament affairs but when a guy needs a pal the playing stars and the home club pros work together cheerfully.

Ralph Cripe named pro at Decatur, Ill., Scovill public course ... Woodmont CC, Washington, D.C., gave its greenkeeper Rudy Wills a television set as a 20th anniversary present ... Rudy and Green chmn. Leopold V. Freudberg make one of those great course maintenance teams highly valuable to a club ... Bill Steedman, Seattle (Wash.) Times veteran golf columnist devoted column recently to lauding greenkeepers ... Column was based on interview with Glen Barclay, Sand Point CC supt., about NGSA convention at Chicago, the superintendents' extensive practical and scientific service to golf and general lack of recognition of greenkeepers' achievements ... Bill also referred to new problems in course maintenance, especially in approach areas, caused by bag cart use.

Reg Renfree, supt., Sacramento (Calif.) Recreation dept. to file application for government permit to construct clubhouse on new Bing Maloney public course ... Proposed clubhouse to cost \$45,000 ... Indications are that government restrictions on course construction will be eased on application, especially in cases of public

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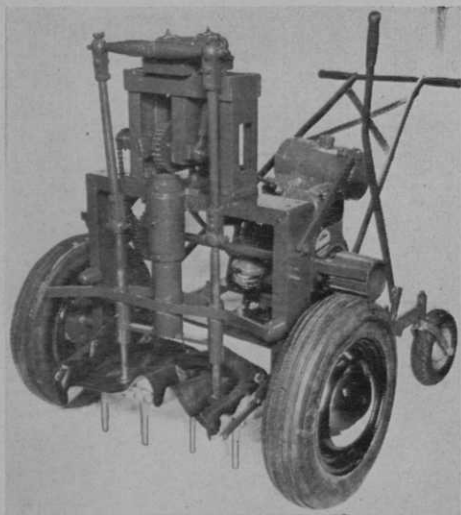
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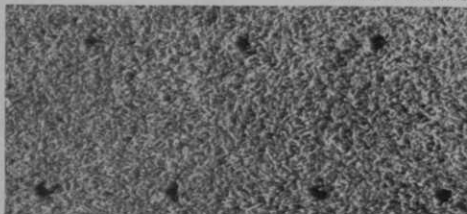
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courses ... Also seems to be promise of relaxing ban on some private construction where earth moving and planting comes under classification of permissible landscaping, where no critical materials are used (meaning second-hand or composition pipe is used), and where labor is mostly club's regular labor.

Dave Todd now pro at Columbia (S.C. CC ... Planning strong junior program ... Melvin Hemphill at Forest Lake and Mike Serino at Ft. Jackson in Columbia have junior programs at fixtures ... Talk about the three pros putting golf prominently in Columbia high school athletic instruction program ... Susanville, Nev., considering 9-hole course.

Dick Snyder to Weiser (Ida). CC as mgr-pro ... Annapolis Roads 9-hole course, private since 1928, opened as public course by Ray and Roy Shields ... Sacramento, Calif., plans increased fees for public course to make up for revenue drop suffered by wet Nov. and Dec. ... Beaver Hills course at Martinsville, Va., to be enlarged from 9 to 18 holes by new lessor, N. C. Riddle.

Walter Hilmer begins 26th year as greenkeeper, Ruth Lake CC (Chicago dist.) ... Mgr. Earle L. Middleton says "beautiful condition of our course is a tribute to Walt's fine, faithful work." ... John Harley signed as pro by Ruth Lake

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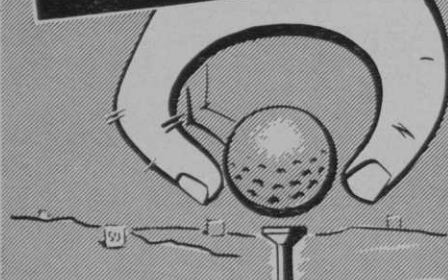
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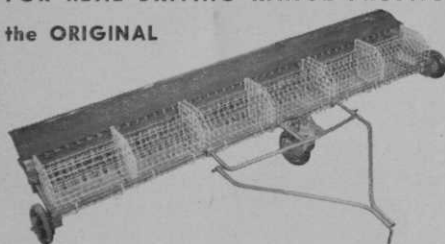
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Ernest Jones teaching clinic will highlight dinner concluding NE PGA's annual get-together meeting and manufacturers' display at Hotel Statler, Boston, April 12 ... Tom Mahan, Skip Wogan, Hal McGrail, Francis Doyle and NE PGA teammates planning to beat previous pro-amateur attendance at these sessions which have topped 500 mark ... NE PGA appoints Phil Friel tournament chmn.; Bud Trumball junior and caddy chmn., and Jack Igoe as chmn., war service committee.

Jim Duncan now pro at Meadowbrook CC (Philadelphia dist.) ... Al Jamison, Quantico Officers' club pro has designed a wood with inlay extending entirely over face of club ... Al says it gives much better chance for good shot to those who connect on the heel or toe of the club ... Pros who've seen it say Al's got something ... About 200 former members of Skycrest CC (Chicago dist.) have made purchase deal for Thorngate CC, formerly Vernon Ridge CC (private) which was reopened by Robert Bruce Harris, Chicago golf architect, and his brother as fee

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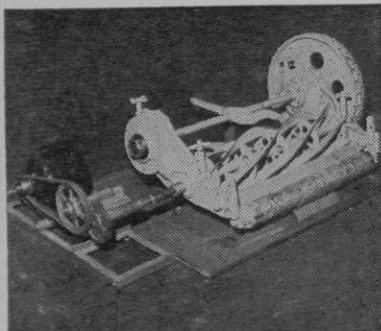
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Byron Nelson comes from Ed Sullivan's Toast of the Town TV show where By received highest fee ever paid for golf exhibition to conduct clinic at Indiana PGA spring meeting April 11 ... George McCarthy, O. J. Noer, Henry Cowen, E. Stumm, Joe Wolf and Bo McMillan also on Hoosier's program ... Bill Jeliffe has Colorado auto license 1111111 because of seven aces he's made ... He made his 7th with a 7 iron on 7th hole, 7th day of 7th month ... Better luck than I've had with 7s in Zulu golf ... Joe Kirkwood, jr. to star in a movie to be started in Hollywood this month ... Joe, jr. will switch from Palooka role to a Western part ... The lad is a good actor as well as a very competent tournament golfer.

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Joe Williams, Scripps-Howard sports writer put on first public golf clinic establishing present pattern, as Cleveland Press promotion in 1924 ... Walter Hagen put on the shot demonstration and instruction show then played 9 holes as a playing lesson for gallery of about 500 ... Grand article about Ben Hogan in March Reader's Digest ... Written by Frederick Hazlitt Brennan who did the movie story of "Follow the Sun" for 20th Century-Fox ... Sam Snead in RKO-Pathe Sport-scope shot-making short taken at Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs.

Al Huske engages Bud Werring of Minneapolis and Jim Pape of Terre Haute as his assistants at Glen Oak CC (Chicago dist.) ... Spokane (Wash.) CC new clubhouse ready for Pacific Northwest GA championships July 23-28 ... Talk is that USGA and R&A in getting together on rules will agree on stroke and distance penalty for ball out of bounds, lost or unplayable ... No chance of making USGA and R&A ball specifications the same ... Cost of changing dies and other manufacturing processes is too much ... Would mean increase in cost of golf ... Those who stock-piled (or hoarded) top quality golf balls in rush after start of Korean war might as well start spraying them all over the courses ... No shortage of top



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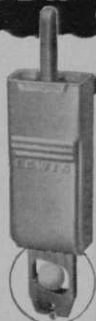
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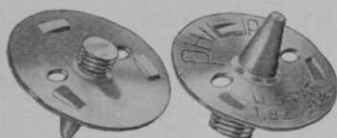
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Martin Mattison, Hawaii golf salesman, says keen competitions are developing Hawaiian talent for U.S. tournament circuit ... Latest big Hawaiian event was Navy-Marine invitation tournament, pro end of which was won by Barrett Melvin of Schofield ... Kammy Lau, who won Hawaii's first public links championship in 1933 and turned pro in 1941, has set new records on several Hawaii courses recently ... Chick Evans, who played in opening day exhibition of Excelsior Springs, Mo., course, Oct. 16, 1915, will play in exhibition with "Duke" Gibson, Roy Pettegrew, Excelsior Springs pro; and Ted Piburn, former caddy for Evans, when remodeled Excelsior Springs course is opened in May.

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Andrew Brown, in his 15th year as mgr.-gkpr.-pro at Rockaway River CC, Denville, N.J. and 40 years in pro-green-keeping, asks a pointed question about winter rules . . . "If you've got winter rules what's the use of spending days working, nights worrying and money trying to maintain good turf on a golf course?" . . . Club Managers' Assn. of America urging uniform system of accounting at clubs to facilitate filling out and using CMAA monthly questionnaires on club operating expenses . . . Henry P. Cowen, pres., MacGregor Golf, made a director of the National Caddy Assn.

Life Magazine's biggest feature on golf was piece on Peachtree course at Atlanta designed by Robert Trent Jones working with Robert Tyre Jones, Jr. . . Two page spread showing course design points out



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Frank Walsh, driving from Chicago to his job as pro at Red Run GC (Detroit dist.) taken from his car at St. Joe, Mich., with hemorrhage from an ulcer ... Later transferred from St. Joe hospital to Presbyterian hospital at Chicago where he's mending ... Southern Turf Foundation employs B. P. Robinson, trained under Dr. Glenn W. Burton, as full-time turf specialist ... Northeastern Wisconsin Golf Assn. holds its annual golf club operations clinic at Butte des Mortes GC, Appleton, Wis., Tuesday, May 8.

Samuel Marston Clapper and Barbara Ann MacKinnon married Feb. 3 at Newton Highlands, Mass. ... Skiing trip in the Laurentians was the honeymoon journey ... The newlyweds will establish a home in New Hampshire where Sam is representative for the Clapper Co. ... District of Columbia Junior championship to be for Marvin Worsham memorial trophy donated by Del Webb ... Norman von Nida, Eric Cremin and Kel Nagle will pool winnings when the Australians make the U.S. tournaments this summer.

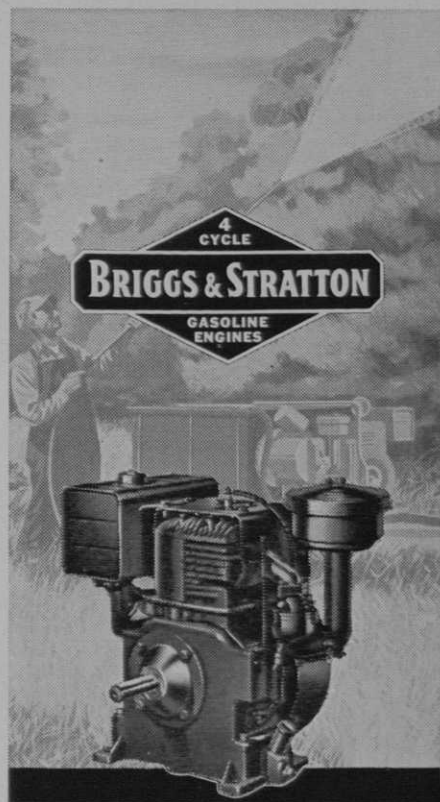


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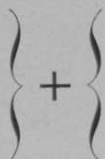
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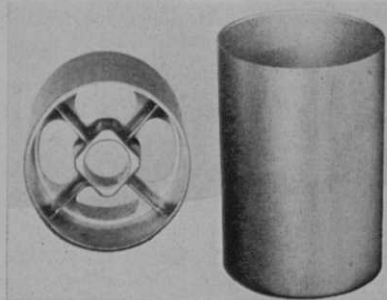
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Metropolitan (NY) GA plans to charge \$2 for handicap cards with \$1 going into prize fund for Metropolitan Open . . . Met Open at Forest Hill Field club, Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 18-20 . . . Women's pro circuit worked up by Fred Corcoran to nearly \$100,000 this year . . . Five more sports writers added to women's golf Hall of Fame selection board . . . Midcity fee course in Chicago closes in April to be subdivided.

Sec. of Interior signs 5-year contract with S. G. Loeffler for continuance of operation of District of Columbia's courses . . . Contract gives D.C. Recreation Board right to buy out Loeffler's contract at end of either first or second years . . . Loeffler pays \$17,500 fixed fee and percentage of gross receipts running from 2 per cent on first \$200,000 to 8 per cent on amount over \$600,000 . . . Greenkeepers in Connecticut praising Joe Gilliardi for stand-out job in bringing his two-year-old 9-hole Rock Rimmon CC course at Stamford into excellent shape so quick . . . Pros and committees seem to be on job earlier and better than ever before in planning season opening indoor demonstrations, lesson and rules clinics, movies and other indoor parties for men's, women's and mixed groups.

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Robert Bruce Harris, Chicago architect, engaged by University of Iowa to design new course at Iowa City ... Harris also designing new muni course for Benson Park, Omaha, Neb. and 9 holes for Grand Forks (N.D.) to replace course now annually flooded on lowlands ... Clearwater (Fla.) CC moves into new \$60,000 clubhouse ... Will be used as community center as well as clubhouse ... Britain's champion golfer of this year will be presented with cup marking 50th year of British PGA.

Spring meeting of Illinois PGA at Morrison Hotel, April 9, will feature business talks by Emil Coene, Victor East, George McCarthy and Ed Rankin and a teaching clinic conducted by Jimmy Thomson, John Revolta and Ed Vines ... Wallie Musson, jr., 12-year-old son of mgr. of Benton County CC, Fowler, Ind., probably young-



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Ralph (Tug) Tyler recovering from serious burns incurred from oil burner fire in his clubmaking shop at Muncie, Ind. ... Paul Hahn, 1666½ S. Harvard blvd., Los Angeles 6, registering strong on trick shot exhibition tour ... Columbia Pictures has made sports short of Paul's clever routine, with Bill Stern announcing ... With heavy booking on recent southern tour Paul took time out to give free exhibitions at all vets' hospitals anywhere near his route and at leper hospital in Louisiana.

Bill Lyons, supt., Firestone CC, Akron, O., on committee of Liberty Garden program ... Midland (Tex.) CC new course, designed and built by Ralph Plummer pronounced by many who ought to know, one of the best layouts in the southwest ... Plummer also has done a fine job in building attractive 9-hole course out of a mesquite thicket at Alice, Tex. ... Ira J. (Bunk) Bosley, pro-mgr., Tyoga CC, Wellsboro, Pa., is not a fellow with much spare time ... Bosley has two ski lifts

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Dick Walpole, mgr., East Bay Regional Park district, Oakland, Calif., says cost of Tilden course has doubled in the 13 years since it was opened ... Recent improvements to clubhouse cost a third of original \$15,000 cost of clubhouse ... Walpole says he would get old worrying about increasing costs of golf operation except for bright example set by Tilden's pro, Earl (Peter Pan) Nagle ... Nagle, declares Walpole, goes around briskly in 70 years and 70 strokes ... New York State Turf Assn. Bulletin 24 is valuable illustrated guide to creeping weeds in turf ...

Minnesota PGA which always puts on helpful spring clinics with pros and U of Minnesota faculty members collaborating, holds this year's sessions April 15 and 16 ... Outside clinic will be held at Town and Country Club, St. Paul, 3 p.m., April 15 with annual spring meeting at Lowry hotel that evening ... All day clinic at the Lowry April 16 and banquet that evening at Town and Country Club.

By Harcke back to Nippersink Manor, Genoa City, Wis., as pro after big winter with indoor school at Town Club, Chicago

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USGA Green Section turf advisory service being extended to baseball parks on advisory fee basis ... Western Seniors' Golf Assn. sec. Wm. V. Kingdon, 910 E. Kessler Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind., issues rapidly growing organization's first year book ... Western Seniors expect big annual tournament at Edgewater GC, Chicago, July 12-13 ... Midwestern amateur competitive season gets under way with 16th annual Midwest Amateur tournament at French Lick Springs, Ind., April 13-15 ... It always draws a big crowd of area's top amateurs and many in the lower flights.

Jack Redmond, trick shot showman and head of a New York golf school, featured in two new golf films ... One is "I Love Golf" ... Other is colored film on a golf vacation in Bermuda ... Both are 16 mm. sound films and in their instruction put in strong plug for pro teaching ... Bermuda film also has deft commercials for Bristol clubs, Dunlop balls, Burton bags, Footjoy shoes and other golf items ... Daks, makers of slacks, again sponsoring \$6000 Open at Sunningdale, Eng., May 16-18 with accent on "dress parade" of players

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and gallery ... Daks' first Open last year got much publicity on the event as the "Ascot of golf," Ascot being the horse race where the fawncy dresses fawncy.

Michigan PGA meeting April 16 and 17 at Ft. Shelby hotel, Detroit ... Business, teaching and promotion experts on program ... Rex McMorris, Director, National Golf Foundation, will tell Michigan pros what's being done to coordinate pro and physical educator work for more and sound golf programs in schools and other public recreation plans.

N. Y. State Industrial Commission sets caddy rate at \$1 per bag for 9 holes or less ... For 10 to 18 holes fee set is \$2 per bag in New York City, Nassau and Westchester counties and \$1.50 in rest of state ... No distinction made for class of caddy ... Clubs required to keep on file certificates of proof of age for each caddy under 21 and record of each caddy's earnings ... Failure to do this paper work subject to fine of \$25 to \$200 ... Order must be posted where caddies can read it ... Hope the caddies can read better than N.Y. state so-called law enforcement officials have been able to read law prohibiting gambling at Saratoga and understand better than New York City politicians and underworld companions have been able to understand the Ten Commandments.



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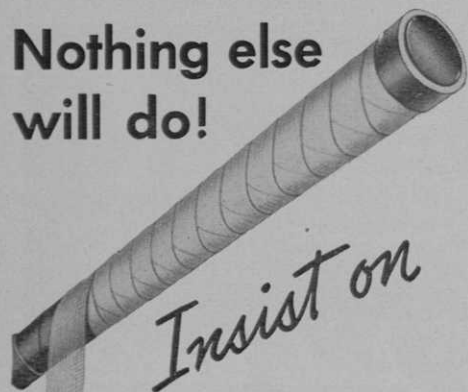
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Nancy Shute, daughter of the Denny Shutes, to be married to Robert Carter Paige, April 27, at Huntington, W. Va. ... What a sweet kid that Nancy is... Fine musician, too... Remember when she was just a wee doll toddling around tournament clubhouses?... Time marches on... Bartender, make mine Serutan on the rocks.

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Long Island golfers protest to Gov. Dewey against bill condemning Willow Brook GC for school site in area where much other desirable school property is available . . . PGA sets date for its first annual PGA Seniors National Open as Jan. 16-9 (54 holes) at PGA National Course, Dunedin, Fla. . . Pro Seniors to shoot for \$4,360 prize money . . . Big sale to advertisers of Byron Nelson's "Winning Golf" in direct-mail folder form . . . Brown and Bigelow, St. Paul, handle the printing and sales . . . Otis Dypwick, U of Minnesota athletic dept. publicity man who worked with Nelson on "Winning Golf" also furnishes dope on rules and queer golf incidents for the series of "Winning Golf" folders . . . Other name pros also may be in additional series.

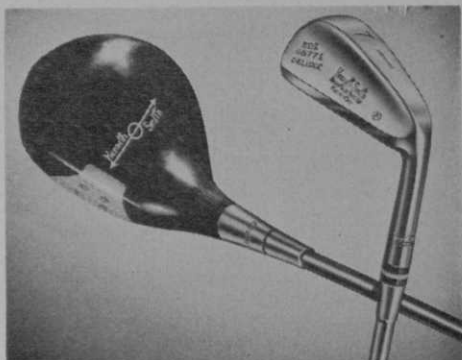
Daily Mail drops 2500 pound tournament from British pro tournament schedule . . . Newsprint shortage and economy are explanations . . . Mexican Golf Assn. protesting fining of Yank players in Mexican Open and disclaiming charges of "recruiting" Yank pros says "We maintain that neither the PGA nor any of its members have the right to classify the im-

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George McLean, 57, pro at Seneca Falls (N.Y.) CC for the past 12 years, was killed in an automobile collision near Waterloo, N.Y., March 26 . . . Mrs. McLean was critically injured . . . McLean was one of the top rank of tournament contestants 30 years or so ago . . . He tied for 5th in the 1919 National Open . . . He was pro at Dunwoodie, Great Neck and Grass Sprain prior to going to Seneca Falls . . . He was widely known as a fine teacher and a delightful comrade in golf.

Royal Canadian Golf Assn. conducting program of course maintenance conferences throughout Canada starting with 2d annual Turf Maintenance School at Ontario Agricultural college, Guelph, March 14-16 . . . RCGA and Canadian PGA collaborating in expanding junior golf program in Dominion . . . RCGA rep-

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resented at Rules of Golf conference in England in May with USGA and R&A . . . At that meeting Canada's possible participation in Walker Cup matches also will be discussed.

Jerome D. (Jerry) Travers, 64, died March 29 at his home in East Hartford, Conn. . . . Prior to his death he was inspector in an airplane plant . . . After his triumphs in golf he'd gone into the brokerage business with unfortunate results and later attempted to merchandise a putter but didn't get very far in that venture . . . He went far with a putter in winning the National Amateur championships of 1907, 1908, 1912 and 1913 and the Open of 1915 at Baltusrol . . . He was defeated 6 and 5 by Francis Ouimet in the finals of the 1914 Amateur . . . Only Bob Jones with 9 titles beat Travers' record in U. S. National championships.

Interest of Canada and Mexico in matches with American amateurs points to possibility of USGA eventually naming two or three international amateur teams instead of having a Walker Cup team contest in all international amateur events . . . Not many legitimate amateur stars could afford time from work to play in British, Canadian and Mexican competitions along with USGA National Open, and possibly in National Amateur and

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SWINGING AROUND GOLF

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National Collegiate . . . Selection of several teams would give USGA more leeway for officially recognizing top amateur talent.

Scotty Chisholm reminds us that April 27 is Leo Diegel's 52d birthday and it would be a grand thing to send Leo birthday messages . . . Leo's address is 10624 Whipple St., North Hollywood, Calif. . . . Diegel's fighting with never a complaint in the last round with lung cancer . . . Al Espinosa resigning as pro at CC of Mexico City to return to US for summers . . . Russ Miller switching from mgr., Metairie CC, New Orleans to manage Florida hotel.

Turf Mgrs. from 5-State Area Attend Northwest Conference

Turf management officials and superintendents from a five state area in the Northwest including the province of British Columbia in Canada attended the fourth annual Turf Conference held on the campus of the State College of Washington at Pullman, March 21-22, 1951.

The program was developed by E. G. Schaefer, Prof. of Farm Crops and Asst. Dean of the College of Agriculture with the assistance of a local committee and members of the Northwest Turf Association. Addresses and discussions covered

problems of drainage, irrigation, planting arrangements, turf improvements, diseases, fertilizers and weeds. Featured speakers who came from beyond the area were Dr. Eric G. Sharvelle, Plant Pathologist, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., and Dr. Gilbert H. Ahlgren, Agronomist, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. Other speakers on the program were from the west coast, the Univ. of Idaho and the State College of Washington affording those in attendance an opportunity to get firsthand information on reports and progress being made in turf management from the East, Midwest and West.

An idea of how big the business of scientific grass-growing is getting to be was shown by Sharvelle when he stated, "There are 10 million acres of improved turf in the U. S., including two million acres in lawns and landing strips at airports for light planes, and three million miles of grass shoulders on major highways and in parks and cemeteries."

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