

# MAKING *the* SWING

By  
**HERB GRAFFIS**



## THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

Wouldn't you know it'd happen? ... Ben Hogan's had tough time trying to teach a good golf swing to Glen Ford who plays Hogan in the movie of Ben's career ... Oak Park CC (Chicago dist.) sent Christmas cards to 500 kids who caddied at the club last year ... Washington (D. C.) Post sends out promotion book on its 4th annual Celebrities Golf Tournament ... The four events raised \$65,000 for underprivileged kids.

Paul Hahn, pro at Kings County CC, Hanford, Calif., starting out on trick shot exhibition dates ... Hahn's a fine trick-shot performer with attractive personality and smart showmanship ... Snead by winning the Vardon trophy in 1950 shares with Hogan honor as 3-time winner of the trophy ... Ben won in 1940, 1941 and 1948 ... Sam won in 1938, 1949 and 1950 ... US Junior Chamber of Commerce reports its 1950 National Junior championship at Ames, Ia., finale of the largest tournament in golf, was conducted for \$5,270 ... Deficit was \$411.

Reggie Spencer honored by party and gifts for his 30 years as pro at Fairmont (W. Va.) Field Club ... Mrs. Spencer and daughter Barbara also received gifts from the club that's very happy and proud in having this grand family on the job ... Henry G. Glissman & Son converting Emmettsburg (Ia.) CC 9-hole course from sand to grass greens this spring ... Glissman also to restore Ralston (Neb.) CC to play ... They plan building new 9-hole fee course near Omaha this year.

Press quarters at major golf tournaments won't be the same merry places now that O. B. Keeler's gone ... Bet he has the heavenly hosts laughing ... In passing of James Braid in London at the age of 80, curtain went down on an era ... Braid won British Open in 1901, 1905, 1906, 1909 ... The calm Englishman from 1899 thru 1912 never finished below 5th in the British Open.

Fourth Cornell turf Conference at Statler Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., March 6 and 7 ... Southern Turf Conference at Tifton, Ga., May 10 and 11.

Clarence Doser, Scarsdale (N.Y.) CC pro set course record of 63 on Pine Needles (N.C.) GC with 30 putts ... Yardage 6413, par 71 ... Beats a lot of tournament stars' figures ... Sumner J. Robinson, gen. sales mgr., Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., elected director of A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc. ... Al Fortier will open second 9 of Albany (Ore.) 18-hole fee course along banks of Willamette river this spring ... Roger V. E. Sherman, new mgr., Flossmoor CC (Chicago dist.)

Oakmont CC, Pittsburgh's famed course where PGA will be played this year, will bid for National Open in 1953, Oakmont's 50th anniversary ... Bill Stitt, Oakmont's executive sec., in his 25th year at the club ... Yearly tickets at four 18-hole courses of Bethpage State Park (NY Met dist.) good for all days, discontinued this year ... Twin Orchard GC, condemned for expansion of O'Hare airport northwest of Chicago, valued at \$1,250,000 by members ... City of Chicago offers \$165,000 for Twin Orchard ... Club recently bought Skycrest CC and signed Babe Didrikson Zaharias as its pro ... Babe was Skycrest pro in 1950.

Green Hills G&CC, Selma, Ind. to open this year ... Willie Hunter in Riviera CC magazine says: "We feel it is only fair that our members regularly buying golf balls from us will get priority in any shortage." ... George Von Elm now pro-gkpr. at Hacienda CC, La Habra, Calif. ... International G&CC, Calexico, Calif. now on grass greens.

Impressive evidence of extent and value of golf turf research shown in Turf Research Review compiled by USGA Green Section ... Book lists turf project workers, projects, financial support and publications of experiment stations ... Metropolitan Golf Assn. moves offices to Golf House, 40 E. 38th St., New York 16 ... Bob Watson and Joe Moore, Jr. now co-pros at Metropolitan CC (NY Met. Dist.) ... Both were Jack Burke's asst's. last year ... Jack concentrating on tournament circuit under colors of Houston's Shamrock hotel ... Moore, a Texan, is an LSU grad, and Bob, also a Texan, is a Texas U grad.

Skip Alexander still in Deaconess hospital, Evansville, Ind., at Christmas, for more operations ... Coming along good but understandably slow ... MDs say Skip's amazing guts and morale will complete his recovery ... Tommy Kerrigan starting his 37th season as pro at Siwanoy CC (NY Met dist.) and his 40th as a pro ... Siwanoy made Tom an Honorary Life Member at a big party last fall ... A great competitor when younger Tom became one of the top teachers and a master pro whose



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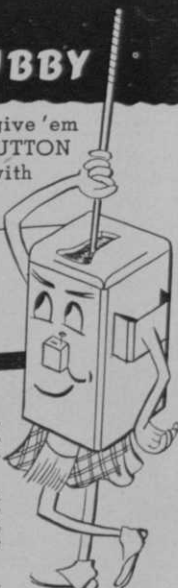
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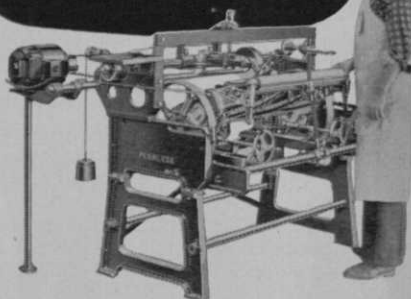
protoges include many of the fellows capably handling some of today's best club jobs.

Dr. Roy A. Bair, formerly in charge of golf turf at Everglades Experiment station has resigned to enter private practice as turf, pasture and field crop consultant with office at 133 W. First St., Belle Glade, Fla. . . . Emil Beck, Black River CC, Port Huron Mich., elected pres., Michigan PGA . . . Vps: Maurie Wells, Edmund O'Connor, Joe Belfore and Al Watrous . . . Sec-treas. Tommy Shannon . . . Directors: Warren Orlick, Frank Walsh, Horton Smith . . . Joe Devany was elected honorary pres. and Frank Sprogell, honorary vp . . . Warren Orlick named publicity chmn. to continue splendid publicity work of Michigan section.

Bert Coghill, 60, one of the energetic developers of first class fee course golf died recently at Rochester, Minn., after a brief illness . . . Bert with his brothers Marty and Jack built the Coghill 36-hole plant in the Chicago district and vied with many private clubs in character of course maintenance and house operations . . . After Bert's passing Marty, the surviving brother of the course operators, sold Coghill to Joe Jemsek, owner and operator of the highly successful St. Andrews fee course plant west of Chicago.

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rebuilt Excelsior Springs (Mo.) GC . . . Club's 18 new greens built by Smiley Bell of Kansas City, Mo., will open in spring . . . Ray is succeeded at Falls City (Neb.) CC by Wm. Mark from Woodhill CC, Minneapolis, Minn. . . Roundup of 1950 shows seniors' tournaments had record entries . . . Among surprising turn-outs was 186 for Kansas Seniors' event at Salina (Ks.) CC . . . Salina pro R. E. Barnes says astonishing class of many seniors suggests pros start thinking of promoting senior-junior events as unique affair in sports.

National Left-handed Golfers Assn. already setting stage for its 1951 national championship at Tippecanoe CC, Youngstown, O., July 30-Aug. 1 . . . Nobody came close to Ben Hogan and Babe Zaharias as Man and Woman Golfers of 1950 . . . Babe also won 1950 title as First Lady Golfer at the Sponsors' Checkbooks . . . British Golf Unions' Joint Advisory Council standard scratch score and handicapping system in effect Jan. 1, 1951.

George Knox, 65, died recently at Homewood, Ill., after a three months illness . . . George came from Edinburgh, Scotland, his birthplace, in 1907 to be pro at Hamilton Hunt Club, Brantford, Ont. . . He then went to Kalamazoo (Mich.) CC, LaGrange (Ill.) CC, and in 1915 became first pro at Northmoor CC, Ravinia, Ill. . . In 1920 he went to Calumet CC (Chicago dist.) as pro

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Roy Grinnell has taken over Kinderton CC, Clarksville, Va., and is remodeling the original 9 and adding 9 with Dick Wilson as architect ... For 30 years Roy has been pro at Sakonnet GC, Little Compton, R. I., in summer ... With Donald Ross in fall and spring for 17 years, then as pro-mgr. at Southern Pines CC, two years with the Cosgroves as pro at Mid Pines and lessor and operator of Pine Needles in the Pinehurst, N. C. area for past two seasons ... Beautiful estate with 137-year-old guest house charmingly modernized and magnificent forestry at Kinderton ... Roy says he's going to have as fine a test of golf as there is south of Pine Valley ... He is a charter member of the N. E. PGA and was a tough competitor when crossing clubs with the lads.

Woodridge GC, fee course southwest of Chicago enlarged to 36 holes ... Hammer-schmidt brothers doing notable operating job ... Jack Jolly says renewed accent on fine maintenance of southern courses reminds him of Florida's pioneering in grass greens around 1902-05 ... Palm Beach,

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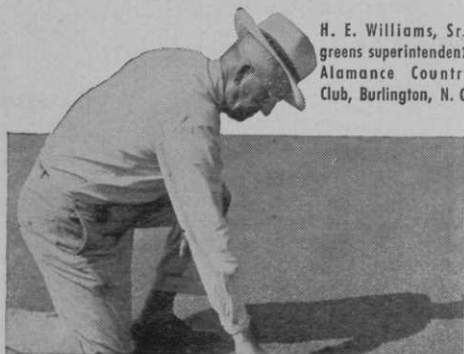
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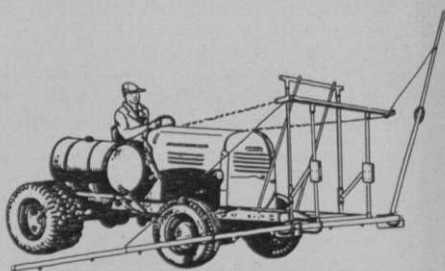


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Diegel Day put on by Southern Cal. PGA at Inglewood CC, with Snead, Hogan, Mangrum and Coleman as players, Jimmy Nichols in exhibition, and headline movie talent as side-show clicked for over \$6 Gs . . . Glen Oaks GC (NY Met dist.), where Leo was pro 26 years ago, put on a day for The Dutchman with members and pro Spencer Murphy coming through as Leo's pals and gentlemen sportsmen . . . So did Al Ciuci and members at Fresh Meadows . . . Leo was the spark plug of the PGA's national drive for golf facilities at vet hospitals and always was first man up when benefits were booked . . . Tucson Open to honor Diegel this year . . . Leo's battling cancer . . . The way Leo and that great wife of his, Vi, are keeping chins up is something to make us all stop bellyaching about our minor troubles.

Aileen Covington, bright and energetic lass who's doing so well with Golf Life, Southern Calif. magazine, reports some complaint of women golfers against Northern Calif. women's association ban on slacks and pedal pushers as attire for association events . . . Aileen says golfing girls wearing skirts in winter weather suffer from freezing fannies, or words to that effect . . . Fifth annual Gulf Coast Invita-



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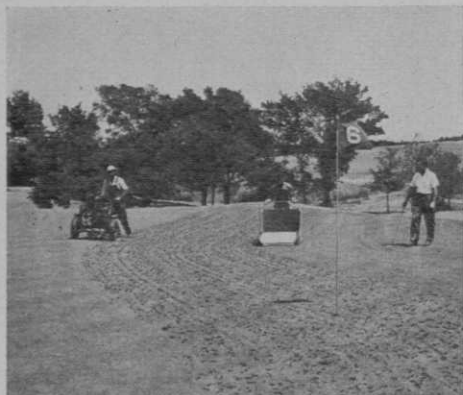
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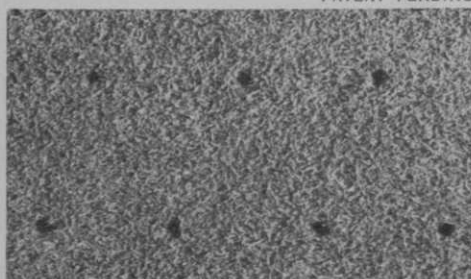
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St. Andrews Old and New courses in bad shape and officials are worrying about getting them in shape for overseas visitors to Festival of Britain this year . . . Enid Wilson suggests in *Golf Illustrated*, London, that women's tees be abolished in Britain to develop longer driving by British women players . . . Main thing wrong with interesting suggestion that various clubs in a bag be distinguished by standardization on different colored grips is the variation in lofts and weights of clubs . . . Variations in lofts of manufacturers lines aren't as extensive as those numerous star players effect in altering their clubs.

Fred Wampler, National Intercollegiate and Indiana 1950 champion, graduates from Purdue to become pro at Indianapolis Speedway course . . . Wampler at Lake Worth (Fla.) CC as Vic Bass' asst. this winter . . . Sam (Croesus) Snead again year's top money winner . . . Approximately \$39,000 in 1950 by PGA official recording . . . Snead's total golfing income for 1950 probably twice that amount . . . Counting the playing lesson and other friendly match take Sam must have averaged more than \$6 a stroke . . . That's good for pro golf . . . Glad to see it, Sam's a grand guy.

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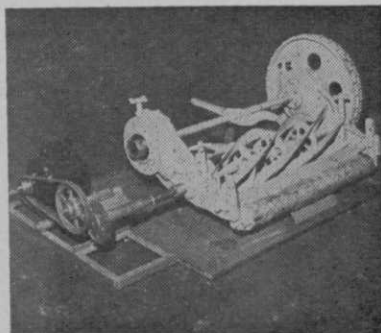
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nament circuit and work at club job . . . Western Golf Assn. re-elects Jerome P. (Jerry) Bowes, pres. . . WGA now has 86 former caddies in 24 universities as Evans Scholarship Fund students . . . WGA increased individual membership to 7,529 in 1950 . . . Chicago District GA re-elects Pres. Stanley A. Van Dyke and entire ticket. CDGA had 12,529 handicap cards issued in 1950 . . . Largest group was 4,058 in Class B (13-18) . . . Wm. Boyd elected pres., Northern California GA succeeding late George McRae.

Pete Lamb named pro at recently opened Yuma (Ariz.) CC 9 hole course . . . \$75,000 clubhouse under construction . . . Fresno (Calif.) Airways public course (5200 yds.) opened . . . Adolph Swoboda signed as pro by Gilman Hot Springs 9 hole course near Gilman, Calif. . . University of Idaho 9 hole short course, designed by Frank James, to be ready in spring . . . About 90 traps added to Oakland Hills CC by Robert Trent Jones in tightening the 1951 National Open course particularly for the long loose hitters . . . Traps won't punish average players . . . Oakland Hills Supt. Herb Shave, Jones and his assistant Bill Baldwin collaborated on traps' maintenance angle . . . Oakland Hills was designed in 1916 by Donald Ross.

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Washington, D. C. five public courses to go under District recreation board operation; shifted by Interior dept. from private operation by S. G. Leoffler . . . District plans to hire Director of Golf Aug. 1, 1951 to take over Jan. 1, 1952 . . . District estimates 1952 income from courses will be \$465,000, with about \$88,000 net . . . Bobby Locke to return to U. S. in March . . . Will play series of exhibitions with Chandler Harper.

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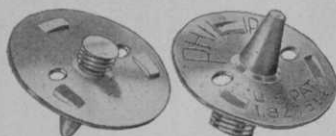
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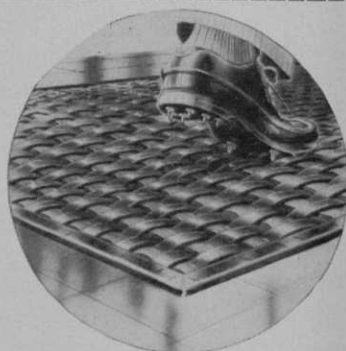
ence on and for superior young Americans . . . Don't suppose the report will be extensively read, though . . . We're now in another period of kids getting their heads shot off and the old guys sitting back on their lead pratts and belly-aching about what war's costing them.

Velvet Bermuda, Ormond Bermuda and Manila grass (*zoysia matrella*) cited in Bill Bischoff piece in Miami (Fla.) Daily News as golf's contributions to Florida lawn improvement . . . Willis Foland at Ponte Vedra (Fla.) CC as club pro . . . Pete Cooper still with Ponte Vedra as playing pro . . . Foland came from asst. spot with Harold Sargent, pro at East Lake CC, Atlanta, Ga. . . Ken Lind, formerly with Errie Ball, Oak Park (Ill.) CC, Sargent's new asst.

California CC, Los Angeles, started in 1915 as 9 holes, sand greens, sold for approximately \$1,000,000 . . . After war restrictions are lifted clubhouse will be converted to resort hotel . . . Course will be retained . . . West Point (Pa.) Lawn Products Co. compiled report of 1950 Florida GSA Turf Management conference that's profitable reading for southern course supts.

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be handled . . . Unless World War II vets are called back into uniform tourney fields will have about same field of headliners . . . Harold Sargent re-elected pres., Southeastern PGA . . . Johnny Cochran, Greenwood (Miss.) CC re-elected sec.-treas. . . Veteran pros in south warming up for PGA Seniors annual championship at Dunedin PGA National course, Jan. 8-13.

Central-American championship at Tegucigalpa, Honduras in November, bringing together teams of Central American countries, and International Cup matches at Laredo, Tex., between U. S. and Mexican amateurs, sure should accent wisdom of creating close, friendly relations in this hemisphere by golf . . . No chance for this in Asia now . . . Present USGA amateur regulations virtually prohibit this extension of mutually pleasant propaganda of international golf matches with Central and South American countries . . . Yank pros do good diplomatic touring jobs but as their expenses and fees are paid by their hosts the pro visits don't have the weight amateur team visits would have.

Jack Senn, Toledo (O.) Times sports editor, in recent column listed Frank Stranahan's remarkable record since the war . . . Six Opens . . . 13 amateur titles . . . Lot more performances as low amateur in Opens . . . One of the greatest records, amateur or pro, for a fellow who enters as



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9-hole, 1556 yd., par 27 pitch-and-putt course on 12 acres at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, now in play . . . Designed and built by Jack Fleming, supt. of city golf courses for San Francisco . . . Fleming also designed new muni course being completed for Stockton, Calif. . . . Lee Hulbert, supt., and green chmn. S.S. Cort, in improvement program on Presidio GC course at San Francisco.

Women's Western GA re-elects Mrs. Charles H. Price, pres. . . . Sets 1951 tournaments: WWGA Amateur, Plum Hollow

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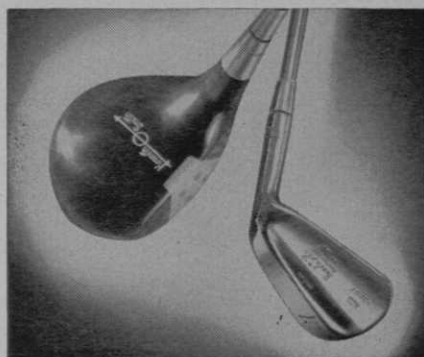
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GC, Detroit, week of July 30; WWGA Open, Whitemarsh Valley CC, Philadelphia, week of June 18; WWGA junior at a club in the Chicago district, week of Aug. 27.

New officers, N. Y. State Turf Assn.: Pres. A. R. Twombly, Pelham CC; vp George T. Swanson, IBM CC, Endicott; Directors Wilbur Stone, Elmira CC; Jos. Burbeck, Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale, and John Gormley, Wolfert's Roost CC, Albany . . . Indiana PGA elects Don Fischesser, Connorsville, pres.; Lou Bola, Highland CC, Indianapolis, vp; Gil Giriden, Woodstock, sec.-treas., and directors Bill Doris, Highland; Sam Drake, Richmond; Chick Faltus, St. Johns; Tom Wright, Muncie; Lou Quarelindello, Logansport; Bill Williamson; Bob Grant, Kokomo; Ed Lawson, Bloomington, and Bill Heinlein, Noblesville.

Western Golf Assn. will hold its 1951 Western Open at Davenport (Ia.) CC, either July 12-15 or July 19-22 . . . Western Amateur will be played at South Bend (Ind.) CC week of June 24 . . . Western Junior at University of Iowa course, Iowa City, Ia., July 31-Aug. 3.

Norman Head changes from Elizabethtown (Ky.) CC to become pro at Paducah, Ky., muni course . . . Norman Johnson switches as supt. from LaGrange (Ill.) CC to San Jose CC, Jacksonville, Fla. . . .

Maple Crest par 3 night-lighted course designed by Wm. Langford, with Mel Johnson as construction supt., being completed for John Henry at LaGrange, Ill.

U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce asking for bids for its 1952 national junior championship . . . 1951 Jaycee event will be played at Hope Valley CC, Durham, N. C., Aug. 13-18 . . . Harry Flora back for second year as pro at Bisbee (Ariz.) Golf and Social club . . . Flora's at Marquette (Mich.) G&CC in summer . . . Mrs. Caryl Sayre, Creek Club, elected pres., Women's Metropolitan (NY) GA.

Johnny Dawson elected pres. Southern California GA . . . Jack Ryan, formerly on staff of Harry Obitz at Fred Waring's Shawnee (Pa.) CC named pro at Ponce de Leon GC, St. Augustine, Fla. . . . Midwest Regional Turf Foundation sets tentative program for turf conference at Purdue university, LaFayette, Ind. . . . Program to begin noon March 5 and end at noon March 8.

Never have seen Christmas gift golf goods advertising as extensive and as well done as for Christmas, 1950 . . . Much of it compared very favorably with best department store advertising . . . Pro copy had the genuine personal element store copy rarely gets . . . Pro Christmas sales good . . . Lot of the pro Christmas publicity of good will and greeting character.

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