

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Despite the confusing and belligerent publicity on the PGA tournament circuit fines of 9 players who played in Mexico City and skipped the PGA co-sponsored Harlingen, Tex., Open reaction among sponsors of tournaments is that PGA accepted a responsibility encouraging to sponsors . . . There's been a serious increase of tournament sponsors' complaints that the road show can count on the appearance of the chorus boys but can't depend on enough stars to draw a good gate . . . Although there are more applications for PGA tournament dates than there are week-ends available the turn-over in tournament sponsors discloses that many sponsors get fed up with working for nothing to put on a tournament and risk a deficit . . . Harlingen sponsors suffered a multi-million dollar loss from citrus crop freeze but stood by their commitment to stage their annual fixture . . . They expected pros to show similar attitude in recognition of continuance of an event started when the boys were hungry.

The other side is "the going is tough enough, so get the cash where it's easiest." . . . When the competition is theory vs. the grocery man the grocery man usually comes out the winner . . . Howard Capps, PGA Tournament supervisor, according to the papers, handled himself with businesslike dignity and discretion in a delicate spot . . . He got \$1100 check of oil jillionaire Glenn McCarthy paying fines for Demaret, Snow, Dudas and Morris Williams, Jr. . . . The boys won't have to play any benefits for McCarthy in return for the courtesy . . . McCarthy has more dollars than there are grains of sand in a trap.

The tournament circuit offers another one of those problems like "which came first the hen or the egg?" . . . Did the tournament circuit make the reputations that made players wealthy or did the players make the tournament circuit? . . . Maybe you recall when Tommy Armour's wife and Al Espinosa's wife were writing letters ahead to golf enthusiasts to get road show bookings so the troupe could eat and wouldn't have to go out of hotels by the back door en route home and easy credit? . . . Those were the not-so-good



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old days . . . As golf interest grew and more was learned about putting on a show for local publicity Hal Sharkey, Francis Powers, Bob Harlow and Fred Corcoran worked up the circuit to big business . . . But still there are very few guarantees . . . Without guaranteeing income the PGA doesn't have anything like baseball's disciplinary power over players who jump to the Mexican league . . . The PGA has to govern by consent of the governed and when government bites one of the governed a yowl is not unnatural.

It looks like the PGA — and eventually the USGA — will have to find some way of fitting rapidly growing Mexican golf into the tournament picture . . . Mexico, Canada, the USA and all other nations of this hemisphere need all that golf can do in contributing to development of strong mutual friendship and understanding.

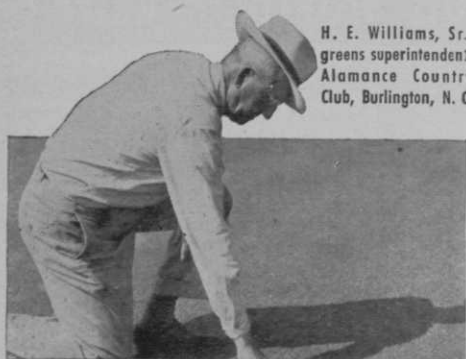
Portland, Ore., increasing munny course fees . . . Very few public courses aren't . . . Baseball players' annual tournament at Miami Springs (Fla.) CC, directed by George Jacobus, drew its largest field and galleries . . . More than \$3000 in amateur prizes topped by huge cups given by Taylor Spink, publisher of Sporting News . . . Tommy Armour flirting with deal to go on television network with teaching and golf comment program.

If Florida play is a forecast, this should be another big year for golf . . . Lot of play . . . Ball sales surprisingly good considering how many players stock-piled (or hoarded) balls last summer . . . Florida club sales under last winter but about at normal season's figure . . . That, too, is better than expected in view of last summer's club buying . . . Some handicaps in the Florida tournaments seem to be unduly generous.

At 31st annual meeting of Old Guards' Golf Society of Palm Beach some Old Guards who are prominent in golf club and association official circles urged that older pros play more golf . . . The old amateurs told of having heated debates in holding jobs for veteran pros who, younger club members complain, are too seldom seen playing the courses . . .

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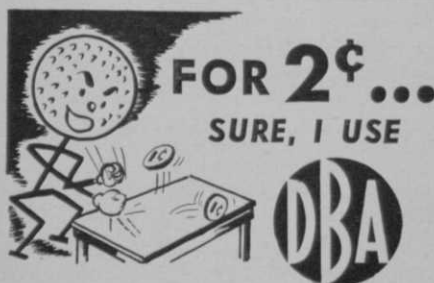
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Charley Lacey with assistants at Rancho, Los Angeles public course, has over 80 kids from 5 to 18 in his weekly classes.

Jackson Bradley now pro at Edgewater GC (Chicago dist.) succeeding Bob MacDonald who is negotiating for operating interest in fee course and golf range . . . Willie Goggin goes from Century CC (NY Met Dist.) to Montclair (N.J.) CC as pro . . . Course being planned for Susanville, Lassen Co., Calif.

One thing that's worked out very well on tournament circuit this winter is Howard Capps' idea of having tournament sponsors set pairings and starting times for first 36 holes then having leader at end for 36 holes paired with third and fifth place men, the second man paired with fourth and sixth place men, and all down the line on this basis . . . Pairing for the final round are made the same way . . . Troy (N.Y.) Recreation Dept. recommends enlarging muni course from 9 to 18 holes.

Fred Corcoran has kept July 9-24 open on women's tournament circuit hoping to fill them in with European competitions for the girls . . . The Weathervane trans-continental 144-hole tournament for which Alvin Handmacher puts up \$14,000 and net, if any, going to charity, will qualify the six girls with lowest scores who'll



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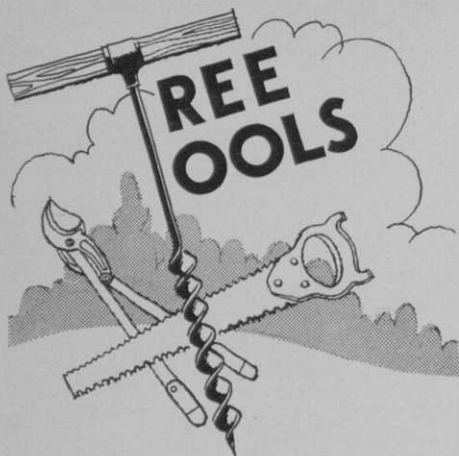
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One of the best jobs of winter resort golf promotion is being done by Gene Mosher, pro at Royal Park GC, Vero Beach, Fla., in junior program . . . Mosher and assistants conduct program at club for resorters' youngsters and at local high school . . . High school kids supply fine caddy service . . . Kids are allowed to use course in off hours and show excellent results of training, not only in their golf swings but in their observance of golf etiquette.

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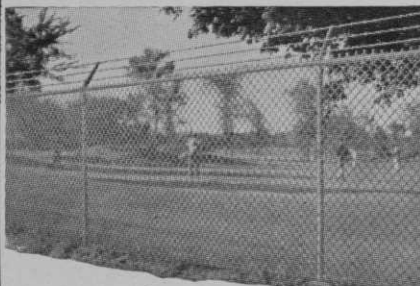
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rial hospital, Chicago, Feb. 3, following a brief illness . . . He was an enthusiastic golfer and a grand gentleman sportsman who did much to promote golf . . . He was a member of Bryn Mawr CC at Chicago and Hillcrest CC at Los Angeles.

Texas PGA has invited team of 10 Mexican pros to play against Texas pro team at Amarillo (Tex.) CC May 28-29, preceding Mexican Open . . . Edmundo Salas, Mexican PGA pres., advises George Aulbach, Amarillo pro, Mexican team will include Olin Dutra, Al Espinosa, Al Escalante, Maggy Solis, Amado Martinez, Juan Neri, Antonio Pedroza and Luciano Gomez.

Frank Refner, Hillsdale (Mich.) CC pro wonders where the burglars who rob pro shops peddle their haul . . . Frank's shop was robbed during Christmas season . . . Robber took only the new stuff . . . State troopers told Frank none of the stuff stolen from pro shops is recovered . . . Detroit District Golf Assn. now has Tournament Schedule Bureau to prevent conflict in sectional tournament dates . . . Bureau is development of work started by Robert E. Howell in 1937.

Tony Lyons moves from Conewango Valley CC, Warren, Pa., to Moonbrook CC, Jamestown, N.Y. succeeding Howard Holmes, deceased . . . Charles L. Jones, formerly asst. to George Picard at

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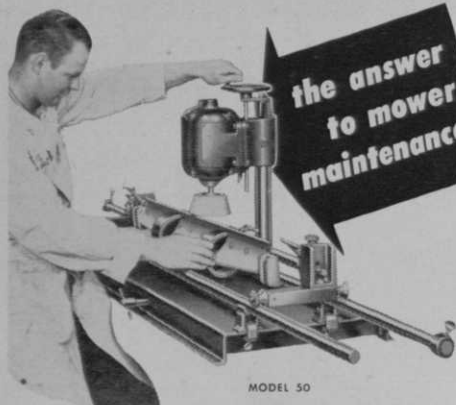
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Paul Erath, pres., Tri-State PGA, Lashe Meyers, Mgr., Coleman Golf Corp., Lou Fabian of Mt. Lebanon Driving Range, Angelo Jim Monzo, Irwin, Pa., range pro, and other Western Pa. pros doing a great job of conducting a golf school for people at Pittsburgh Blind Institute . . . Pros are teaching the blind students indoors and out . . . Pros and students went on television . . . Some blind fellows have quickly acquired very good swings.

Sacramento (Calif.) GC waives initiation fees and dues for student fliers at nearby air bases . . . Cadets pay for tournaments and social events . . . Belle Air GC, Kansas City, Mo., public course since 1928, has become private course . . . Leland Pyle, mgr.-pro. of Belle Air which is in extensive remodeling and expansion program . . . Nassau County (N.Y.) park

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golf course receipts for 1950 were \$41,000 ahead of 1949 . . . Inglewood, Calif. abandons plan to acquire as public course 120-acre plant of Inglewood CC.

Harry E. Krueger now mgr., California GC, San Francisco . . . Club recently celebrated its 25th anniversary . . . Robins Air Force base 9-hole course at Macon, Ga. to be completed in April . . . Hugh Moore, Sr. and Capt. Mark L. Johnson have installed a fine layout . . . Jack Sheridan now in his 15th year at Brentwood GC (NY Met. dist.) used to caddy for Vardon and says Sam Snead is the only other golfer he ever saw who, from time he addresses the ball until he follows thru, looks like the great Vardon . . . So the indefatigable golf reporter, John M. Brennan, records Sheridan.

Employees of Dan River Mills at Danville, Va., form golf club with 9-hole course to be constructed by Dick Wilson of Wilson and Troup, Inc., Miami, Fla. . . . Alameda (Calif.) citizens advisory committee recommends increase in many course fees that will amount to about \$10,000 a year, according to estimate of golf supt. Earl Fry . . . Larry Steffens and wife signed as pro-mgr. team by Sullivan (Ill.) CC.

Two distinguished veterans of American golf, John Duncan Dunn and John Junor, died recently on the Pacific Coast, thin-



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ning the grand old legion of Scots who nursed the game in this country . . . Dunn installed and operated the first American indoor golf school in New York City and of recent years was teaching at the Los Angeles A. C. . . . Junor (69) died at his home in Vancouver, Wash. . . . For many years he was pro-mgr. of Portland (Ore.) GC and also served at the Tullatin CC . . . The Junor and Dunn families have made for themselves honored names in golf.

Too bad Jack Burke, Jr. and Clayton Heafner picked up at Long Beach and eliminated themselves from Vardon Trophy race . . . The Vardon Trophy deal needs more of a build-up publically at lowest scoring honor of the year . . . Maybe publicity of standings on tournament scoreboards might help . . . But nothing means nothing except who's ahead in purse winnings . . . Well, that's what counts when you're playing for money . . . Something else counts too, and that's the very fine honorable job the pros have done in keeping the reputation of the game immaculate . . . Spots in collegiate basketball were stinking for years before the blow-off came . . . The fight game is such a haven for disreputable characters it almost makes you vomit . . . Baseball is having its commissioner troubles when Happy Chandler

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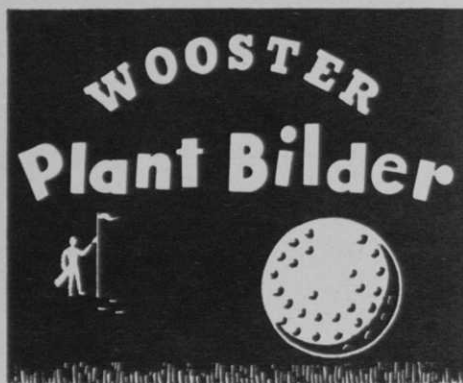
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But listen; there is just too damned much money in some of these Calcuttas to be healthy for amateurs . . . and pros . . . The USGA is absolutely right in trying to crack down on them . . . We don't want those Calcutta winnings to be so high golf will have to do the ridiculous thing done in sports by collecting a reward to be paid to a young colored basketball players for staying honest . . . I should think the kid, who seems to be a stand-up honorable lad, would say, "I appreciate your kindness, but no thanks. I expect to make a living the right way by staying honest." . . . Incidentally, we haven't seen any dope on the scholastic standings of the fouled-out collegiate basketball players . . . Could be that the schools haven't got any too pure position.

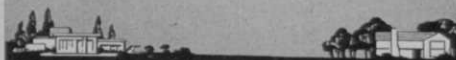
Alice and Marlene Bauer, according to Daddy Dave, made \$30,000 in their first year as pros . . . Leonard Dreyfuss, Essex Falls CC, tells John M. Brennan, New Jersey caddies gross more than

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\$3,000,000 annually in fees . . . Essex Falls caddy fees cost members \$38,000 a year . . . Toney Penna and Walter Burkemo opened de-luxe new range at West Palm Beach, Fla. . . . New England PGA and Massachusetts GA to have annual tee-off dinner at Statler hotel, Boston, April 12 after NE PGA annual meeting . . . Everett Stuart switched from Meadow Brook CC to be pro at Sankaty Head club, Nantucket, Mass. . . . Jack Gracy now mgr., Hempstead (N.Y.) GC . . . Don Fry, son of Fred X., now promoter, West Side GC, Dos Palos, Calif.

Wonder how wage freeze will affect salaries in golf? . . . Freeze probably would result in switch of a lot of jobs, especially among greenkeepers who, in majority of cases, haven't been getting much or cost of living increases . . . Talk of building course near Beaverton, Ore. . . . Lackawanna County (Pa.) Common Pleas court ruled Apawanna GC was responsible for loss of eye of caddy working on course, although caddy not actually employed on the course . . . Jacksonville (Fla.) Junior C of C estimates it will cost them \$16,500 to run \$10,000 prize money Jacksonville Open . . . Joe Livingston, Jacksonville Journal sports editor, says event gets more national publicity for city than any other sports event.

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recreation commission of San Francisco being pressured by petitions from local citizens and outlying golf clubs to name new municipal nine hole golf course in Golden Gate Park in memory of the late George MacRae . . . requests ask that new course be named either "MacRae Memorial Course" or "MacRae Meadows" in honor of the man who was for many years the USGA Public Links representative and did a great job for the promotion of many golf in the bay area . . . Cecil Hollingsworth and Gomer Sims have new clubhouse and golf shop to begin second year of business at their Alondra Park (Calif.) CC development.

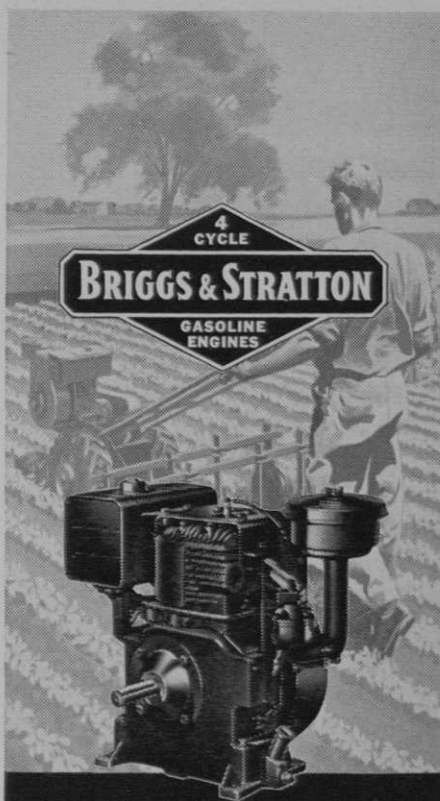
Salt Lake City's Nibley Park course opened for public play Feb. 10 . . . earliest opening in history . . . Alex McCafferty is pro . . . Many improvements being made at all SLC courses . . . All tees being improved and enlarged . . . McCafferty has new pro shop . . . work under way on new starting house at Forest Dale . . . clubhouse to be remodelled later as well as clubhouse at Bonneville, according to Warren White, parks boss.

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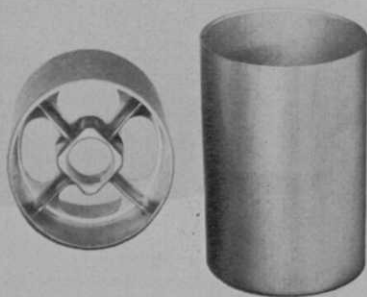
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N. Y.-Conn. Turf Assn. holds afternoon meeting Feb. 14 to beat old man winter from cutting attendance . . . popular move with members . . . W. A. Roberts elected pres., Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., succeeding the late Walter Geist . . . It's a girl for the Paul Bells, Arsenal GC, Rock Island, Ill., wintering in Naples, Fla. . . Roberto de Vicenzo, Argentine top professional, flying to Mexico and U. S. . . first appearance here will be Miami Beach Open in which he was a money winner last year . . . Frank Metzger going to Red Run GC, Detroit dist., to be asst. to Frank Walsh . . . Metzger now at Miami Shores where he has been for four years following 38 months in the service. Walsh hiring Marshall Benjamin, local athletic director and supervisor of sports activities at three schools, to coach and supervise Red Run caddie department . . . first activity scheduled before season opens is a bird house building contest . . . Prizes to be offered and all birdhouses bought from the boys.

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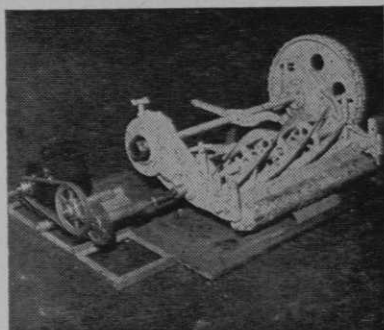
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Geoffrey Cornish, Univ. of Mass. Instructor of Agrostology, co-author with Miss Carol Gawthrop of the Univ. of illustrated guide for home owners on building and maintaining good lawns . . . Published by the Authentic Pub. Co., 145 West 57th St., N. Y. Directions are presented in the form of sketches and captions . . . available on newsstands about April 1.

John Duncan Dunn, veteran pro, author and teacher, died at his home in Los Angeles Jan. 19, aged 77 . . . he was one of the first British professionals who came to this country in the early nineties and was active in the development of golf instruction. Dunn designed a number of golf courses in the United States and foreign

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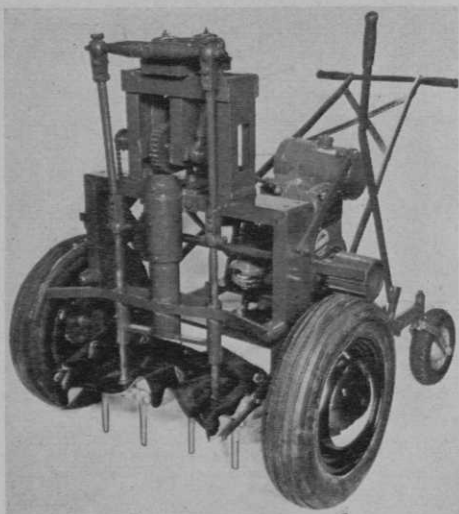
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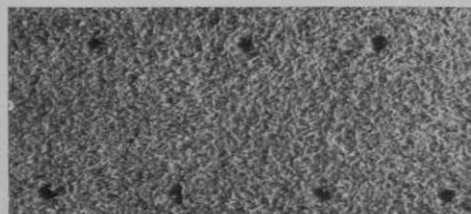
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countries and published several books of instruction and a large number of articles in golf magazines. His father, Tom Dunn, was a noted designer of courses in Europe for many years . . . Grandfather, Willie, and great uncle, Jamie, were the celebrated twins from Musselburgh, Scotland, who competed with Allan Robertson and Tom Morris in 1849, in a 20-round match . . . maternal grandfather was John Gourlay, noted maker of feather balls. Tom Dunn's brother, Willie, uncle of John Duncan Dunn, was the first open champion in the United States, in 1894.

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