

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Harold Sargent made lasting fine impression on lads at Junior Chamber of Commerce national junior golf championship dinner at Durham, N. C. . . . Sargent's talk and that of George Lake at Jaycee championship dinner last year gave national PGA strategic coverage in an event the association has been taking quite lightly in view of 20,000 entry list of kids and sponsorship of Jaycees who have put more sweat and money in building the tournament circuit than any other amateur factor.



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Seven sons of pros qualified for the national match play at Durham . . . Marshall Crichton, pro at Hope Valley CC, where championship was played, said the kids spent more money in the shop than had been spent by players in any other tournament in that territory . . . Almost the entire field attended with keen interest the excellent demonstration of playing techniques put on by Bill Kaiser of Hillerich and Bradshy and kept Bill late answering questions . . . With kid stars from all over the country the Jaycee championship is one of the best sales promotion opportunities in golf . . . Pros who watched this year's tournament said manufacturers who didn't have staff stars around promoting with the youngsters missed a bet with a rich pay-off.

Cadillac (Mich.) CC 18-hole 5,816 yd. course opened . . . Designed by Paul Blick, Cadillac businessman and former pro . . . Ted Lemanski is pro . . . Expects big tourist play . . . Byron Nelson thru with exhibitions for the year . . . Erie, Pa., park dept. holds its free golf school at privately owned ranges.

Fred Corcoran says reason women's pro golf has come along so fast in prize money and purses is that the girls are more co-operative in getting newspaper, radio and TV publicity . . . Pasadena public golf junior program in record year. . . More than 200 kids going twice a week for free lessons from George Heaney, "Curley" Freeman, "Red" Leonard, Guy Bellitt, and Bill Reynolds.

Dick Hronek, sports writer, Pocatello, Idaho Journal says city needs 18-hole munny course . . . John Tuttle, pro at Pocatello's 9-hole course, by smart adult and junior

promotion now has more golfers than present course can handle . . . Ben Stevenson, prominent veteran amateur of Chicago, has bought Southmoor fee course south of the city for reported \$190,000 . . . Stevenson plans extensive improvements.

Bill Entwistle, veteran pro of Tuscarora CC, Syracuse, N. Y., back on job after operation . . . Players at Swope Park,

Kansas City, Mo., munny course petition for clubhouse on Swope's No. 2 course . . . New clubhouse at San Luis Obispo, Calif., being decorated with 9½ by 8½ golf photographs supplied by members . . . Wilbur Clark of Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nev., says he'll build first class 18-hole course adjoining the Inn as soon as federal regulations permit.

Excellence of junior golf this year is indicated by course record of 2-under 72 par at new University of Illinois course being set by 16-year-old Winton Howe, Jr., San Francisco high school student, during USGA national junior championship warm-up match . . . Redmond, Ore., Chamber of Commerce planning for munny course . . . Sarazen says Hogan is a better all-around golfer than Jones was in Bob's prime . . . Gene also says Jones was better than Hogan on the long putts . . . Jones had more of them to make.

Vincent X. Flaherty, LA Examiner sports columnist; Maurie Luxford, energetic golf booster of Los Angeles; and Arthur Loew, movie magnate, golf enthusiast and grandson of Adolph Zukor, for whom the late Leo Diegel was private pro, are planning an annual nation-wide cancer fund campaign at golf clubs as a memorial to Leo . . . Proceeds of first affair to go to Vi, Leo's widow, as heavy expenses of Leo's long and uncomplicated fight with cancer, left the doughty and sweet Vi plenty short . . . Flaherty wants to get Walter Winchell, now a golf nut, into the act with the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund . . . Got to say for Winchell, who is three record drives behind the ears, that he does a magnificent job in raising money to fight cancer.

Canon City, Colo., Chamber of Commerce trying to get a public 9-hole course built . . . Larry Robinson says N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun records for its 17 hole-in-one contests previous to this year's af-

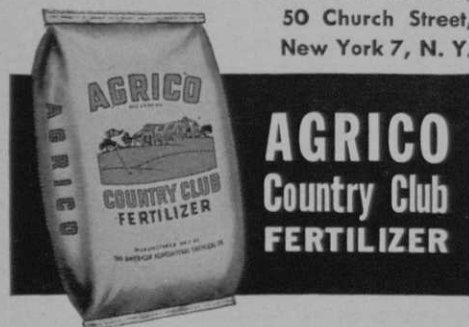
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fair show odds against an ace are 10,759 to one . . . Bauer sisters have been making money for promoters of their exhibitions this summer.

Chico, Calif., golfers and businessmen contributing labor, materials and supplies in building \$48,000 clubhouse at Bidwell Park course . . . Fine job being done by volunteers under supervision of pro Dick Knight and Meredith Lambert, a contractor who is making the clubhouse construction a full-time job . . . Screwiest accident of the season only hurt the score of Plainfield, N.J. pro Sammy Kinder . . . Kinder asked his caddie for a club for an approach shot . . . The caddie threw the club at Kinder . . . Club hit the ball and knocked it into the rough with damage of stroke penalty and bad lie in rough.

Arline Brooks, 16-year-old daughter of Harry Brooks, Pasadena, Calif., pro who died in 1949, won USGA Junior Girls' championship 1 up from Barbara McIntire of Toledo, O., protege of Harry Moffitt, PGA treas. . . Rolla, N. D. 9-hole munny course at airport, opened . . . Ray McCoy new mgr., Diablo (Calif.) CC . . . Ernie Hulick, new mgr., San Diego (Calif.) CC.

Decatur (Ill.) Invitation 36-hole open in which Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson finished tied one shot behind the winner, amateur Jim Frisina, was a decided finan-



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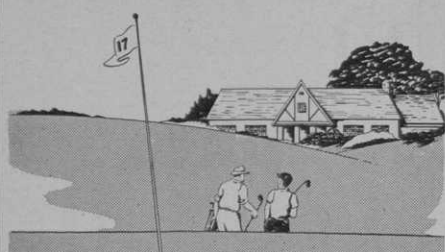


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cial as well as artistic success according to South Side CC pro Charles Grant . . . Success of the week-end tournament with substantial fees to Hogan and Nelson and enough purse to attract other pros, is another complication for the tournament circuit . . . Circuit promoters continue to moan about inability to get adequate representation of stars . . . Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Junior Chamber of Commerce officials during Tam O' Shanter complained they lost \$5000 on 1950 Ft. Wayne Open but put the show on again this year when assured they'd get some top stars . . . Somebody forgot to tell several of the top stars they'd been promised to Ft. Wayne.

Royal Oaks CC, Vancouver, Wash. second 9 seeded and to be opened summer 1952 . . . Sacramento, Calif., citizens petition council to continue William Land 9-hole course which was to be closed when 18-hole Bing Maloney course is opened this fall . . . Hayward, Calif., completing 9-hole course.

J. L. Wilson, 74, owner and operator of Gracewil Lawns course at Grand Rapids, Mich., died July 23 after lingering illness . . . In 1928 Mr. Wilson and his wife converted their farm into a successful fee course . . . He is survived by his widow and three sons.

Bad weather last winter blamed for reducing fiscal year income of Alameda



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(Calif.) many course \$2000 from previous year's record of \$76,932 . . . In 1950-51 fiscal year 100,719 rounds were played . . . Alameda play for July this year established new monthly record of 12,933; highest in 24 years of the course . . . Harold Stone, Sonoma (Calif.) G&CC pro, signed for new 5-year contract . . . Stone's shop enlarged and modernized.

Gene Gribbroek, golf writer, Rochester (NY) Times Union, gives a good tip to pros, golf writers and officials in series on better manners quoting local pros . . . Joe Garin, Lake Shore, says learn stroking fundamentals and have reasons for golf manners explained on the practice tee . . . George Collins, Genesee Valley Park courses says worst offenders in manners on public courses are the better players who act like they own the courses.

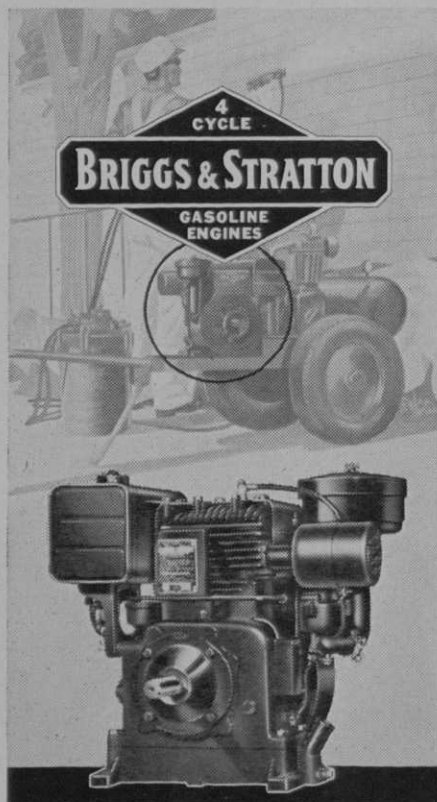
Robert Trent Jones, commenting in *USGA Journal* on 1951 Open points out that only on Oakland Hills' two par 5 holes did the first 28 players average better than par . . . Jones also said "I will not concede that the current golfers are more powerful than the greats of former years. Sarazen at 51 is hitting the ball 25 to 35 yards farther than he did during the Open championship of 1924" . . . Yet, in the same piece, Jones says "In 1924 driving contests were being won with distances in the neighborhood of 250 to 260 yards, while the dis-

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tances required to win driving contests in 1951 are about 280 to 290 yards."

Fred V. Grau has completed his 20th year with USGA Green Section . . . It was great luck for course supts., golfers and the USGA when Fred came from Nebraska to begin a career as a golf turf specialist . . . Nation-wide weather picture has ranged from good to awful . . . Some sections too much rain . . . Others drought . . . Disease and pest attacks spotty . . . Course labor supply short in most industrial areas . . . Factory wage competition now has had many maintenance forces composed mostly of old men who love outside work.

Any golfer who tries to maintain a fairly good practice putting green at his home may not get much of a green but he gets a hell of a high appreciation that the green-keeper has to be a smart man . . . Tommy Jacobs, USGA National Junior champion, is son of Keith Jacobs, supt., Parks and Recreation, Montebello, Calif., and in charge of the city's course . . . Dave Stanley of the Montebello course won the 1951 USGA National Public Links championship . . . Now Montebello, where Zell Eaton is pro, is first club that can display two USGA championship trophies since East Lake at Atlanta showed the Jones trophies in 1930.

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Cliff Anderson and Phil Harris have leased Cottage Grove (Ore.) GC from Mrs. Ella Zimmerly . . . Lessors plan extensive improvements . . . Al Escalante goes from pro job at Brownsville (Tex.) CC to succeed Al Espinosa at Mexico City CC . . . Espinosa, after years in Mexico City, came back to US to get back in American pro golf after a rest . . . Kyle Alford new pro at Brownsville club . . . Mike DeMassey resigns, at Fairyland Club, Lookout Mt. Tenn. . . . Charles Thompson now Fairyland pro.

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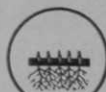
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A "Celebrities" gathering and tournament stars' golf demonstration preceded opening of National Caddy Assn. championship at Columbus, O. . . . PGA and 27 newspapers are co-sponsors with Major Jim Rhodes of Columbus . . . Ed Sullivan putting winning kid on his TV program . . . Tom Nieporte, Cincinnati ex-caddy who won first National Caddy Assn. championship and University of Ohio scholarship in 1948 was 1951 National Intercollegiate champion.

Informal team match between USGA and Royal Canadian GC amateurs will be played at Saucon Valley CC, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 7, preceding USGA Amateur championship . . . USGA 1951 Walker Cup team players will represent USGA, providing they qualify for National Amateur.

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James E. Erdman now mgr., Houston (Tex.) CC . . . August issue of Hobbies magazine has illustrated article on Jack Level's collection of rare golf clubs, old balls, books and steins . . . New South Wales Golf Assn. trying to introduce golf in all NSW high schools . . . Clubs are to be asked to let high school students use their courses one or two afternoons a week.

Joseph Bennis Hawkins arrives in the family of Fred Hawkins, one of the promising candidates of top tournament honors . . . Joe's grandpappy is a pro, too . . . George Howard, pro at Broadmoor GC, Seattle, Wash., and in winter at Palm Springs, has a swell TV program going . . . George combines instruction with golf apparel exhibition.

George S. May's announcement of \$100,000 prize money for Tam O' Shanter 1952 All-American and World championships probably means increases in prize



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Old-timers are saying Hogan's accident compelled Ben to cut down on his schedule and pick his few spots as Jones did . . . Thus Ben brought himself into condition to stand the pressure of big competitions better than any other golfer since Bob . . . Hogan found the exhibition grind and travel too wearing and went back home to Ft. Worth after Tam O' Shanter World championship . . . Ben has turned down name-your-own-price offer for a couple of exhibitions in Mexico . . . He's going to take it easy for a spell . . . Doctors are still mar-

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Higher dues for private clubs inevitable next year . . . Many clubs have put off necessary increases but haven't been able to stick their heads in the sand without inflation kicking them . . . Operating costs in every department have increased so much in past two years the former scale of dues and charges is dangerous . . . At Illinois PGA president-pro dinner George S. May told he'd had two accountants working two weeks analyzing Tam O'Shanter costs and income . . . CDGA Pres. Stanley Van Dyk said district association's survey of member clubs' costs confirmed May's statement about dues increase and revisions of charges being urgently needed . . . Edgewater GC reported minimum monthly house account requirement in its first sea-



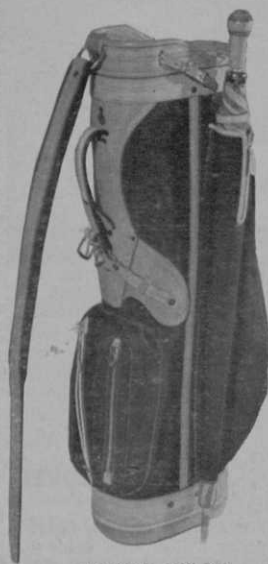
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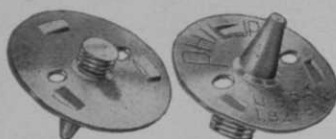
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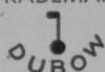
Edmundo Salas, pres., PGA of Mexico and publisher of *Golfista Mexicano* recently promoted the first Mexico junior championship . . . Pictures of the lads in the energetic Salas' magazine show some of them have excellent swings . . . Alterations of course layout planned by Hickory Hills CC, Springfield, Mo. . . Numerous clubs in alteration and construction work this fall to provide adequate practice and teaching facilities.

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headlined program of annual conventions of American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America, at State College, Pa., Aug. 27-31 . . . Glenn Burton, R. E. Engel, C. K. Hallowell, Gene Nutter, John Cornman, Stan Fertig, Jesse DeFrance, Robt. M. Hagen, John Stockton, J. R. Watson, Wm. Garman and H. B. Musser were among featured speakers.

Pros in British Open dressed gay enough to be sartorial competition for Gay Jimmy . . . Jimmy's retired those carnival-of-color trick hats . . . Imitations of them, looking like part of the uniform of a Congo medicine man, shocked Demaret's ethical sense . . . Golf Monthly, Edinburgh, says British Open extension to four days play is inevitable . . . Locke, defending his title, had only 20 minutes between finish of his third round and start of his fourth . . . Extra day's gate money as well as smoother playing condition the magazine cites as reasons for a change . . . A British club has adopted special rates during school vacations for junior golfers . . . British pros make club, ball and other playing equipment display in lobby of theater showing "Follow the Sun." Madame Sudreau, high ranking French golfer, is daughter of Georges Carpentier, former heavyweight championship contender . . . Henri de Lamaze, French Native amateur champion, 1947, '48, '49, '50 to play in 1952 Augusta Masters and other spring U. S. tournaments.

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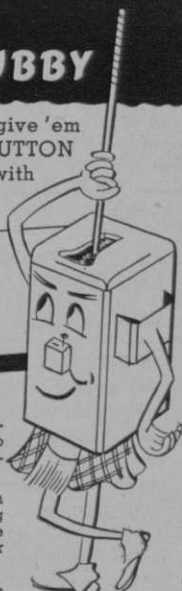
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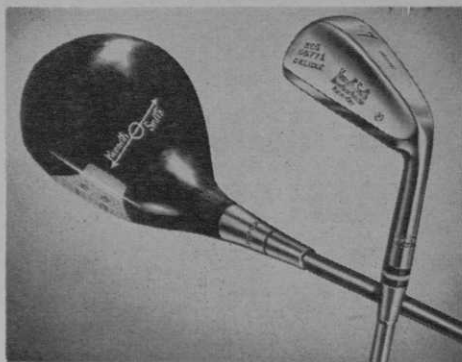
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Very funny piece on Navy-Marine GC operations in The Harbor Times, Hawaiian naval station paper . . . Suzanne Nagell, 17-year-old daughter of Elwell, MacGregor salesman in Western NY, wins Women's Buffalo District GA championship . . . Suzanne was 83-77—160 . . . Mighty good for a kid in her first year of tournament play . . . Her pappy is plenty proud . . . Wayne Miller from Milwaukee CC to Northmoor CC (Chicago dist.) as mgr.

Bill Diddel, golf architect, won Indiana Amateur championship 5 times . . . That's more than anyone else . . . Bill won in 1905, 06, 07, 10 and 12 . . . Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lingo doing a grand job with the 9-hole scenic course they built at Anchorage, Alaska . . . Longest hole is 200 yds. . . Only other course in Alaska is at Fairbanks and it doesn't get much play . . . The Lingo's club has 150 active members . . . The Lingos didn't play golf themselves until after they'd had the course built in the defense town.

Ray Pettegrew, pro-mgr., new 18 at Excelsior Springs, Mo., says the fine new layout is booming visitor business at the resort town . . . That "Lefty" Stackhouse, pro at Casa Blanca CC, Laredo, Tex., overlooks no promotion bets . . . He sends out Nelson's Winning Golf folders to his members and prospective visitors . . . The Nel-



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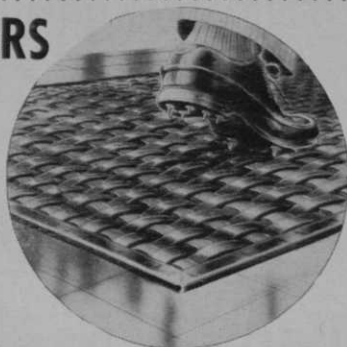
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son folder, syndicated by Brown and Bigelow, have had extensive distribution this year.

Dothan (Ala.) CC drew 135 junior golfers from 4 states to its first annual Future Masters' tournament . . . The Dothan Ladies' GA housed 119 boys and fed the field free Aug. 7 and 8 . . . Nickey Gustin, 16, Birmingham, Ala., won with even par 144 . . . Dot Kirby's win in Women's National highly popular . . . USGA and Women's Western amateur championships will have to wait for the junior girl stars to grow a little older before the fields were as star-spangled as they were before so many of the girls turned pro.

National Kids' Day observance at golf clubs Sept. 22 will be much bigger than it was last year, the initial event for a fund to care for under-privileged children . . . Maurie Luxford and Johnnie Dawson heading the golf end of this affair which is sponsored by Kiwanis clubs nation-wide . . . Details from National Kids' Day Foundation, 1765 N. Gower, Hollywood 28 . . . Preakness Hills (N.J.) CC in new \$100,000 locker-room.

Floods, then hot, humid weather, and water shortage gave course supts. in Kansas City "Heart of America" area hell in

big doses this summer . . . Heavy turf losses on fairways and tees . . . Greens saved at some courses by supts. hauling water in tank wagons or using portable pumping equipment to get water from lakes and streams.

Joe Lawkins, formerly pro at North Hempstead, Pomonok and for the past 8 years at Forest Park (NY City muni course), now at Island Hills GC, Sayville, LI, N.Y. . . . Attractive and unique round scorebook worked out by George Mallory, art director for J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, and Jerry Glynn, pro, for Glen Flora CC, Waukegan, Ill. . . . Talk about building 9-hole course at Cato, N. Y. . . . Rich Bassett and Scotty Chisholm giving talks in Southern California with colored slides Rich photographed at 1951 National Open.

Already taking entry applications for Seniors' National Open to be played at PGA National GC, Dunedin, Fla., Jan. 15 thru 19 . . . Entry limited to 250 pros and 250 amateurs . . . San Fernando Valley CC (LA dist.) has new pro shop for Jerry Barber . . . August Hobbies magazine has story on golf relics collection of Jack Level . . . Lanier Reed, hospitalized at VA hospi-

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tal, North Little Rock, Ark., instructing patients and staff at hospital's 9-hole, par 36 course . . . Mike Serino of Ft. Jackson GC, Dave Todd of Columbia CC and Melvin Hemphill of Forest Lake CC stage series of free clinics for kids at Columbia, S.C., courses and ranges.

Caddy fight at a Chicago district club opened way for first application of new Illinois law against aggravated assault . . . 16 caddies arrested for beating 7 . . . One caddy, 46-year-old war veteran hospitalized with serious injury . . . 300 visiting golfers, representing 50 towns, at Minnehaha CC, Sioux Falls, S.D., 16th annual tournament . . . More than 200 prizes given by Sioux Falls merchants . . . Tournament is a great Sioux Falls civic promotion conducted by pro Ed Livingston, Gkpr. Don Rodvold and Mgr. Max Richmond.

Robt. L. Mitchell given surprise lunch and gifts by Edison GC, Schenectady, N.Y., members on his 20th anniversary with club . . . Bob served 19 years as course supt., then was appointed mgr. . . More than half of the 250 doz. beautifully printed tee towels on hand at Fred Waring's Shawnee CC when the season opened have been taken away as souvenirs . . . Fred W. Sherwood, back from England for several months' visit . . . The veteran pro has been visiting his son in Detroit . . . He met old pals at the Open and at district supts' meeting . . . Sherry, now 75, bounced back quickly from ulcer damage suffered July 4 .

Wm. H. (Bill) Bengeyfield, Westchester County asst. agricultural agent, who's done

valuable work for course supts. and with N.Y.-Conn. Turf Improvement Assn., recalled to air force as a navigator . . . Girl Scouts at Springfield, Mo., getting class instruction from Ray Dodson at his range . . . USGA Amateur championship entry list of 1,426 is record high . . . Biggest previous was 1,220 in 1948 . . . Open entry list also set new record this year with 1,517 . . . Joe Dey, USGA executive sec., recovered from appendix removal in time to do his usual capable job of officiating at USGA Women's championship. It's great news to see Skip Alexander's name in tournament fields again . . . His return to competition at Sioux City Open hit 69-72-68-78—287 . . . He tied for 27th.

Tentative Program Set for N. Calif. Turf Meet

Tentative program for the Northern Calif. Turf Conference, Nov. 6 and 7 to be held in the Oakland Auditorium was drafted in a joint meeting recently of members of the Turf Advisory committee and representatives of the College of Agriculture, Univ. of Calif.

Major conference topics and panel discussions scheduled include: Soil Management—Preparation for Planting, Turf Grasses, Turf Agronomy, Soil Management—Post Planting, Weed Control, Diseases of Turf, Insects and Pests, Trees in Relation to Turf Culture and What the University and Cooperating Municipalities Are Doing in Turf Culture.

A joint meeting of the Northern and Southern California Turf Committees is scheduled for Sept. 29.