

of the business at night. At 10 most mornings his range is fairly well crowded.

He has free golf clinics for women every Thursday at 2 p.m. and the parking of baby carriages while young mothers are learning golf gives a preview of business for courses that have facilities for caring for children while young parents are playing rounds.

McDonald also has free junior clinics and that's paying off in day-time pay business of youngsters. It's a good thing for community recreation, too, as parents of the kids are pleased to know their sons and daughters are around a range where conduct, supervision and safety are always in the operator's mind.

Funny thing about this kid play (and a good thing for golf promotion) is the way kids will act like grown-ups on courses and give free advice to some other kid who is hitting balls.

McDonald's range is lighted every 50 ft. with each of ten poles carrying 3 1,500 watt Westinghouse glass-covered floodlights. The parking space has a lighting installation of 7000 watts.

He uses special equipment for insect abatement and plenty of yellow light bulbs around the place to further discourage bug attendance.

A fairly high percentage of players bring their own clubs to the range. For them Dan plans a coin-operated club cleaning machine. He figures this gets the users more conscious of club care and more quickly aware of their need of new, late model clubs. The display of new clubs in the shop does the rest. Trade-in allowances spur business and the market among beginners always is good for the trade-ins.

### **Los Angeles County Has Plan to Save Courses**

Maurie Luxford of the Los Angeles County Golf Advisory Board advises that the Board is progressing in achievement of its objectives, which are (1) to save courses in distress mainly because of tax situation, (2) to save golf clubs facing sale for subdividing, and (3) to purchase vacant tracts for future golf development.

Los Angeles County owns a large piece of land at Passaic, on which there is an honor prison farm. The county receives approximately \$900,000 annually in oil royalties from wells at the site. This money has been ear-marked for the golf purposes previously stated.

The Board's plan also involves interesting insurance companies and individuals to buy clubs that want to sell and operate the courses on a guaranteed income to county basis. Courses acquired under this plan are to carry 4½ per cent interest and amortize themselves.

On that basis A. T. Jergins, oil magnate and golf enthusiast, agreed to buy Inglewood CC for approximately \$900,000. The Golf Advisory Board is working on a deal to save Western Ave. GC from subdivision.

First of four courses to be built in Sepulveda basin of San Fernando valley has been graded and watering system is being installed. Course should be ready for play in summer, 1954. Second and other courses of the project will be constructed as profits from L. A. municipal courses become available.

### **PGA Names 15 as Ryder Team Candidates**

Points gathered in tournament victories have determined 15 candidates for PGA of America Ryder Cup team which plays the British PGA team at Wentworth, Eng., Oct. 2-3.

Sam Snead, Jack Burke, Jr., Lloyd Mangrum, Ted Kroll, Cary Middlecoff, Ben Hogan, Dutch Harrison, Ed Oliver, Jim Turnesa, Dave Douglas, Fred Haas, Jr., Jerry Barber, Johnny Palmer, Lew Worsham and Marty Furgol are the 15 names. From them nine will be chosen for the team. As the PGA champion automatically becomes a team member, Walter Burkemo is in without having played any of the circuit events to qualify on the point system.

Fred Corcoran will manage the team abroad. Joe Novak is going across as PGA executive representative.

The team will play a warm-up match at Reading, Pa., Sept. 18-20 against a team of U. S. pros not eligible for the Ryder Cup team.

A team event against continental European pros is slated for Paris after the Ryder Cup matches.

Captain of the Ryder Cup team is to be selected by the players.

Ben Hogan has not definitely decided whether he'll go to Britain and compete. After his victory in the U. S. Open he said he wouldn't make the trip as two trips to Britain this year would be too much of a schedule for him.