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Picturesque view of West Seattle Golf Course where 1953 USGA Public Links Championship will be played, July 11-18. Snow-capped Mt. Ranier can be seen in the distance.

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## SWINGING AROUND GOLF

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Pennsylvania will be in 1954 at Allegheny CC (Pittsburgh dist.).

John Vasco successor to Pat Browne as pro at Lehigh CC, Allentown, Pa. . . . Browne now with Madison (O.) CC . . . Henry Poe, recently elected pres. of Philadelphia Dist. PGA signs for 11th year as pro at Reading (Pa.) CC . . . Henry succeeded Byron Nelson in 1940, served through 1942, retired from the golfing field for three years, returned in 1946, and has been a fixture ever since . . . Golf has reached an all-time high in popularity, but Kalamazoo (Mich.) golfers are faced with same problem many other cities have, namely, inadequate golf facilities with prospect of worse, instead of better things to come in near future. Golfers who hold memberships in private clubs are pretty well set, but one muny course isn't enough to handle overflow of golfers nowadays.

Courses in So. Calif. seem doomed to extinction unless local governments take them over . . . Of 42 Los Angeles courses in 1924, only nine remain . . . "The only way these courses can hang on without being chopped up," according to Maurie Luxford, vp of Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commission, "is for the city or local governments to purchase them." Griffith Park courses are good examples of enlightened

muny ownership and show annual profits of approximately \$100,000 . . . \$500,000 fire and destruction to palatial Annandale clubhouse, Pasadena, Calif. . . . Golf shop and locker-rooms spared . . . Greenwood CC, Rivervale, N. J., has replaced former CC of New Jersey in name and operation and will be private club controlled by members . . . 250 membership ceiling has been set with no initiation fee or extra dues for use of the clubhouse, three nine-hole courses or swimming pool.

New York City's 10 public links courses averaged 68,550 rounds of golf for a total of 685,500 rounds according to the director of recreation . . . Marine Park Course in Brooklyn, N. Y., will be ready for play in the not-too-distant future . . . Acting officials hope to conduct ground breaking ceremonies for new North Ridge CC, Sacramento, Calif. . . . Golfers in Bakersfield, Calif. area will have new 18-hole course next fall . . . Zeke Browning, asst. pro at Rockford (Ill.) CC for several years takes over as new pro at Klinger Lake CC, Sturgis, Mich. . . . Plans by Park and Planning Commission staffs for 18-hole muny course near Lake Ballinger, Seattle, Wash. . . . Berkeley (Calif.) CC, reorganized in 1943 as Mira Vista CC, appears to be winning out over reported plans to turn beautiful hilltop property into \$1,000,000 theological seminary.