# Swinging around Golf NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Frank W. Baker, formerly pro-mgr. Pampa (Tex.) CC and pro at Boulder (Colo.) CC, now pro at New Mexico Tech course at Socorro, N. M... Baker was a Wilson salesman for 1½ years ... Harold Mathisen succeeds Jim Noonon as pro at Mt. Hawley CC, Peoria, Ill. ... Jim retired to devote full time to his golf glove, headcover and other golf accessory business.

Zell Eaton, Jack Kramer and W. Cranston take 40-year lease on Los Seranos GC, Chino, Calif. . . . Harry Todd, Lloyd Mangrum, Doc Middlecoff, Lew Worsham, Lawson Little, Al Besselink, and Jim Turnesa now oil magnates . . . Suppose the boys after they get rich on their oil money will sponsor a Million Dollar Open? . . . Charles Timm to Odessa (Tex.) CC as pro . . . Frank Danner now pro at McKinney (Tex.) CC.

After Texas amateurs beat Texas pros 14½ to 6½ in annual Texas Cup matches pros are hoping the ams won't turn pro and play for money . . . A. E. (Ted) Cadman of Portland (Ore.) CC now managing Tamarisk CC, Palm Springs, Calif. . . . Charles P. Burgess, 68 Blackburn Rd., Summit, N. J., gen. chm., 1954 National Open committee at Baltusrol, has announced appointment of departmental committee heads.

Noble E. Chalfant, Park Hill CC, Denver, Colo., elected pres., Rocky Mountain Section, PGA... Vps: Alex McCafferty, Nibley Park GC, Salt Lake City, Ut.; Paul Jopes, Lincoln Park GC, Grand Junction, Colo.; Jimmy Thompson, Greeley (Colo.) CC; Mickey Riley, Meadowbrook GC, Salt Lake City, Ut... Bill Brown, Ft. Collins (Colo.) was elected sec.-treas.

George Calderwood, South Hills CC, Fond du Lac, Wis., re-elected pres., Wisconsin Section, PGA, for 9th time . . . Vps elected: Ade Jensen, Racine CC; Helmer Gothe, Janesville CC; Jimmy Milward, Oneida Club, Green Bay . . . Manuel De La Torre, Milwaukee CC, was elected sec.-treas., and Bill Beveridge, Bluemound Golf Range, was elected a director.



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Al Zimmerman gets pro spot at new Paradise Valley CC, Phoenix, Ariz., which is expected to be ready for play soon . . . Jimmy Thompson from Greeley (Colo.) CC to pro job at Stockdale (Calif.) CC succeeding Al Seanor, retired on pension after 20 years as club's pro . . . Dick Boggs now head pro at Willowick GC (LA dist.) . . . Chet Coleman appointed pro at Inglewood (Calif.) CC . . . Ed

DeBaufre at Wildwood CC (Philadelphia dist.) succeeding veteran Harry Arvey, who resigned.

Golf suffered lamentable losses in the latter part of last year . . . Art Andrews, jr., splendid youngster who was pro at Aurora (Ill.) CC died a day after being stricken while playing in a tournament at Peoria, Ill. . . . He was son of a widely known veteran pro whose brothers also were U. S. pro pioneers.

David Ross Valentine, a pioneer member of the PGA and a charter member of Golf Course Supts. Assn. died in Chicago after a 7 years' illness... Dave was pro at Beaumont, Tex. for 10 years... Built many golf courses, among them one in Puerto Rico in 1940 for the army... A young-minded old-timer he was one of the strong early advocates of golf turf research... He was widely-known and greatly admired... He is survived by his widow who with Dave made one of the most delightful teams in golf.

Middle Atlantic Section, PGA, re-elected Al Houghton, Prince George's CC, pres. for 5th consecutive term . . . John Flattery, Green Spring Valley CC, was re-elected sec.-treas. . . . Vps: Walter Romans (Baltimore); Al Jamison (Va.); Bill Hardy (Wash.)

Bill Gordon, Tam O'Shanter CC, re-elected pres. Illinois PGA for 7th consecutive term . . . Also re-elected were Harry Pezzulo, Mission Hills, vp; and Lou Strong, Park Ridge, sec.-treas.

We've been hearing of several cases in different parts of the country lately where pro accounts due from members at private

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Ben Dziedzic, superintendent Crestmont C. C., West Orange, N. J.

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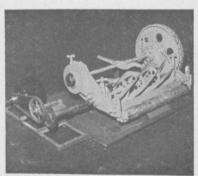
clubs are unpaid and in strong totals . . . Makes us wonder (1) if not collecting accounts thru the club is wise, and (2) why clubs that want to boast of character of membership as free from deadbeats don't toss out members who hold out on the pros because the slow pay guys think the pros don't dare force collection.

M. J. Dickinson heads Albertville (Ala.) G&CC now building course . . . H. H. Rock heads committee to get muny course built at Aberdeen, Ida. . . . Loveland, Colo. Chamber of Commerce in campaign to finance proposed course . . . Decatur County CC, Greensburg, Ind., modernizing course . . . Considering reducing Mt. Tom GC, Holyoke, Mass., from 18 to 9 holes with scenic sites to be sold for residences.

Bob Toski of the tournament circuit and Miss Jacqueline Lee Stewart married at Coconut Grove, Fla. . . . Jacqueline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stewart, Bedford, O., after graduating from Miami U, Oxford, O., became prominent in young business women's organizations.

Albert L. Bonney and Jesse Bloodsworth having new 18-hole course built at Kemps-

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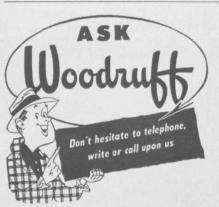


ville, 8 miles from Norfolk, Fla. . . . Ellis Maples to construct course . . . Johnny Kelly will be pro . . . Judge Richard M. Sims heads group to build muny course at Novato, Calif. . . . Charles Capples now mgr., Inglewood CC, Seattle, Wash.

Larry Curtola, owner of Castlewood CC, Pleasanton, Calif., constructing 18-hole championship course and 1100-yd. pitch-and-putt to enlarge Castlewood's golf facilities to 45 holes, largest in California . . . George Hjelte, Los Angeles Recreation Dept. mgr., studying plans for construction of new 18-hole muny course in Rose Hills section.

The usual big difference between estimates of golf galleries and the actual attendance again is shown by figures released on paid gates for 1953 Ryder Cup matches . . . Total, including four practice rounds paid gate, was 14,531 . . . Paid gate for Saturday was about 5,500, and it was a big gallery . . . (newspaper estimates: 15,000) . . . There were almost 1000 marshals (stewards, the British call them) . . Ryder Cup total paid gate at Ganton in 1949 was 17,366, including practice rounds.

Pete Cooper apparently doesn't take the threat of younger tournament players too



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seriously... At 39 Pete quit as pro at Century CC (NY Met dist.) and will spend next two years on the circuit... For a fellow with a wife and four youngsters that's confidence... Cooper succeeded at Century by Joe Moore, jr... Bob O'Link GC, famed men-only club in Chicago district, already has property and plans for new holes when highway widening cuts off part of present course.

Probably a busy year of exhibitions for Byron Nelson . . . Pros at PGA convention talked a lot about Byron's money-making draw and in addition to his sparkling golf his shotmaking demonstration and lecture that goes great with spectators and the home pro . . Dick Chassee now pro at Hattiesburg (Miss.) CC.

Montecito CC, one of two courses in Santa Barbara, Calif., reported to be offered for sale by owner Avery Brundage for \$650,000 . . . Table Mountain GC plans course in Oroville, Calif., area . . . Fillmore, Calif., citizens considering building muny course in Ojai Valley site.

Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas, Nev., will have its Tournament of Champions April 22-25 with \$10,000 for winner and \$1000 guarantee to all starters... Calcutta, if any, will





be casual affair and not try to compete with high-rolling events at private clubs ostensibly not run by pro gamblers... Tournament pros liked Desert Inn event last year but the gambling angle caused much suspicious sniffing about all big money calcuttas.

J. C. Parker, Mobile, Ala., heads Skyline CC which proposes to build 18-hole course on new US 90... Metropolitan Golf Writers' Assn. second annual dinner to be held in Sert Room, Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, Jan. 21... John Inglis, Fairview CC pro, has been pres., Metropolitan (NY) section PGA for more than 20 consecutive terms... Royal and Ancient has elected a Lt.-Col. named John Inglis as its captain but he won't be re-elected as often as our Johnnie.

Eddie Hoblit to Ventura (Calif.) muny course as pro-mgr.... Course formerly was Montalvo GC, private... Course completely renovated and new pro shop built... Horace Glover on job as course supt.... Eddie formerly on George Heaney's pro staff at Brookside Park, Pasadena, Calif... Before that pro at Bloomington (Ill.) CC... He brought Arnold (Smokey) Morrison to Ventura from Brookside, as asst.



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Doug Ford's \$2000 win of Miami Open brought his 1953 total to \$26,815... Second to Lew Worsham's \$34,002... Ford, now 30, was 7th money winner in 1951 with \$11,005 and 8th in 1952 with \$14,566... The New Haven, Conn., pro has assembled a sound game and may have the lads this year watching the Ford go by.

Berry Haug now mgr., Indian Hills G&CC, Kansas City, Mo... Robt. L. Scott from Henderson (N. C.) CC to manage Carolina CC, Raleigh, N. C. . . Walter C. Schroeder from University Club, San Francisco, to Algonquin GC, Webster Groves, Mo., as mgr. . . . Clyde Roberts from Cherokee CC, Knoxville, Tenn., to Westwood CC (Cleveland dist.) as mgr. . . .

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Expect to have Ft. Worth factory now being built for manufacture of Hen Hogan's clubs in operation by spring . . . Pros still talking about Totten Heffelfinger, USGA president, at PGA President's dinner, saying that unless big money calcutta gambling is eliminated golf will have a scandal similar to the basketball gambling expose . . . Tot admitted he didn't know how the high-rolling calcuttas could be stopped . . . Trend among leading clubs is to drop or limit calcutta betting . . . Most pros agree Heffelfinger warning is well-founded but say the calcuttas are organized and conducted by amateur and not by pro golfers.

USGA has officially declared that a player who "accepts a financial reward for winning a tournament in connection with which a calcutta pool is held," has impaired his amateur status and could not be cleared for play in USGA Amateur championship.

Strong possibility that 1954 PGA annual meeting will be at St. Paul . . . St. Paul already busy planning 1954 PGA championship.

Green committees last year began prohibiting use of golf carts on days when wet condition of course made turf damage a possibility . . . Prevented misuse of a good

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thing . . . Green chmn. and committees left decision on course dryness to carry buggy traffic without turf injury completely up to supt. but took responsibility for the rulings . . . Some complaints at restrictions by a few selfish players and, sorry to say, by a few pros who didn't want to lose buggy rental . . . Great majority of players who wanted courses maintained in good shape for all endorsed action for course protection . . Golf buggies, like bag carts, are here to stay but have brought traffic and course maintenance problems that still have to be solved.

Twentieth annual dinner at Town and Country Club of St. Paul, Minn., late last summer, of former caddies at the club suggests other clubs might well adopt the idea . . . Youth of several British Ryder Cup players has American golf writers wondering when our own crop of pros in the 20-30 age bracket is going to flower . . . Seems there is a higher percentage of star girl golfers in the teen years and 20s in the U.S. than there is of younger male amateur and pro male stars . . . That's something for debate in the club grill rooms.

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lot of these girls are remarkably pretty kids too . . . Again, to our peril, we say that there's nothing in the rule book which prohibits a girl golfer using cold cream.

While at St. Andrews last fall we dropped into the club-making shop of the Auchterlonies . . . Father Willie, who won 1893 British Open, still very brisk mentally and physically . . . Saw some Auchterlonie wood heads that have aroused warm admiration of visiting Yank pros . . . All match play in USGA Women's Amateur at Allegheny CC, Sewickley, Pa., Sept. 13-18, and no sectional qualifying rounds . . . Blind draw with few seeded players distributed in the field's quarters . . . The girls liked the way this procedure of their choosing worked out in the 1953 Women's Amateur.

This year's National Open at Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N. J., June 17, 18, 19 will return to procedure of 1952 with sectional qualifying rounds . . . The added two qualifying rounds at Pittsburgh, sifting larger sectional qualifying field, wasn't satisfactory . . . Cost too much and didn't admit any more who had even a remote chance . . . GOLFDOM forecast that the 1953 system wouldn't be repeated.

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Hills CC, West Covina, Calif.... There are about 350 golf courses in Africa south of the equator, says South African Golf... Don and Bill Duwe to open 9-hole pitch and putt course in St. Louis this spring... Considerable activity in pitch and putt course construction last fall in metropolitan areas... Owners are confident the short courses will draw all day long and get players around fast enough to make good financial returns... Night lighting specified for some of the new short courses with hope the insect problem can be solved by spraying insecticide fog.

Felice Torza, runner-up in 1953 PGA, keeps at his St. Charles (Ill.) CC pro job this year but will play in a few more tournaments . . . Torza's asst., Bill O'Hara, returning to St. Charles after winter work in Florida . . . Paul P. Sheeks, Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., recreation director, planning annual pee-wee tournament for Akron area . . . Lloyd Mangrum's statement that Wentworth is the best British course he has played is being noted by Britishers who'd like to see British Open played occasionally in inland courses instead of being always contested on seaside courses.

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George Sargent out of hospital and doing well after treatment for heart ailment . . . Western Open changing dates from customary period of Memorial Day weekend ... Winner of PGA Seniors and top British senior pro as determined by British Golf Writers' Assn. will play for world senior pro title at Southport, Eng., in July.

Charley Pace signed as pro-mgr., Kendallville (Ind.) CC . . . Greenbrier tournament at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. with quite snazzy amateur invitation list and limited number of pros invited, will not have a calcutta this year . . . Formerly

Greenbrier calcutta was one of biggest . . Big calcuttas now definitely bad publicity for clubs and resorts . . . Also bad publicity with tax and labor relations complications for the high rollers.

Cliff Booth, pro at Wequetonsing GC, for 26 years, has retired and is succeeded at the club by Lee Kosten . . . Cliff started in pro golf as Harbor Point (Mich.) CC pro in 1912 . . . He is a grand old-timer and many hundreds who are happy and proud to have him as their friend hope he'll have a swell time taking it easy.

Alex Ayton back in St. Louis after trip home to St. Andrews...Great reunion back home with his brothers Dave and Laurie and the rest of the tribe . . . Charles T. Chevalier, 50-year-old pro at Heaton Moor Club, Stockport, Eng., has made 22 aces . . . On 10 different courses . . . First one made in 1918 . . . His shortest ace is on 138 yd. hole; longest, 300 yds.

Several years of talk about USGA having seniors' championship crystallizing with Western Seniors' GA officials asking USGA to consider, at its annual meeting,



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addition of national seniors' event to its tournament calendar . . . Sectional qualifying rounds should produce fast field of men over 55 . . . Regional senior associations now generally have waiting lists due to resrictions of course capacity for tournaments.

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Nine holes being added to Chico, Calif., muny course . . . Soon to start building Sacramento, Calif., Haggin Oaks muny course clubhouse which city council says will be "one of best in U. S." . . . Working on plans to build course at Blackfoot, Ida. . . . Santa Barbara, Calif., in brisk campaign to finance new muny course . . . Gordon Miller, Louisville, Ky., pres., new Har-

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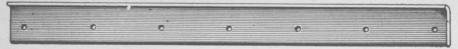
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PGA Senior championship at Dunedin with Ronald Teacher, Glasgow distiller, picking up tab for expenses of qualifiers from PGA's 30 sections stirring so much interest many of the old boys have been practicing this winter... Teacher's financing of PGA Seniors and National Golf

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Royal Canadian GA split its \$12,166 for 1953 National Golf Day 50-50 between Canadian Red Cross and junior golf promotion.

West coast historians (?) whose book on sports promotion history recently was published can't qualify as authorities on the basis of their references to golf tournament circuit development . . . They omitted vast credit due to Bob Harlow . . . After Mrs. Tommy Armour and Mrs. Al Espinosa did the planning and letter-writing that actually started the tournament circuit and Hal Sharkey gave it push as a winter sideline to his New Jersey golf writing Harlow went in as a full-time worker . . . He really established the golf tournament circuit as big business in lean years . . . Nobody will tell you that any quicker than Fred Corcoran who succeeded Harlow and ably developed the circuit to its present fiscal and calendar dimensions.

Harlow was originator of the international pro matches played last October at Paris . . . The idea was Bob's and his enthusiasm for friendly international expert competition on golf courses and in restaurants got (Continued on page 82)

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ASST. PRO — desires position for year round, Will locate anywhere. Age 30, wife and child. Competent and dependable. Address Ad 104 % Golfdom.

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On the West Course of the Birmingham (Ala.) CC, where the 39th annual Women's Southern Amateur championship will be played, May 10-15. This shows the 14th hole from the tee. It's a dogleg to the right and one of many rigidly testing holes on the 6,316 yd. course with a women's par of 36-38—74. The rolling, tight and beautifully conditioned course never before has been played in a women's championship.

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others here and abroad moving . . . After some dragging of official feet . . . Harlow also proposed US-British junior matches for which the National Golf Fund, Inc., allotted \$3000 to be spent under U. S. Junior Association of Commerce.

Chicago Daily Fee Golf Assn., whose members are owners and operators of semi-private courses in the Chicago area, will have their annual winter meeting at Bobby Jones course, Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 4 and 5 . . . Ralph Melin is the organization's sec. . . . Owners and operators of semi-private courses in other districts are invited to attend.

Paul Hahn, busiest of the trick shot stars, making another movie in January at Ellinor Village, Ormond Beach, Fla. . . . Formula of picture is an interesting, instructive novelty that gets the average golfer "into the act" . . . True Temper sponsoring the film as a golf promotion job . . . Harold Sargent, chm., Teaching committee, PGA, and other PGA officials working on golf movie that will combine instruction and promotion in great shape.

North Ridge CC, Sacramento, Calif., expects to be playing on its first 9 by July ... Ninth annual Midwestern Shade Tree Conference, Feb. 17-19, Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, expected to draw a number of course supts. . . . Scotch golf writers and golfers are saying that instead of British PGA worrying about Ryder Cup financing problems it should play the matches in Scotland where galleries are bigger.

Columbia, Mo., new 9-hole muny course, constructed by Junior Chamber of Commerce, to be opened this spring... Norbeck CC (Washington DC dist.) \$200,000 clubhouse to be opened this month... Steve Berrien, Upper Montclair (N.J.) CC elected pres. Metropolitan (NY) Golf Assn., succeeding Jim Robbins of Garden City GC.

Wm. F. Bell planning 9-hole muny course for Alhambra, Calif. . . . Billy's got considerable work in progress and doing fine job of carrying on the excellent work of his late and great dad . . . Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) first 11 months house business in 1953 14 per cent over same period 1952 . . . Gross in '53 first 11 months, \$1,031,279 . . . . George S. May, owner, celebrated by giving away a Cadillac at the club New Year's eve.