

## Early Settlers Gather at Dunedin



This distinguished group presents representatives of the First Families of Carnoustie and Monifieth who came out to the colonies to convert the savages to golf.

A few aliens got in the picture; but who cares?

Standing L to R: Jack Forrester (from North Berwick, and figuring his left profile photograph better); Dave Crichton, Monifieth; Jack Hendry, M.; Pete McCombie, M.; Jimmy Crichton, M.; Tom Clark, Montrose (but let him in says, 1955 PGA Senior pres., Marty Cromb, because Montrose is from the right side of the Tay); Francis Gallett, Carnoustie; Willie Kidd, M.; Jimmy Lawson, C.; Mr. Fels (a member of Willie Ogg's former club at Worcester, Mass.); Willie Ogg, C.; Marty Cromb, M.; Willie McKay, C.; Gil Ogilvie, C.

Seated, L to R: Willie Livie, M.; Willie Crichton, M.; Fred Clarkson, C.; Marshall Crichton, M.; Jimmie Cromb, M.

### Hallock, Worthington Ball Secretary, Dies

Carl R. Hallock, for 28 years secy. and a director of the Worthington Ball Co., Elyria, O., died at his home in Elyria, Monday, Feb. 13, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Hallock was well-known in the steel business, previously having been an official of the former Columbia Steel Co. of Elyria with which he was associated for 20 years. He worked untiringly for the golf ball industry, being one of its veteran members.

Mr. Hallock is survived by his wife, his mother, a sister and a brother.



### P. V. Beckett, 72, Oldest Active Home-Bred Pro?

P. V. Beckett, pro at Blaney Park, Mich., and busy teaching, playing and operating a pro department with all the vigor of a man half his age during the resort season, is believed to be the oldest active American-born pro. Beckett was born June 1, 1883.

When he was 14 he started as a caddie at Baltusrol when Davy Hunter was pro at the New Jersey club. Davy sent the Beckett boy to the clubhouse for a scuttle of coal to fuel the pro shop stove. Beckett started the fire, cleaned the shavings from the floor and started to leave when Hunter told him to stay and get warm. A career was being shaped though Beckett didn't realize it.

#### Talked It Over With Mom

The chat led to Hunter's offering the lad a job if the boy's mother would O.K. the arrangement. Beckett ran home three miles, got the parental consent, and panted back into the shop as Davy's apprentice.

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The pay was \$4 a week. Beckett says Davy was not only a fine pro but "a true gentleman — every inch of him."

At that time Baltusrol was a 9-hole course.

#### Gets Pro Assistant Job

After learning clubmaking and the rudiments of teaching from Hunter, Beckett was sent by Slaezinger's, the sports equipment company, to be assistant to R. B. Wilson, pro at Deal, N. J.

In those days the hard rubber balls (Ocobo, Henley B., and Musselburgh) sold for \$1. They were frequently reconditioned by being put into boiling water, rolled in the hands while still soft, and then placed in a steel die under pressure. Following this, the flange was trimmed off and the ball painted by hand. Some golf balls were pro-made, starting with a piece of rubber sawed off a long bar of the material.

The pros and shop boys used to go into the woods and cut second-growth hickory saplings for shafts, then dry and season them.

"The best woods we made were sold for \$2.50 and top irons brought \$1.50," Beckett recalls.

After working with Hunter and Wil-

son, Beckett went to Chicago to serve under Billy Marshall at Onwentsia in suburban Lake Forest. In 1902 Beckett was pro at the South Orange (N. J.) Field Club.

He also served as pro at Belle Terre, Port Jefferson, N. Y., and Highland in Meriden, Conn. He constructed the Arlington club at Arlington Heights, Mass., and the Watchung Valley club at Plainfield, N. J., before he went to Michigan as pro at Day Forest club, at Glen Lake, in 1932.

Beckett has many bright memories of the old days working with George Sparling, Bill Thomson, Harry Vinel and others at Slaezinger's.

#### Hurricane Diane Cost Spalding \$326,691

Spalding's 79th annual financial report disclosed that hurricane Diane cost the company, after tax adjustment and insurance payments, \$326,691. That loss accounted for the company's 1955 fiscal year earnings being lower than in the previous year.

Weather also caused a decrease of 1.23 per cent in sales but net sales at \$26,857,810, earnings of \$1.47 per share and other details of Spalding's picture showed the company in excellent position entering its 80th year.

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