

## Columbia Hails McLeod on 50th Anniversary

Fred McLeod, who moved into the pro shop at Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md., in 1912 and found the surroundings so congenial that he never gave a thought thereafter to leaving, was given a 50th anniversary testimonial dinner by the club on Dec. 1. More than 300 persons, several of whom contended with Fred for National Open, PGA and other championships, attended the affair which was held in the Chevy Chase clubhouse.

Joseph C. Dey, executive director of the USGA, was the master of ceremonies. During the proceedings he presented Fred an exact replica of the Open Championship trophy which the venerable Scot claimed in 1908 at the Myopia Hunt club. The trophy was presented in behalf of Columbia members.

### Notable Guest List

The guest list at the dinner read like a page torn out of a golfing thesaurus. On hand to re-live some of the ancient combats they had with Fred were Jock Hutchison, W. H. (Bert) Way, Billy Burke, Chick Evans, Wiffy Cox, Al Houghton and Gene Sarazen. Long Jim Barnes was to have been among the guests but couldn't attend because of illness. Others at the dinner were Richard Leathers, Fred's only relative in the U.S. Jimmy Thomson, Harold Sargent, Fred Corcoran, George Bird, William E. Briggs, Emanuel Deitz, Irving E. Cantor, Winship I. Green and D'Arcy Banagan, McLeod's assistant at Columbia. J. Tyler Bowie was in charge



Fred McLeod talks over some of the almost forgotten matches with Jack Hutchison, Chick Evans, Billy Burke and Gene Sarazen.

of arrangements for the dinner.

The Columbia shopmaster came to the U.S. from North Berwick, Scotland, in 1900 to take the head pro job at Rockford (Ill.) CC. He left there to take a similar position at Midlothian, near Chicago, in 1906 and two years later went to the St. Louis CC. He stayed there four years before moving to Columbia.

### Great Open Record

The record of Fred McLeod, who will be 80 in April, ranks with the best of those who have starred in the various National Opens. Besides winning the 1908 USGA event, Fred was the runnerup in 1921, finished third in 1914 and fourth in both 1910 and 1911. In both the 1910 and 1911 tournaments he was only one stroke behind the winner. His best showing in the PGA came in 1919 when he was runnerup to Jim Barnes.

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programs and those of golf course supts' national and regional associations at state schools, short courses monthly meetings and annual conferences and the Club Managers' Assn. regional short courses and the club and hotel management courses at several universities.

National Golf Day was set for May 25 and the Round of Champions will be played between Gary player, PGA champion and National Open champion Jack Nicklaus at Dallas Athletic Club CC, May 28.

Columbia Broadcasting System has renewed a contract with the PGA for televising the PGA championship. CBS will

pay \$75,000 a year. PGA is budgeting \$1,000 annually for the section in which the PGA championship will be held.

Revision of arrangements for televising tournaments, exhibitions and special programs involving PGA players was discussed, with a possible idea of working out a pro pension deal. As in numerous other PGA plans and operations, the legal phases are perplexing.

The Name of the PGA National Distributors organization was changed to PGA Golf Equipment Co.

Tournament entry fee was reduced from \$1.25 to \$1 per \$1,000 of prize money with a maximum entry fee of \$100.