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After the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904, a 70-ton axle of the ferris wheel was said to have been buried at the site of the wheel, now part of Forest Park golf course. Search has started for the axle, to be turned in as scrap salvage if located. It will probably be located smackdab under Forest Park's best green. . . . Wiffy Cox, since 1935 at pro posts around Washington, D. C., will be at the Hempstead (L. I.) CC this season. . . . Pinehurst's 41st annual North and South open will be held March 23-25. Prize money will be two grand, with only service men and civilians over 38 eligible to compete. . . . St Joseph (Mo.) golfers are up in arms because the park board is contemplating elimination of \$10 annual fee at Fairview muny layout, thus forcing all golfers to play on a daily-fee basis. Board things change will increase course revenues but golfers say it will only cut down play.

Town council of West Hartford (Conn.) is expected to approve the purchase of the 70-acre West Hartford Golf Course for \$20,000 for use as a public park. The course itself may or may not be preserved. . . . Vandals damaged greens at both Allenmore and Meadow Park courses in Tacoma (Wash.) recently and the golfers, missing easy putts, are craving to meet up with the rats who dug up the turf. . . . Bob Jones, taking time off from his army air force duties in Miami, shot a nice 67 recently. Not bad for a guy who retired from competitive golf 13 years ago.

Irish Golf Union (which corresponds to the USGA in this country) has removed all restrictions on golf ball size and weight for the duration. . . . Many pros turned to war work at the end of last season, to help out until their clubs opened again this spring. Now, in some areas, war workers are "frozen" to their jobs, which means these pros will have to risk being blacklisted by the U. S. Employment

Service if they go back to the clubs. . . . Baltimore CC will close its suburban Five Farms course, merely maintaining it with a skeleton crew, while members play the close-in old course, served by street car. . . . Pros who have hired girls as shop assistants are asking the USGA to rule on what effect such employment will have on the gals' amateur status. . . .

The versatility of the greenkeepers has enabled them to get some pretty fair defense jobs and their loyal natures, always in evidence at their clubs, are helping to boost war production. . . . Ingenious and diligent Mavor Boyd, supt., Brookside CC, Canton, O., hires as course workers men who are on night shifts at defense plants. He has one shift for morning work; another for afternoon work. Boyd himself is switching from the 3-11 P. M. shift in a defense plant in the winter to the 11 P. M.-7 A. M. shift in spring and summer so he also can serve his club. . . . Charley Burns, chairman of the editorial and public relations committees of the GSA, is resigning from those positions because of heavy pressure of war work. Burns has done a tremendously effective job of national press agency for the course supts.

National amateur championship of Costa Rica was won Jan. 24 by Senor don Roman Macaya of San Jose, who defeated Senor don Tomas Frederico de la Guardia by 4 and 2. The winner used Wilson clubs. . . . Our golfer-soldiers stationed in Iceland will find a nice 9-hole course and comfortable clubhouse available. . . . Harry Hayward, writer of the San Francisco Examiner's "Off the Fairway" column, says one of the richest caches of old golf balls is in the water of the cove between the tee and green at Cypress Point's 220-yard sixteenth. . . . Detroit GC members bought \$1,755,500 of the \$3,796,156 war bonds bought by members at the 698 golf clubs reporting to the USGA on war bond sales at golf clubs. . . . Rabbit damage to shrubs and young trees at golf clubs



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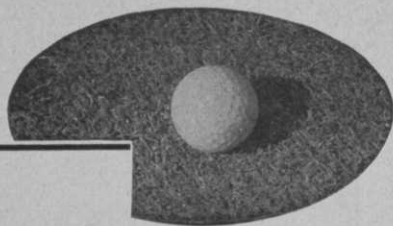
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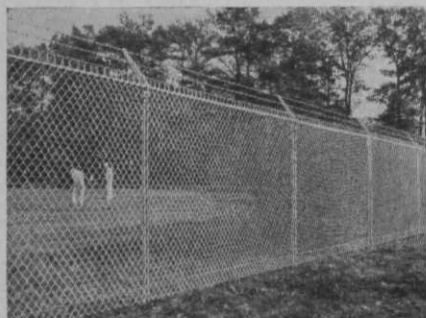
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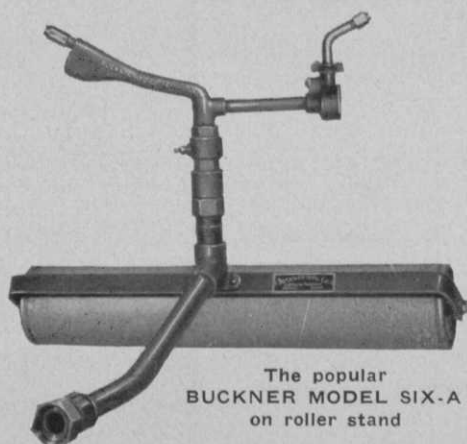
in central west this winter has been far greater than during any previous winter.

Fire-of-the-Month was Milburn CC, (Long Island) once an exclusive private club, but for the past several years open as a daily-fee layout. Clubhouse was completely burned on Feb. 1, with an estimated loss of \$100,000. . . . The two Swope Park muni courses in Kansas City, Mo., showed a profit of \$884 for the fiscal year just ended, against losses of \$713 in the previous one and \$2,140 the year before. Rounds did not increase markedly; just smart operating economy. . . . Yountakah GC (Nutley, N. J.) stands to make \$25,000 if an option by a local manufacturer for the club's property is not exercised. Manufacturer wanted the acreage as the site for a new plant, but priorities are holding up the expansion. Yountakah's members, all set to give up the club a year ago, will not be sorry if the deal falls through, since the club is on a main bus route. . . .

Detroit District GA is making a survey of courses in the district to determine holes of 400 yards or more that are free of traps and suitable for plane emergency use. . . . Beechwood muni course (LaPorte, Ind.), showed a profit in 1942 for the first time in its 12 years. The club last year bought ahead on equipment and supplies for operation this year. Heavy play of war workers at the course and slightly increased playing-fees accounted for the record income, says Herman Uebele, Beechwood pro.

Southern Calif. PGA raised \$5,000 in a Victory tournament at Wilshire. Money was turned over to LA Citizens committee for recreation quarters for servicemen. . . . The Southern Calif. pros also raised \$2,000 for Army and Navy relief thru a Victory tournament at Santa Ana Air base. . . . A War Workers Industrial golf league competing on Los Angeles district courses Sunday mornings is highly popular with war workers and general public. . . . Peter M. Page, captain of the Princeton University golf team in 1940 and 1941 and president of the National Intercollegiate G.A., was killed in action in the South Pacific in February. He was a second lieutenant

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with the Marine torpedo plane forces. . . . Sarazen says his days of serious competition are over and that his entrance in any tourneys hereafter will be merely for the pleasure of playing. Gene is advocating ex-service men as caddie-masters after the war; says they will be able to teach proper discipline to the boys. . . .

Gleneagles, the most luxurious hotel devoted to golf in the British Isles, has been taken over as a rehabilitation center for Scottish coal miners. . . . Shirley Tolhurst, Australian women's champ in 1930 and '31, has married Lisle Ernest Nagle, famed Australian cricketer. She's barely five feet in height; he's six-six and a quarter. . . . Clubs with their own magazines or monthly bulletins should send copies to all members in the armed services; what cheaper way to keep 'em interested in golf through the war? . . . Translated into pound sterling, the income from the Hail America

tourney at Ridgemoor (Chicago) last summer was £6,500; Golf Monthly (Edinburgh) comments that the best the British have been able to do in golf charity matches is £3,441. . . .

Around June 1, St. Louis GA will hold its second annual Victory Open, with proceeds to Charity, probably at the Normandie course, since it is on a car line. . . . Pam Barton, British golf star who won the U. S. Women's National in 1936, is reported to have been killed at Dunkirk. She was a nurse. . . . Another war casualty is the great English champ, Enid Wilson, who lost an eye during a Nazi air raid. . . . "Long Jim" Barnes, winner of the National Open in 1921 and the British Open in 1925, has signed to the pro-greenkeeper post at North Hempstead CC, Long Island. He is trademarked by the clover leaf he holds between his lips during play. . . .

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V-GARDENS

Golf clubs are in perfect position to promote Victory Gardens and national activity has already begun. Here is how one well-known club will carry through its program

By JACK FULTON

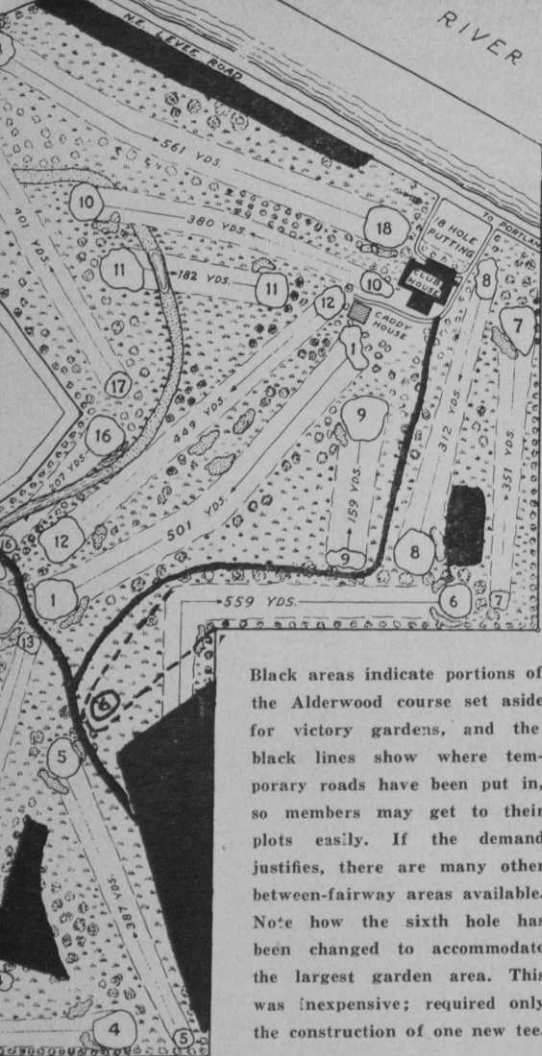
LAST year, a few private clubs here and there through the U. S. set aside acreage for member Victory Gardens. The idea proved sound; not only were soil and growing conditions satisfactory for the projects, but more important, the amateur gardeners had an experienced consultant in the club greenkeeper to advise them on proper cultivation practices and to keep them from ruining their vegetable plots through too much zeal and too little knowledge. At season's end, most club members with Victory Gardens were rewarded with a vegetable harvest beyond their hopes.

Alderwood Country Club of Portland, Ore., promoted the idea of war gardens last year with considerable success—so much so that Alderwood is going all out for V-gardens in 1943. N. R. Hockinson, chairman of the club's War Garden committee, has announced that a plot up to 50 x 100 feet will be made available to any member who will agree to work it. Of course, a member doesn't have to take a 5,000 sq. ft. plot; he can take half that much if he feels he will not have the time to tend a large garden or if he is willing to forego such vegetables as corn and squash, which require a lot of room for

growth. You might say it all depends on how much sweating a member is willing to do this summer.

Alderwood has 85 acres usable for war gardens, but it isn't expected that all of it will be needed. At present, four different areas of unused club property have been set aside for the project, as shown on the accompanying map. Temporary roads skirting the fairways will make it possible for plot owners to reach their gardens from the clubhouse and from the highway. When the time arrives, the club will plow, disc and harrow all plots at no cost to the members, and after that it will be up to them to get in their seed and tend their crops by their own labor. But to make things as easy as possible for the gardeners, water will be made available from the Alderwood irrigation system and there will be plenty of club tools for members who have none. The club has acquired a stock of recommended seed for sale to the V-gardeners. And as a final touch, Alderwood has hot-house space, formerly used for flowers, where members may start early vegetables.

When the idea of war gardens in '43 was first broached to Alderwood's members



Black areas indicate portions of the Alderwood course set aside for victory gardens, and the black lines show where temporary roads have been put in, so members may get to their plots easily. If the demand justifies, there are many other between-fairway areas available. Note how the sixth hole has been changed to accommodate the largest garden area. This was inexpensive; required only the construction of one new tee.

ASSURING A HARVEST

There is no point going ahead with V-gardens if members are not serious about them. To spur lagging ambitions and to make clear that neglect will not be tolerated, Wykagyl CC (Westchester distr., N. Y.) has established the rule that if a member applies for a plot, then neglects it, the club will maintain the garden and add the cost of the labor to his account. This makes sense; all V-garden clubs should adopt a similar regulation.

working it energetically and with the serious purpose of raising vegetables. True, there may be suitable land nearer to town, perhaps in the member's back yard, but there is a whole of a difference between tending a garden in such a spot and working one at the club, where a plot much too large to be spaded and turned by hand can be put in condition for the member and where he can have adequate water, expert supervision and the help and advice of fellow gardeners. Such "conveniences," if you want to call them that, can easily triple the harvest, and this year, every pound of vegetables counts.

As pointed out, the possible argument that these V-gardens are at the club rather than nearer home is more than offset in soundness by the advantages the club sites offer. Likewise, a vegetable garden doesn't mature in a week, or a month; it produces all season. A certain amount of attention will be necessary, but after the crops start their growth, there won't be many days when a plot 50 x 100 feet will demand a full day's work. Maybe weeding or cultivating is in order, maybe the plot needs water; but in any event the member is going to find half a day adequate to meet these demands.

If then, being already at the club, he chooses to play some golf, he is certainly entitled to the relaxation and pleasure the game affords him, and it will be a narrow-minded "patriot" who criticizes such activity.

Alderwood's president, W. Elmer Ramsey, recently declared: "While some clubs have been closed for the duration, we at Alderwood believe we can better serve by keeping up our golf course, afford our members the opportunity to play golf, and at the same time raise vegetables to aid in the nation's food problem." That sentiment is echoed by Alderwood's directors, by the club's veteran manager, Arthur Craig, and by the members.

back in January, they did not warm up very rapidly. But the first sunshine that came along happened to coincide with the OPA's announcement of food rationing. That changed the minds of a lot of members, who saw in the V-garden plan a chance to combine attendance at the club with pretty good assurance that the home larder would have all the vegetables it wanted.

Alderwood's project was started long before gas rationing entered the picture, so the club cannot be accused of installing the gardens to justify members using their cars to get to the club. Nevertheless now that travel restrictions are in force, Alderwood feels that no clear-thinking rationing board is going to protest what little extra gasoline a member will need to get to his victory garden, assuming he is