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## Shawnee Has Complete Victory Garden Program

**B**EST of the club Victory Garden planning and publicity jobs that came to GOLFDOM'S notice is that of the Shawnee CC, Lima O.

A letter to club members advised that the club has 11 acres of bottom land, "the best garden soil in Allen County." Members were requested to sign up for plots. A war bond prize contest for the gardens was announced. The club asked, "Wouldn't it be easier to join in this patriotic movement where you will plant your seeds in marvelous ground, already prepared, than to dig up your lawn with your own efforts, where the soil is unsuitable for truck gardening?"

A blueprint of suggested garden plots and an Ohio State University extension service Victory Garden bulletin was enclosed with the letter. Refreshment and rest quarters were built near the V-Garden plot.

The club's trustees had decided that many of its members who enjoyed golf during peacetime might resign and have victory gardens at home for (1) obtaining fresh vegetables, (2) getting exercise, (3) saving club dues, and (4) saving gas and tires as the club is four miles from the city limits.

President L. B. Timmerman and W. H. King, chairman of the Victory Garden committee, got a group together and worked out the plan for 150 garden plots for members and a club plot, which promises to result in a substantial net economy to members, adjustment of club facilities to effective war effort, and preservation of club interest and membership.

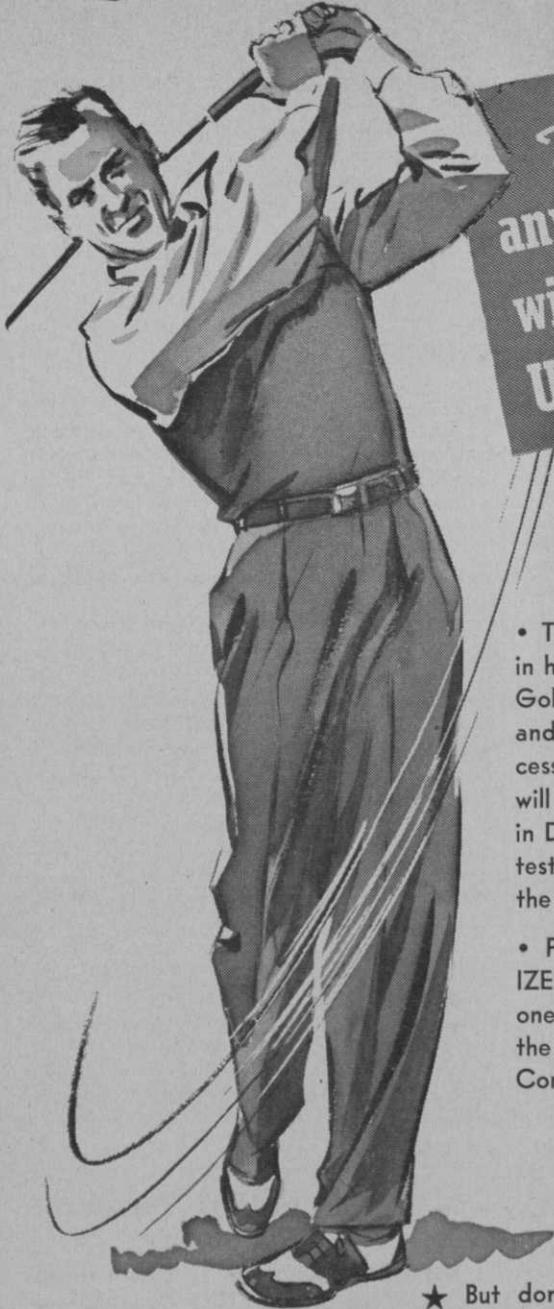
## War Charities Do Well in Texas, California Events

**O**NE of the highspots of sports participation in bond drives was the Texas Victory Open at the Dallas CC.

Here are some of the results: \$2,300,000 in war bonds sold at the auction; \$300,000 more in war bonds sold at an exhibition with Bob Hope, Ed Dudley, Ben Hogan and Jack Munger; \$1,200 Victory Open gate receipts to Red Cross; \$3,000 for an ambulance turned over to the Red Cross from the exhibition.

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raiser, the enlisted men without paying entry fees.

Pvt. Ben Hogan won the Victory Open with 138. Jimmy Gaunt won the Texas PGA title with his 141 and Harry Todd was low amateur with 141. The pros won the annual Texas Cup match from the amateurs, 8-7. A picked team of Dallas amateur stars, captained by David "Spec" Goldman, led Texas U. and Louisiana State U. teams in a match preceding the Victory tournament.

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**S**OUTHERN California PGA directors have voted not to sponsor or approve golf matches other than those completely and directly contributing to war effort. Furthermore the section went on record against benefit matches involving the use of automobiles "to any extent" and required that all prizes be in war bonds or stamps.

The sunkist section is going strong for benefit matches in which the proceeds go directly to some urgently needed servicemen's requirements. An exhibition played by Olin Dutra, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Coast Guardsman Jimmy Thomson, at Long Beach, raised \$1,000.72 for rehabilitation of the course at the Naval Hospital at Corona. At Saticoy CC, Oxnard, pros, movie stars and other amateurs played in a servicemen's benefit match arranged by Maury Luxford and Neil Whitney, raising \$2,200.

One of the features of the Southern California wartime golf exhibition program lately was a five-man Navy team headed by Sam Snead playing against a five-man Coast Guard team headed by Jimmy Thomson as a servicemen's benefit. Sailor Sam poured in a 66 against Guardsman Thomson's 69 over a tough par-72 course.

### "Golf Sure to Have Post-War Boom": Aulbach

**T**HE Civil War made baseball the national game of the U. S. Soldiers recreation in this global war is laying the foundation for a tremendous postwar increase in golf.

George Aulbach, mgr-pro of Amarillo (Tex.) CC, in his exceedingly interesting monthly "Golf Marches On" bulletin, gives some slants on what's going on in this golf development. Writes George:

"After a careful survey of play in the southwest, I can now report that practically all municipal and fee courses are



showing an increase from 10% to 30% while the play at private clubs is off about the same amount. Some of this shift in play is due to gas rationing because most private clubs are farther in the country than municipal courses.

"The largest increases in play was found in the defense plant and army camp areas. Many of the night shift workers are taking their day relaxation on golf courses while the soldiers are crowding the fee courses. One municipal professional said:

"Over 50% of my rent clubs go to the boys who have never played before. Some of these beginners take to golf like a duck to water and are back again at every opportunity. In fact, some have purchased sets of their own. I believe every camp will produce many new golfers."

"Yes, I believe that pro was right. Many of these beginners will continue their golf after returning to civilian life again. Even in a country at war, Golf Marches On, making new players daily."

It may be tough on the outlying private courses now but when the war has ended and those new players want memberships the private club worries will be at an end.

## Meet Course Emergency for Army Golfers

**I**AN MACDONALD, pro-mgr. of the Modesta (Calif.) munny course, is having operating problems because of unusually heavy play. A large army hospital is near the course and the play of patients, medical staff and nurses is keeping the course and Ian's driving range crowded. The practice ground is selling the game to the soldiers.

Bennie DeArmond, a Modesta course employee, got mention in a local newspaper—and a purse gratefully contributed by golfers—when Bennie worked overtime to mow fairways for week-end play. Breakdown of equipment had prevented mowing on regular schedule. DeArmond, physically handicapped, worked after hours to provide pleasant golf for the hospital golfers, and war workers whose golf had to be confined to the weekend.

Ed Vines, formerly pro at Catalina, and brother of Ellsworth, former national and international tennis champion and first-class amateur golfer, recently graduated from the Quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va., as a 2nd Lt.

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For years it has been a growing conviction with me that the average American businessman has not been sufficiently informed of the value of physical fitness. and this fact constitutes a decided weakness in our national morale. In time of peace this weakness is submerged, but now that we are at war, it appears a real menace to our national safety. The older business executives upon whom we depend for national leadership are especially neglectful of their health.

It therefore becomes the duty of all of us who help carry the responsibility for the physical education of our youth and business men to do all within our power to cultivate a real understanding and appreciation of good health and physical well being. There is nothing which so completely controls our thinking personality and productive ability as physical fitness. It's not enough for you and me to know that golf is the answer to a more healthful and enjoyable life; it's our patriotic duty to sell its value enthusiastically to those who need it most. Through depression and prosperity, in war and in peace, golf faithfully serves the health and morale of America.—George Aulbach in "Golf Marches On."

## Hagen and Jones Still Star with British

FRED CORCORAN, formerly tournament bureau mgr. for the PGA, now is with the Red Cross in England conducting sports entertainment for American soldiers and sailors. Fred says the Hagen and Jones sagas still are being embellished by stories he hears from British golfers.

Fred advises that the Red Cross has golf nets at five of its clubs in England. All of the leading English clubs invite American men in uniform to play free, but the big problem is getting balls and Fred would appreciate any supply he could get from fellows on this side. His address is APO 887, ARC, care Postmaster, New York City.

One of the sports entertainment stunts Fred is conducting at camps is a sports quiz. If you have any sports questions that might interest the lads, send them to Fred, together with the answers so he won't have to dig up the answers from

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record books that may be difficult to locate.

Corcoran writes that Henry Cotton of the Royal Air Force has offered to play exhibitions with American army and navy golfers whenever he can get time off. Fred ran into Bobbie Dunkelberger, now a private in the U. S. Army, and former winner of the French Amateur and of the North and South amateur championships.

## Postwar Work to Call for Turf Experts

**A**N article in "Parks, Golf Courses and Sports Grounds," (London, Eng.) entitled "What of the Future," forecasts a post-war possibility:

"We turn to another aspect of the post-war period, one which should exercise no small influence on the prospects of those who are qualified to cultivate and maintain fine turf. We refer, of course, to the 'greenkeepers and groundsmen, skilled men whose ranks have been so much depleted by the Services or for other work. The great prospective increase in turf areas for recreational purposes and on civil aerodromes, as well as the reinstatement of golf courses, recreation grounds, playing fields, tennis courts and other areas after the war will provide a unique opportunity for an organised body of turf specialists, qualified to control and advise, which is not likely to occur again. Needless to say such a body must combine practical and technical knowledge to inspire confidence and carry weight with the authorities who will be faced with the maintenance of such areas, and very few of these, we are afraid, have realised the vast difference between a 'keep off the grass' sward and the hard wearing dense turf requisite for play and games areas, and equally for the surfaces of aerodromes, which though less exciting in some ways, present problems of a special kind."

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