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Peter Robinson, famed Scottish golf pro, who was champion of Scotland in '21 and '24 and who is the only player ever to make a double eagle on the Road hole at St. Andrews, died Oct. 14 in Edinburgh. He was 62. . . Harry Hayward, San Francisco Examiner editor, has been elected prexy of the Calif. Golf Writers' Assn. Tom Lennon of the Oakland Tribune is v-p. . . . At foreclosure proceedings, the Investors Mortgage and Realty Co. of Paterson, N. J., bid \$250 for nearby Preakness Hills CC property. When approval of the purchase was sought in chancery court, it was ruled that \$250 was too little to pay for a property which includes an 18-hole course, a pool, tennis courts and other improvements on a 150-acre tract. Former owners contend the property is worth at least \$250,000. . .

Mrs. Mary Zimmerman has been in the Olympia Fields CC club office for 25 years. Club officials presented her with a silver anniversary gift. A great girl is Mary. . . Chuck Tanis, pro at the giant establishment of the Chicago district, has been with the club for 20 years. . . Apparently also to show that Olympia Fields has something to do with the preservation of the spirit of youth, Robert F. Green, an 85-year-old guest at the club this summer, scored an ace on a 125-yard hole.

Catherine Fox, an excellent performer in women's tournaments this season, and daughter of Jack Fox, veteran pro, has been especially welcomed by sports photographers. The lassie is very photogenic, and a lovely personality. . . . George S. May used full page advertisements in all Chicago newspapers before the McSpaden-Byrd match. . . One thing May has done all by himself for golf is to make it the biggest user of newspaper paid space in advertising in any single

## BUCKNER SPRINKLERS

### will return with Victory

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sports event.... Dick Burton, winner of the British Open title in 1939, consequently still holder of that crown, is an airmen in the West Lancashire Auxiliary Squadron of the Fighter Command.

The three major New York State tourneys of this season—the Amateur, Senior, and Women's—were held at the same time over the Lake Placid Club's two courses. Combining the events proved to be a great idea from the standpoint of attendance and interest. . . U. S. Rubber Co. was 100 years old in September Back in 1843, at Naugatuck, Conn., a rubber overshoe was the company's first product. . .

Spotlight of 1943 pro shop sales

BALANCED

**GOLF BAG** 

Pat. Applied for EASIER to CARRY SAVES ENERGY The PGA's winter golf circuit will be carried through this winter, though the field of pilgrims will be pretty small. Miami Open will start things off Dec. 16-19; other events will be announced later. . . Implement and storage shed of Walnut Grove CC, Dayton, Ohio, was wiped out by fire Oct. 8; loss put at \$10,000, was partially covered by insurance. . . .

War workers golf is booming at Akron, O. House organs of the Goodyear and Firestone rubber companies tell of dinners at which the organizations' men and women golf champions received prizes for their season's competition. . . . Bond drive and Victory

• This new and better caddie bag set the pace in 1943 pro shop merchandising. An obvious solution to the caddie problem and popular priced, it sells on sight. Now available for prompt deliveries to southern pros.

### MAN-O-WAR MODEL

Best materials—light weight, non-sag construction. Natural heavy duck, reinforced at all wearing points. Wide, adjustable shoulder strap. 14 \$5 club capacity, divided opening...

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## Greenkeepers were in this war <u>before</u> it started

**PROBABLY** not one person in 100,000 is mindful of the greenkeepers' importance in helping win the war. Yet, every time airpower brings us closer to Victory, the greenkeepers' years of work and study are paying off.

Overnight the nation was confronted with the problem of constructing many and vast airfields, quickly and properly, for training fliers. This would have meant tackling drainage and turf problems from scratch had not the greenkeepers already learned the answers in their work.

Dust meant short life to desperately needed motors and danger to fliers in takeoffs and landings. Grass was the answer. Greenkeepers knew what grass to get and how to make Mother Nature produce it on the double. Airfield drainage wasn't a farm drainage problem. It was first for safety with fast moving surface loads, then for turf growth. The greenkeepers knew how to get the right results.

Mowing the vast airfield areas had to be speedy. The greenkeepers knew how. They also knew that the severe, punishing demands on military airfield mowers called for mowing machinery that had proved to be most reliable and sturdiest in their own work. That is why Roseman Mowers were first to be selected for Army airfield mowing.

Remember the dust and mud of the hastily constructed training posts of World War One? Today, the speedily and well turfed barracks, recreation and parade areas are examples of the helpfulness of the greenkeepers' science and practical experience. They made the nation conscious of effective utility of turf, and showed how to get it. Only a few could properly estimate the value of turf in reducing respiratory diseases at training camps and in boosting morale.

Yes, their years of study and work are paying off on the battle front. And on the home front they are doing a phenomenal job in maintaining, despite severest handicaps, the courses on which hundreds of thousands of Americans are kept up to par for war production.

And, while our production has been concentrated on war needs since the Army placed its first big mower order for Rosemans, may we point out that hundreds of Rosemans are continuing their economical, uninterrupted performance on golf courses throughout the nation.

For 37 years, both as a greenkeeper and as a manufacturer of mowing machinery, I have witnessed the greenkeepers' progress in the development and maintenance of turf. Now, our national emergency has revealed the tremendous importance of their achievements.

The nation should salute its greenkeepers for the ability and foresight they have contributed toward winning the war.

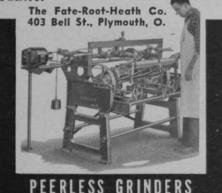
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This simple-to-operate, accurate grinder will not only enable you to take better care of your course in less time, but will also add to the life of your mowing units by keeping them in A-1 cutting condition for the duration. WRITE FOR DETAILS TODAY.



PEEKLESS GKINUEKS MADE BY THE MANUFACTURERS OF SILVER KING TRACTORS dinner at Evansville (Ind.) CC attended by capacity crowd of 175 resulted in sale of \$1,372,231.25 in bonds, manager Harry O'Hagan reports. It's believed to be a record for a country club in a city of Evansville's size (97,062)... George Gibson, general mgr. of the British Pro Golfers Co-op Assn., is a flight-lieut. with the Royal Air Force. ... Employees Recreation club of Rohr Aircraft has leased Chula Vista (Calif.) CC for 5 years.

George Aulbach, in Club News of Amarillo (Tex.) CC said that during June, July and August, 1943, 504 more member rounds were played than in the corresponding months last year. It was an increase of 25.5%.... Women's play at Amarillo is up 16%, and junior play up 100%, over last year. . . Aulbach says practically every section of Texas shows an increase in golf play this year.

## BALL OUTLOOK

No synthetic golf ballls will relieve a condition threatening drastic curtailment of golf play in 1944, according to officials of leading golf ball manufacturing companies who met late in October in Chicago.

All available rubber substitutes have been tried without success in developing a satisfactory golf ball... The producers make gloomy forcasts for golf in 1944 unless players become aware of the urgent necessity of turning in all obtainable used golf balls for reconditioning during the winter.

Reconditioned balls cared for unexpectedly heavy play this year, but manufacturers' reports show a 50 per cent reduction in number of golf balls turned in by players for reconditioning this season as against the 1942 returns.

In addition, a big demand at Army and Navy camp golf practice ranges for used golf balls diminished the supply available for civilian golfers. Marked increase of war-worker golf was another factor which seriously depleted stocks of golf balls. Stocks of unused balls, made prior to the government's freezing of rubber, were exhausted early this season.

## for THIS battle, G.H.Q. is at YOUR own desk!

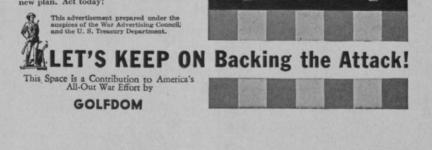
★ Here's how you—yes, YOU—can carry out a smashing "pincer movement" against the Axis. Swing in on one flank with increased production of war goods! Drive in on the other with redoubled purchases of War Bonds through your Pay-Roll Savings Plan!

You're an officer in both of these drives. Your personal leadership is equally vital to both. But have you followed the progress of your Pay-Roll Savings Plan as closely as you have your production?

Do you know about the new Treasury Department quotas for the current Pay-Roll Allotment Drive? Quotas running about 50% above the former figures? You see, these new quotas are based on the fact that the armed forces need more money than ever to win the war, while the average worker has more money than ever before to spend. Particularly so, on a family income basis—since in so many families several members are working, now.

Remember, the bond charts of today are the sales curves of tomorrow! Not only will these War Bonds implement our victory they'll guard against inflation, and they'll furnish billions of dollars of purchasing power to help American business re-establish itself in the markets of peace.

So get this new family income plan working at once. Your local War Finance Committee will give you all the details of the new plan. Act today!



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## SEASON PROVES GOLF HAS MET WAR'S DEMANDS

Golf, according to early season forecasts, was due to stagger through 1943, badly handicapped by conditions brought by war.

Instead, as the following district reports indicate, the game didn't do badly at all. Retrenchment was in order everywhere and some private clubs took it on the chin harder than nearby courses open to public play. But play-volume, the index of the game's health, was uniformly up nationwide, with the exception of those areas with the more drastic gasoline restrictions. And even in those areas, golf posted an excellent record.

Following are analyses from representative metropolitan areas of how golf fared in the past half year.

## California Had Best Year Since '28

### By DARSIE L. DARSIE

FROM the standpoint of public interest and public participation more individuals are playing golf in California today than have at any time since the "golden days of 1928."

Tournament play has, of course, been curtailed, but club events, held each week, draw larger fields than they have for many years. The California Women's GA cancelled its entire program in 1943 because of gas and rubber rationing and the Southern California Womens' association followed suit—but mens' tournaments have been streamlined most successfully and have been closely tied into the war effort through bond sales, etc.

The annual California Amateur, played

at Del Monte, drew a field of 400 players, not up to the 1942 total of 550, but still large enough to produce a great tournament. The Del Monte womens' championship, played at Cypress Point course, found Mrs. George Zaharias (Babe Didriksen) winning the 36-hole final by a score of 13 and 12—with no round "out of the seventies."

The Amateur championship was streamlined to meet war conditions in a most interesting manner. All member courses were rated and a field of 485 golfers qualified on their home courses, adding to their scores the rating figures indicated. On this basis a very strong field of 32 players qualified for the match play at Hillcrest CC, which can be reached by bus, 15 minutes from downtown Los Angeles.

The tournament was an unqualified success, with galleries paying a fee—all money realized being turned over to the Citizens Committee of the Army and Navy. By permitting players to qualify at their home courses a minimum of gas and rubber was used and little, if any, time was lost to the war effort.

#### Movie Stars Help Out

Southern California PGA, the The S. C. G. A. and members of Lakeside's Country Club have cooperated most successfully in putting on Victory Tournaments at Wilshire, Santa Ana, San Bernardino and Ventura. In each case all receipts have been turned over to war charities and stars of the links as well as motion picture stars, Bob Hope, Bing Babe Didriksen, Andy Clyde, Crosby, Mickey Rooney, Johnny Weissmuller and a host of others, have given of their time. freely, to make these events successful. The Victory Tournament at Santa Ana CC, close by the Santa Ana Army Air Base, drew galleries of more than 7,500 persons.

In many ways clubs have been turning their attention to aiding the war effort.

Oakmont, owned by the "banana king," W. W. Crenshaw, proved the champion Victory Garden club of them all. Crenshaw, himself, letting his racing stable run itself, has turned to the business of raising tomatoes, potatoes, corn, lettuce, carrots, egg plants, etc., with a vengeance. For months he has spent most of each day. hoe in hand, watching his gardens grow. From the middle of August to the middle of October, members, passing through the golf grill, were urged to purchase lug boxes of beautiful tomatoes-with a dozen new fruit jars thrown in with each lug. An average of 500 pounds of tomatoes a day was harvested in this time. More than 40 acres of the rough at Oakmont is used in Mr. Crenshaw's private garden.

Other clubs, too, have found victory gardens the means of keeping their tables in green vegetables, the Los Angeles CC having one of the best.

#### Buy Bond; Replay Round

During the Third War Loan drive, Oakmont put on a special tournament in which a player bought a bond to enter the 18hole medal play handicap event. If he didn't like his round he bought another bond and played it over. In four days time more than 240 bonds, totalling \$7,800, were sold. Other clubs are planning similar events.

The Southern California Open, played for \$1,000 worth of war bonds over the county-owned Santa Anita course, found a field of more than 200 competing. A most spectacular final round saw Willie Hunter, former British Amateur champion and now veteran professional of the Riviera CC, overtake Lloyd Mangrum with a birdie at the 71st hole-and then go on to win with a par at the last hole, 278 to Mangrum's 279. Marvin Stahl, now a war worker in Los Angeles, was third with 280. Just before the start of the final round, Bob Hope took the first tee and sold \$12,000 in bonds to the gallery.

William P. Bell, president of the 36-hole Sunset Fields public links, reports capacity play every week-end at his courses. They are located on both bus and electric car lines and are but six miles from downtown Los Angeles—consequently, are profitting by the gas and rubber situation. However, strange as it may seem, Griffith Park's municipal courses, much farther out, still are playing to full capacity both through the week and on week-ends.

#### Food Is Problem

Country clubs, with a very few exceptions, are meeting the challenge of conditions successfully, although most have streamlined operations to meet conditions. Few of them serve dinners and few permit members to have guests for lunch. Food rationing has hit them rather hard in this respect. However, practically all close-in clubs have filled their membership lists and have waiting lists established. Golf courses have suffered a lack of experienced help and they are rather ragged and unkempt in contrast to their usual immaculate appearance. Caddies, save at a few of the clubs, are conspicuous by their absence. Even so, play has not fallen off, members either pushing caddie carts or carrying Sunday bags with half a dozen clubs.

There have been some casualties worth noting.

The once exclusive Flintridge CC, scene of George Von Elm's first California triumph in Championship back in 1921, has disappeared. For three or four years it struggled along under a bonded indebtedness of some \$280,000. A new deal, on a monthly rental basis, carried the club along for a year. Finally, a few weeks ago, Keith Spaulding, horseman, polo player and sportsman, purchased the second nine holes and made the 60 acres