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# MAKING THE Swing

## THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

**P**OSTWAR construction plans of a \$168,-872 golf clubhouse at Griffith Park, Los Angeles, Calif., was recently approved by the city park commission. It is reported the funds will come from the federal government and that the building will be of reinforced concrete and steel with block glass surfaces on two sides with locker accommodations for 600 men and 200 women. . . Veteran Archie Sanderson, pro at Sands Point CC, Staten Island, N. Y., reports that his brother, Harold, former pro at Canoe Brook GC, Westchester, N. Y., is now in full charge of Red Cross service clubs in Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. The younger Sanderson has been in the South Pacific close to two years. . . Plans for developing the former Rancho GC property near Los Angeles, Calif., by the city's department of parks as a combined recreation area and golf course were inaugurated recently with the city's planned acquisition of a 184-acre tract on Pico Blvd. near the 20th Century-Fox studios.

Ernest Lawson, who has spent two and a half years with the Army, most of the time in the Aleutian Islands, has been added to the pro staff at the Crystal Springs GC, near Burlingame, Calif. . . Everett Goulart, former pro at Crystal Springs, is now a technical sergeant in Italy. . . Fred Moore, husky former Dunwoodie CC, Westchester, N. Y., pro, is also back after more than two years with the Red Cross in the European theatre. . . A.C. Bledsoe has opened a nine-hole course 3½ miles east of Shelbyville, Tenn., on the new Tullahoma highway. . . C. P. Mingo and Clyde Thornton of Bluefield, W. Va., have purchased the Mercer Country Club, near Glenwood Park, a former public golf course, and plan to spend \$80,000 in converting it to a private country club with a new clubhouse and swimming pool.

Lt. Lawson Little of the Navy became the proud papa of twin daughters on Aug. 22. That makes three little Little girls

now. . . The Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC recently played host to all local WAVES. . . A novel "pool" party was held Sept. 2 at the Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., with professional models displaying over 50 fur garments and dresses, followed by dancing and a midnight supper.

Cornell, Dartmouth, Michigan and Pennsylvania recently sponsored Intercollegiate Golf Day at Erie Downs, across the Peace Bridge in Canada from Buffalo. Michigan won with a team average of 91.2 and the affair was reported so successful that other schools are preparing for the next Intercollegiate Golf Day.

The fact that Johnny Ciprani of the South Shore CC, Hamburg, N. Y., has no left hand and guides the club with his wrist, didn't stop him from scoring a hole-in-one on the 186-yard third hole, East course of the Oak Hill CC at Rochester, N. Y., recently. He finished with a 78. . . Brookfield CC, Clarence, N. Y., near Buffalo, taken over by a 15-man syndicate last spring, reports more golf played this year than last. The 9-hole women's course was abandoned. Brookfield was formerly known as Meadowbrook.

A foursome of John Lewis, Walter Ridder, John O'Halloran and Hal Shugard, all except O'Halloran being affiliated with the St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch-Pioneer Press, and members of the St. Paul Exchange Club, of which O'Halloran is president, recently turned in a net best-ball round of 44 including an ace on the 140-yard sixth by Ridder.

One-day golf tournaments with an average of 150 entrants are proving one of the high spots of the summer recreation program at Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corp., So. Charleston, W. Va., plant. . . When the tennis and golf teams of Republic Aviation's Indiana division held matches with Consolidated-Vultee teams at Nashville, Tenn., the Republic golf captain had members of the company's photo club take 300 feet of movies showing the teams in action. . . Industrial sportsmen are eligible to submit photos in the "best

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sports photograph of the year" and "best sports story of 1944" for prizes of \$100 and \$500 respectively, in a contest being conducted by E. P. Dutton & Co., 300 Fourth avenue, New York, N. Y. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 15, 1944.

While playing his home course recently, Al Robertson, pro at the Armour Fields (Kansas City, Mo.) muni course, had only eleven putts on eleven holes. He was 5 under par for the eleven holes, sinking a second shot on the No. 2 hole for an eagle.

Ross Sawtelle, Worthington Mower company president, became a papa on Aug. 14 with the birth of Nancy Whortley Sawtelle, who weighed in at 6 pounds at arrival. . . Plans for a 9-hole course at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., on a 23-acre site are being discussed. . . I. Kent Fulton, owner of the Hob Nob Hill GC, Sharon, Conn, died recently, leaving large trust fund to keep course in operation. Tom Nocker is Hob Nob pro and green-keeper.

It was good grub although not country



club style, when this photo was taken somewhere in France of Lt. Col. Robt. T. Jones, U. S. Army Air Force.

Golf tournaments are regularly scheduled for workers at the Curtiss-Wright Caldwell-Clifton, N. J. plant with good turn-outs. . . . Harry O'Hagan, who has been manager of the Evansville, (Ind.) CC for the past three years, has resigned to accept a similar post at the Dallas (Tex.) CC as of Oct. 1. . . . It's a boy for the Jack Mallons at Garden City (N. Y.) CC. . . . Miss Molly Gourlay, 1923 French Open champion, and player in countless international matches, is now commanding the British A.T.S. and the Canadian and American WACs who are serving under General Montgomery at Headquarters in France. . . . Pre-war new golf balls are reported selling in Ireland for approximately \$75 per dozen.

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now on contract to RKO Radio, won his flight at the recent American GA event at Rolling Hills (Calif.) CC. The win was highly significant. Reynolds, because of wounds suffered in the Solomons destroyed the nerves in his left leg, wears a steel brace from the knee down. Within the past six months he has taught himself to overcome the handicap this imposed.

Brentwood GC near Los Angeles, Calif., has been reported sold to a New York syndicate for approximately \$500,000 with future development to await the end of the war. . . . The "Jack Wilson Championship" in honor of the long-time pro at the Salina, (Kas.) CC now stationed in Iceland has been scheduled. . . . Title to the clubhouse of the Flintridge GC, Pasadena, Cal. has passed to a local tavern owner for a reported \$38,000 fee. . . . To develop future Canadian pros, Bill Heyworth, pro at Hastings Park (Vancouver) GC is giving free instruction to a group of thirty caddies.

Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., 17-year old son of the famous golfer who is now an army colonel in Normandy, is captain of the Baylor Boys school golf team and is planning to enter a Georgia technical school next year. . . . Olympia Fields (Chicago,

Ill.), has reportedly tightroped its way successfully across an abyss of bankruptcy under a plan whereby the club retains their No. 1 and No. 4 courses, clubhouse and swimming pool but selling their No. 2 and No. 3 courses, proceeds to go to bondholders along with funds from a new \$250,000 first mortgage and a \$200 assessment on each member.

One hundred and twenty-two handicap changes made during August indicate golf activities at Bel-Air CC, Calif., are at high pitch. . . . Contractors began work recently to replace the Westwood (Calif.) GC clubhouse which burned several months ago. . . . Trophies, records and members' locker contents were lost when the Beacon Hill GC (Leornado, N. J.) clubhouse recently burned. . . . Proceeds of the 14th annual tourney of Hardscrabble CC, Ft. Smith, Ark., will be turned over to the local Community Chest War Fund. The event, billed as the South's finest golf tournament, will be played October 13-15.

Settlement of \$2,555.97 for claims against the Greeley CC and City of Greeley, Colo., amounting to \$36,471.05 were accepted by the government. Claims were based on improvements made during period the course was under lease to the

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city. . . . Summit Hills club, Cincinnati district, has been offered for sale for \$150,000. Purchase of the property is under consideration of the club's board of directors. . . . Sgt. Tom Suedhoff, son of Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC secy.-mgr., has been reported wounded. He shipped overseas as a machine gunner in July, 1943. From the tap of the bell Ft. Wayne CC has been especially cooperative in Service activities. Its latest contribution being a program for all local women in the Navy awaiting call to active duty.

Golf is rapidly taking its place as one of the leading pastimes at Fort Dix, N. J. Over a recent weekend more than 300 soldier golfers toured the nine-hole layout on the post during the height of the heat wave. Incidentally, there has been a marked decrease in lost balls since the WAC in charge of the golf equipment put a 25 cent deposit charge on all balls.

Service men and women may play at any time on any of the Indianapolis municipal golf courses without charge. . . . Lancaster (Pa.) CC will open its course to the public three days a week with the receipts going to the Red Cross. . . . The sports war bond committee is reputedly stirring up a golf match for September involving Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden to be held in or near Pittsburgh.

As of Sept. 1, players on Chicagoland courses had contributed \$12,655 to the Golfers' Dime-A-Round fund, receipts going to the Chicago Service Men's Centers to provide recreation and comforts for men and women in the armed forces. George Donoghue's public park players led the list with a total of \$5,117.

Seaman First Class Samuel ("Erie") H. Ball, USNR, of Richmond, Va., former pro at the Farmington CC, Charlottesville, Va., and grandson of the late John Ball, one of British golfdom's all-time "greats,"



S.F.C. Samuel "Erie" Ball.

has been transferred to headquarters of Naval Air Primary Training Command, NAS, Glenview, Ill.

Seaman Ball's grandfather, a gentleman

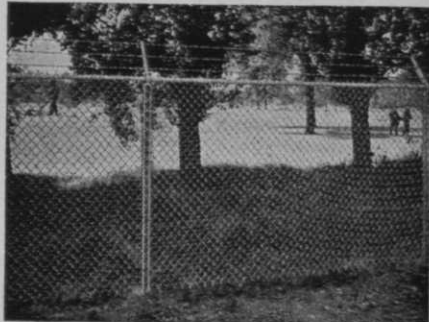
farmer who lived at Hoylake, near Liverpool, England, eight times won the British Amateur championship, and crowned his outstanding amateur golf career by coping the British Open after he had passed the half-century mark. He died two years ago.

Young Ball won the Southeast PGA championship in 1933 and 1936, and the Atlantic City Open title in 1933. He also placed tenth in the 1936 British National Open. He has also competed in the U. S. Open, national PGA meets and toured the winter circuit.

Johnny Trish is the Western New York (State) professional golf champion, downing Leo O'Grady, Transit Valley instructor 73 to 64 in a play-off. Johnny, instructor at Park Club's Orchard Park (N.Y.) course is a brother of Milt, his predecessor at the club, who died in the armed services last May. . . . Wally Potter, former Canisius College footballer, later an amateur and then professional boxer, scored a hole-in-one on Labor Day in winning the Lancaster Club championship. . . . Floyd Donovan, energetic vice-president of Buffalo Golf Club, had a hole-in-one during the course of winning both the 18-hole handicap and sweeps of his organization with a 71.

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# A Challenge to Golf

By ROBERT E. HARLOW

★ When the wars end it will require a tremendous effort to establish the art of nice living. As time marches on it will bring about more and more of a people's world and those who have discovered some of the finer things of life should make an effort to distribute their knowledge of what constitutes pleasant living.

Post war golf will present an opportunity for providing a share in creating something better in the way of recreation and companionship for the people of the world. It would be well for golfers to consider now what part they may properly take in the rebuilding of the peace on earth.

Golfers are among the most influential members of practically all American and British communities. To them will be presented a wide field for action, in bringing the glorious game of golf to an ever-increasing number of their own people, as well as to those in other lands who have never enjoyed the satisfaction which golfers know.

Now is the time for golfers to investigate the facilities in their own communities for providing golf for all who would find pleasure in the game. In the surge of people for a better life, golf should have an important place. For this purpose golfers should take enough interest in their local politics to see that the building of municipal courses is not neglected. There will be vast expenditures of public money for civic institutions in a post war world, and a rightful portion of such investments should be in golf.

America, upon which the world looks for leadership in post-war affairs, will find a ready and interested audience in the department of international sport. The manufacturers of golfing equipment, and the golf architects, should organize for the purpose of sending golf missionaries to

foreign countries to establish this fine game.

Wendell Willkie in his book, *One World*, spoke of the work of American missionaries in fostering good will for America in far-off lands. It has been this good will which has been a powerful factor in helping America and our Allies in winning the war.

The present world conflict has taught us that sportsmanship is one of the things which is lacking among the people of some nations. It has shown that nations in which sports have been prominently featured have a much keener feel for sportsmanship, even in the sorry business of making war, than among nations where sports have been neglected.

Germany and Japan know very little about sports, in comparison to the vast numbers of Americans and Britishers who have played friendly competitive games for many years. Most of the lessons in sportsmanship learned by the young men of America were learned on the baseball diamond, the football field, the golf courses and in various other competitions in which the rights of the other fellow are properly respected.

It is obviously going to be a tedious job of making the world so unselfish that nations will not rise against nations. One of the first lessons in International friendly relations can be accomplished through sports; not the sort of International sport represented by the highly competitive Olympic Games, but by the general participation of the young people of nations in games in which sportsmanship is taught.

Golf presents a favorable medium for spreading the gospel of sportsmanship among peoples because it is a game which is enjoyed by young and old, a game which requires only a relatively small investment by individual players provided courses are



publicly owned and operated. Elaborate club houses and expensive courses are not required. The game may be enjoyed when holes are laid out over the natural contour of the land. Nine holes, or even six holes, would be enough to start the game in many communities here and in foreign lands.

Up until this date no effort of any consequence has been made to convert the world to golf. Only in America and Britain has golf begun to develop into a people's game. The little golf played in other countries has been confined to a few private clubs, far too expensive for the people. These clubs have been located only in large foreign cities and were patronized by British and American diplomats and a handful of the wealthy people among the citizens.

Your correspondent has never heard of any attempt whatever to introduce golf to the people of a foreign land.

Russia, with its vast space, should present an especially attractive field for the development of golf in a big way. The Russians, along with their tremendous war effort, gave considerable time to sports, and mountain climbing, skiing and some other popular forms of sport were encouraged by the government and were enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of the members of the Soviet Republic.

Golfers could make a great gesture following this war if they organized and sent a commission of golfers, with an architect, professionals and equipment, to introduce the game in Russia. The Golfer's Handbook, published in Edinburgh, Scotland, which lists the golf courses of the world,

does not show a single golf course in all of Russia. This is a real challenge to American golf.

As for our own country. The pattern of past-war golf has already started to shape itself. Before the war golf was gaining ground as a people's game. There is every reason to anticipate that this movement will carry on at a vastly accelerated pace during peace. America, like Russia, is a land of great open spaces. The land is available and the people's appetite is whetted.

Our amateur and professional teams have only begun the series of International matches which in a post-war world can contribute to peace on earth. It should be noted that America and Great Britain have engaged in more International sporting competitions than any other nations; and that in the last two great conflicts, these two nations have been allies. It is not beyond reason to consider that our mutual love of sport has contributed to our friendship when the world has gone to war. It is unthinkable that America and Great Britain could be anything but friends. Sport has contributed to the state of mind which exists between the two powerful nations.

We must give sport to the whole world, and no game presents a better opportunity for such a purpose than golf.

Let us not dwell too often on the physical benefits of golf to a nation. Let us think of the spiritual benefits of a game which can aid in teaching the world sportsmanship and companionship, both of which are anti-war.



## SUNSHINE, FRESH AIR, RELAXATION—LET-DOWN THAT BUILDS 'EM UP

Bigger galleries followed the tournament rounds this year. Below: McSpaden awaits his turn to putt in Chicago's Victory Open at Edgewater GC.

