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THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

Mel Smith, Duke of Windsor's personal pro (four hours per day), has resigned as manager of the Bahamas CC in Nassau to manage Fred Waring's Shawnee CC and Inn in Pennsylvania . . . Byron Nelson is the second golfer to win the "Athlete of the Year" selection; Gene Sarazen was first . . . George Wallace, manager has resigned from Millbrae G&CC, Burlingame, Cal. . . . Another resignation is that of Lee Kosten, pro at the Muskegon CC (Mich.) who is now manufacturer's agent for the Diamond Detroit Tool Co.

Organization of Bradenton (Fla.) CC to purchase the former Bradenton G&CC properties is going along smoothly . . . Dubsdread CC, located between Orlando and Winter Park, Fla. has been sold to Malcom C. Davenport of Greenville, N. C. for approximately \$100,000 . . . Maplewood G&CC, Renton, Wash. has been incorporated for \$50,000 . . . New Rio del Mar CC Operating Co., Watsonville, Cal. is planning to purchase the property of the Aptos CC.

Kilbourn CC, Racine Wisc. has been sold under foreclosure to L. C. Christensen of Franksville and Felix Peter of Sturtevant who will continue operation . . . Art Bell, former pro at the San Francisco, Cal. GC, state open and northern California PGA champion, has been inducted into the Navy . . . Common Council of Yonkers, N. Y. has approved the sale of approximately 22 acres of the Grassy Sprain GC, near Tuckahoe, to the Celanese Corp. of America for \$50,000.

John Pentenaro, gkpr., Quaker Ridge CC, has retired and been succeeded by his son Alfred . . . Rocco Limongeli has been gkpr, Scarsdale (N. Y.) CC for 45 years . . . Sound View CC, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. has been sold to Paul H. Jeffrey.

Harry Winters, Inglewood CC, is new pres., Southern California Public Links assn. . . . A federal jury awarded City of West Palm Beach \$251,300 from U. S. government for incorporating 170 acres of the munny golf course into Morrison Field . . . Harold West will be Tualatin GC, Portland, Ore., pro three days a week this year, devoting the rest of his time to defense work.

Springfield, Mo. Chamber of Commerce appoints new heads of committee to establish a munny golf course . . . Chico, Calif., to build new golf clubhouse at Bidwell Park . . . Stockholders of Abbeville, La. CC protest sale saying absent servicemen members should have had chance to pass on sale . . . Besides, objectors declare, there might be oil on the property and the selling price is too low.

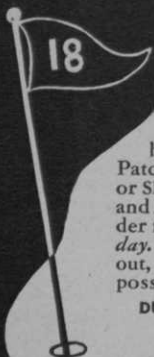
Liverpool (Eng.) public golf course had 30,680 rounds in 1944 . . . Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC lists among its assets \$50,000 (at cost) war bonds . . . Ft. Wayne property and equipment, less depreciation, is carried on club books at \$125,315 . . . Henry Cotton believes that the English Golf Union's alarm at prospect of postwar ball greater distance is needless anxiety . . . He thinks the longer ball will increase golf's popularity . . . Pfc. Bob Anderson, formerly active in Massachusetts amateur golf says old wood clubs are selling for \$10 apiece in France and a reprocessed ball, when obtainable, sells for \$4.

Pfc. Joel Bennett, ex pro at Gorham, N. H., taught golf to patients in Smokey Hill (Kan.) Army Air Base regional hospital in off-time while stationed near there . . . After being transferred to Infantry advanced replacement training center, Camp Howze, Tex., Bennett gave golf class instruction at Texas State College for Women, Denton, Tex.

Women's Western GA members brought old putters for use by patients at Vaughan General Hospital practice green, when the WWGA held its annual luncheon . . . Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. members built the practice area, in cooperation with Chicago District GA, Illinois PGA, Women's Western and Chicago District Women's organizations.

George Duncan suggests that USGA and R&A get together on same specifications for postwar golf ball . . . Sidney Fry, eight times British amateur billiards champion, now 76 years old, recently scored 74 in competition at Royal Mid-Surrey course . . . John de Forrest, 1932 British amateur golf champion and well known in USA is convalescing in Scot-

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land . . . He was a prisoner of war, having been captured in Libya . . . He escaped and eventually worked his way into Switzerland.

Belgian, American and British army men, and French players made up the field of 52 which played the first "liberation" tourney at Waterloo GC, Brussels, Nov. 12 . . . Course was in excellent condition . . . Playing equipment was supplied to military entries.

Ernest Whitcombe, Arthur Lacey, Archie Compton, Arthur Havers, Sam King, George Duncan, Charles Whitcombe, Bill Shankland, Reginald Whitcombe and Willie Davies are contributing their exhibition match services to the Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund . . . No expenses or fees are paid to the pros by clubs staging the benefit matches and illustrated souvenir programs, posters and admission badges are supplied without charge to the clubs.

British golf clubs expect the government to treat them fairly in paying war damage bills when it's possible to appraise and repair such damage . . . Bomb damage, damage of tanks or other heavy vehicles where courses were used as training grounds, and removal of concrete, rail, wire and mine defense works constitute greater part of the war damage . . . Turf hasn't been getting much care although some clubs still manage to maintain nurseries.

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**Comrade Dupont Conducts
Another African Event**

★ CPL. PAUL M. CAMPBELL, Stockbridge, Mass., amateur, won the North African Open champion ship from Sgt. Joseph Ciracella, former Tuckahoe, N. Y., pro, by a 2 to 1 decision in 36 holes.

A field of 24 players from 21 states competed. Qualifying scores ranged from Ciracella's 77 to the 106 of Pvt. W. H. Holmes of South Bend, Ind. Golf of U. S. servicemen in North Africa is handicapped by lack of equipment but more so by lack of time for play. The events are promoted by Cpl. Howard Dupont, a veter-

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an of World War 1. Dupont is widely known in golf as having been in charge of scoreboards at USGA and PGA national tournaments and because of having conducted the news and tobacco store at Pinehurst.

The Dupont establishment at Pinehurst was noted as having the only ancaiy in the country where copies of the Congressional Record were stacked up as reading matter. Distinguished visitors would walk to Duponts from the Pinehurst hotels, get into the johnny and become so absorbed in national affairs by perusing the Record they'd practically have to be dragged off to keep engagements at the tees.

Charley Oehler, pro at the Louisville (Ky.) CC, has a large box in the center of the locker-room, and on the box are displayed posters of various ball-makers advertising the urgent need of balls for reprocessing.

Oehler also has prominently displayed on the box a sign advising that a bag of practice balls always is available in his shop for members. Golfers learning that they can get practice balls are far more inclined to let their surplus of used balls go for reprocessing.

Scotch golfers head The Thistle Foundation which is to establish a housing project, clinic and recreational facilities in Scotland, at which severely disabled officers and men who are unable to pay more than a nominal sum for accommodations and services provided can live with their families in homes of their own.

American servicemen who have been extended cordial hospitality by Scots have asked GOLFDOM to call this fund to attention of American golfers. Individual contributions of the prewar price of two new golf balls are being solicited. Remittances should be sent to Messrs. Graham, Smart & Annan, C. A., 22 Charlotte square, Edinburgh, Scotland.

18-hole Tradition Is Shaken

★ "THE TRADITION that the round of golf must consist of eighteen holes is rather rudely shaken by the exigencies of war and many golfers are finding that they can get complete pleasure out of twelve or fourteen holes; indeed, elderly players are coming to regard fourteen as suitable and satisfying recreation. —>

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"But why adhere to eighteen holes, which simply occurs because at St. Andrews in the long ago they had nine out and nine home, if the ground available could be used to lay out a better golf course with 12, 14, or 16 holes. Many golf courses we know are cramped and in some places have dangerous holes in this faithful adherence to tradition when a lesser number would give a far better lay-out."
 —*Golf Monthly* (Edinburgh).

Pro Stars to Make GI Teaching Tour

★ Golf's pro tournament stars are to tour military camps and hospitals on instruction and entertainment in extending the PGA program for wartime service.

The touring tutors will be headed by Craig Wood, duration National Open champion, and will include Bob Hamilton,

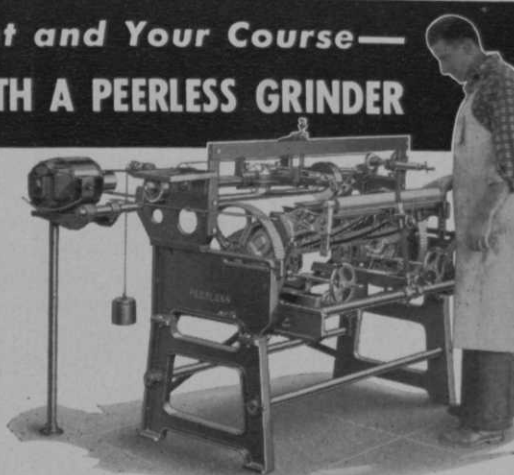
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Push is to be continued in every PGA section this year for constructing practice courses at all military hospitals.

Club Managers Cancel Annual Convention

★ Club Managers Assn. of America has cancelled its wartime conference scheduled for Cincinnati, in March. CMA officials decided the event didn't qualify for travel allowance directly essential to winning of the war and concluded to hold their annual convention in print.

Pennsylvania Cancels Turf Conference

★ DUE TO WIDE area from which greenkeepers came to annual Pennsylvania turf conference, this year's affair has been cancelled in accord with travel restrictions.

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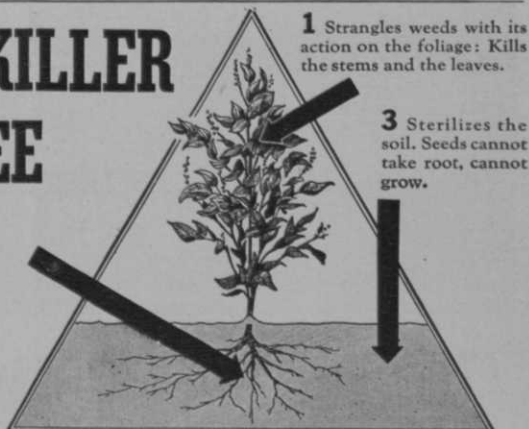
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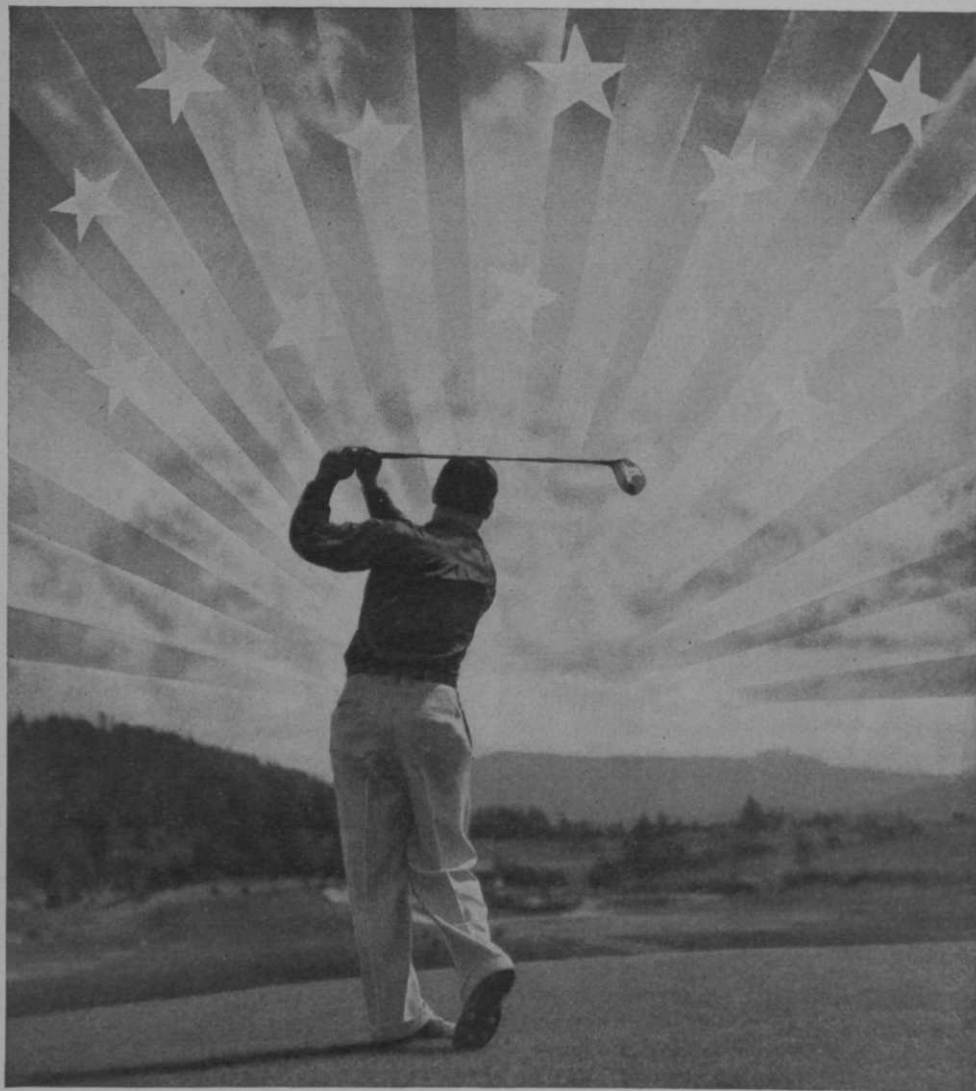


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By **HUGH WATSON**

Golf Manager, Houston (Tex.) Memorial Park-
Herman Park-Glenbrook Park.

★ In 1944 Houston's City championship and its War Bond were run together, the winner was declared the City Golf champion for 1944. Ed White, the former Walker Cupper, and intercollegiate champion was the winner by a large margin.

In 1943 we had 659 to enter the tournament, and this year, we had 666, all of whom did not enter match play, but as there was a War bond for the Medal winner, many who could not be here for the length of time we took for the match play, went out for the medal prize. The local newspapers say it was a world record for a match play tournament both years. We are setting out this January to break this record again.

When I started this tournament in 1943, I did not want to have a tournament that would take a man away from his work during war-time, so I hit on the idea of having 30 days in which to qualify; two weeks for the first match, two weeks for the second match, and one week for each match thereafter. No golfer was allowed to play his match during his working hours. Qualifying was on one course, but the matches could be played on any course that was satisfactory with the two opponents. The finals had to be played at the qualifying course which was Memorial Park.

We had 17 flights for men and two flights for women (32 each). One dollar was collected from each golfer. This money went to War Bonds for the winners and runner-ups; \$25 for the winner and \$10 for the runner-up. I have never asked the merchants for one thing for any of my tournaments. I believe in making our own way. Another thing that I have always done is to give the winner of the

18th flight the same value prize as the championship golfer. This has helped to swell the attendance. The Muni golfers are mostly dubs, so why not give them something to work for just as you do the better golfers. The dub is the man who keeps us in business.

My next tournament on which we are working is the Winter Municipal tournament; to be held in three divisions. Each course will hold its own separate tournament, with the winners at Herman Park playing the winners at Memorial Park of the same flight; 36 hole match; 18 at each course. The winner will get a \$50 war bond and the runner-up \$25 war bond. This offers match play competition between the two leading courses for a period of two months. Each course has about the same amount of play each month (5000) but the Glenbrook course is a new city course with small play, so this will be run by itself and will not enter in the competition between Herman and Memorial.

Bill Watson is the pro at Memorial and Robby Williams is the pro at Hermann Park. Both boys are in the Navy, and I am holding their jobs for them until the war is over. My job is manager of the three courses with headquarters at Memorial. I have been in the golf business for 30 years, but never received any pay for it until about five years ago when I took over here at Memorial as pro. I was promoted to Manager of all three courses, and my son Bill, who was my assistant, took over as pro about four years ago. I was vice pres. and sales manager for a life insurance company for 20 years, and have been on different committees for all that time in different clubs.

KEEP URGING YOUR PLAYERS TO TURN IN USED BALLS

I helped build Brae Burn here, was on the Board and was also chairman of the Membership committee for 10 years. I used to play golf four times each week. Now that I am in the golf business, I don't get to play but once a month.

I have been General Supt. of St. Paul's Methodist Sunday school for 12 years. It's one of the largest Methodist churches in Texas. I went into the Golf business because I think it is one of the finest ways to build manhood. I delight in holding each year a boys tournament in connection with the Junior Chamber of Commerce. We have some 150 boys of all ages to be our guests for a week, without green fees and with clubs furnished. We have a big time each year, with large galleries following these boys.

I have prevailed upon Houston high schools to allow credits for golf this year. We have four men teams from each school, with suitable prizes for all boys. This should be done in all large cities as golf is as fine a builder of character in boys as anything I know of. I am now working on having a Fathers & Sons tournament this summer; trying to get the fathers to play more with their boys.

I know what it is to play with your sons as I have two boys, both in the Navy. Lt. Robert Watson USNR is on the

U. S. Maryland and my son Bill is a Platoon Commander at San Diego. I raised these boys on the golf course. When Bill was 17 years old, he held the course record at Brae Burn with a 65, which held for several years until we hired Jimmie Demaret as our pro and he broke the record the first year he was there. I had much rather have my boys with me on the golf course than have them running around in a car with a bunch of boys whooping it up; that they were in good clean sports. So I am for trying to get more fathers playing golf with their sons and daughters.

I know what Golf means to the average family, and I am not a nut on it either, but I have had the experience and know whereof I speak. I have 27 cups I have won in the past 30 years, and am 50 years old now. I have watched the boys who were golfers and the boys who never saw a golf course, and there's a world of difference in the later years. Many men are not interested in playing golf unless they can arrange a foursome with plenty of bets on the side. Playing with their boys and not having any bets is just not to their liking.

I am sorry that I have entered into a sermon on golf here but it shows how I feel about this great old game.

TEAMWORK



FRANK M. WHISTON
The surprise was on him.

The past three years have been a series of headaches for most golf club presidents and managers. One of the most aggravating problems besetting them has been

that of getting and holding clubhouse employees. More than ordinary consideration of the employees helped one club in the Chicago district maintain its operating crew with but minor replacements. At the Edgewater golf club, host to the 1944 Victory open championships, O. R. Smeltkopf, manager, has been blessed with an operating staff of rare loyalty in these days of high frequency employee shifting.

This example of faithful performance registered with the club's top man, Frank M. Whiston, who completed his two year tenure last fall as club president. As a token of his personal appreciation for their continuous service, Whiston gave a party for the club's employees at the end of the season. The affair started with golf, followed by cocktails at the club and woundup with a dinner dance at the Edgewater Beach hotel.

Here's a case where the outgoing president's thoughtfulness is bound to make it easier sailing for his successor. But the headline event of the evening was not of the host's planning. The club staff evidently thought as much of their president as he did of them, presenting him with a memento of their enjoyable relationship.