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Ed Bruchhauser, out of the Army, is new mgr., Washington G&CC, Arlington, Va. . . . Spokane (Wash.) Athletic Round Table enlisted several greenkeepers and pros in building and sodding a green by the county court house for the ART's hole-in-one charity event. . . . Artesia (N.M.) new course to be ready for play this fall. . . . Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer-News has run a swell series of biographies of pros in the district. . . . San Fernando Valley CC, the old Woodland Hills CC rehabilitated by Jack Yates and Bob Finnley, is a new attraction in the Los Angeles district.

Walnut Lakes CC, Picken, Ark., reopened after wartime shutdown. . . . Jimmy Buxbaum is new pro at Pine Bluff (Ark.) CC. . . . Bloomer, Wis., trying to get city-operated course. . . . Hawthorne GC (Cleveland district) sold to Samuel H. Deutsch for reported \$100,000. . . . Belle CC, Bland, Mo., opened. . . . Ashland (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce acts to reopen golf course with tie-up of golf instruction in public schools.

Caddies at Alcoma CC (Pittsburgh district) strike for raise from \$1.25 to \$1.75 for 18. . . . Wiffy Cox, a tournament star when you and I were young, Maggy dear, thinks in his pupil 15-year-old Billy Edwards, he's got one of the future greats. . . . Loyal Order of Moose with 1600 lodges, plans nationwide golf program for members and kids. . . . Tommy Henrich's 87 was best of the Yankee ball club's scores on a day off at Congress Lake CC, near Cleveland, during the Yankee's recent western swing.

Lawson Little, after 10 years in pro golf, now is a PGA member. . . . There was much arguing back after Little had won the U. S. and British amateur titles in



**THE GOLF NEWS
IN BRIEF
By HERB GRAFFIS**

1934 and '35 as to whether he was the world's greatest at match play. . . . The argument never was settled in 1936 in Little's first year as a pro, because he wasn't eligible to PGA championship competition. . . . Denny Shute was the 1936 PGA champion and repeated in 1937.

Ralph Kennedy, New York golfer, has resumed his campaign to play 2500 different courses. . . . Kennedy's touring was halted by the war. . . . Three golf clubs were found undamaged in a bank vault in Hiroshima after the atomic bombing. . . . C. P. (Bud) Binner, active in Athletic Institute affairs, has been made executive v.p., Jacobs Sports magazines group which includes Sportfolio, American Lawn Tennis and Aim.

Golf in Australia says: "Our experience of U. S. professional golfers is that they measure up to the best in the world and would sooner lose a stroke than take a point unjustly." . . . The game's historians say there still hasn't been a scoring performance to beat Harry Vardon's average

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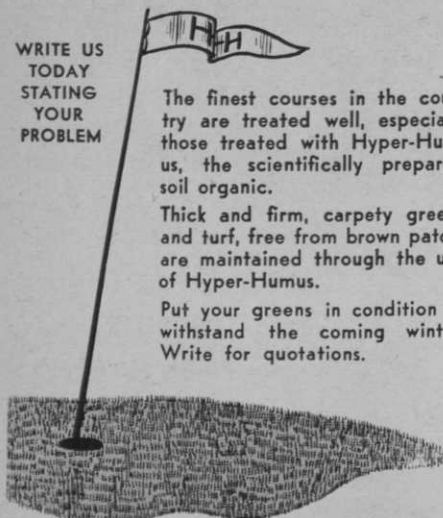
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of 3½ for 10 consecutive holes at Sandwich in the 1899 British Open. . . . Harry made that record with the gummy ball and hickory shafts. . . . This year for the first time Australia is conducting its national open, amateur and professional championships as separate events. . . . Australia's national open will be played at the Royal Sydney GC in October.

Pros says USGA in proposed revision of rules of golf could get some good tips on needed clarifications and rules by considering situations the pros are confronted with during winter circuit. . . . Wilcie Robbins, who defeated Johnny Goodman, former national open and amateur champion, in the Trans-Mississippi, is a Kansas farmer who was playing his first golf on grass greens in the event at the Denver CC. . . . Robbins told Chick Evans, "these greens sure are nice; they putt as true as sand greens." . . . That's a sincere tribute that should cheer Jim Haines, Denver CC's noted greenkeeper.

Several pros and greenkeepers who intended to take trips back to see the homefolks in Scotland and England this year changed their plans after hearing from relatives about tight food situation in Britain. . . . Rationing of food is not much better over there than it was in wartime. . . . It'd be a good idea for the fellows to

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Gleneagles hotel in Scotland, since early in the war a soldiers' and miners' hospital, is to be restored to peace-time status as headquarters for the famed Gleneagles courses, as soon as food and labor situation eases in Scotland. . . . John Macadam, London News-Chronicle sportswriter, said British Open crowd at St. Andrews on last day was 30,000 and the new plan of roping the entire course to control galleries gave spectators better view of the whole competition than they'd ever had before. . . . Gallery fees were 92c for visitors, 52c for St. Andrews residents and 38c for children. . . . Net revenue was \$20,000. . . . Macadam, by the way, is well known to many Yank airman, having been with the First Allied Airborne army. . . . The British Open trophy Snead brought home is an exact copy of the original which is retained in the R&A clubhouse.

George Hammer, U of Georgia sophomore who won the national collegiate, will turn pro after his college career. . . . Ham-

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mer is 23, a vet of 3 army years. . . . Hartington, Neb., considers a 9-hole course as war memorial. . . . Lake Worth, Fla., planning to increase present 9-hole course to 18. . . . Bill Wotherspoon, Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., pro recently made his first ace since 1927. . . . It was on Southern Hills 154 yd. 6th. . . . It was the third ace of Bill's career.

Brook Hollow, Dallas, has 24 acceptances of star pros for the \$10,000 event Sept. 26-29. . . . Holston Hills CC, Marion, Va., organized. . . . Palatka (Fla.) G&CC have taken lead in rehabilitating local course. . . . Fox Valley GC, Kaukauna, Wis., incorporated. . . . Opelousas (La.) CC opened.

Cavalier (N. D.) GC opened. . . . High school and grade school students get free playing privileges. . . . Tri-County course opened near Forestville, N. Y. . . . New clubhouse to be built by Liberty (Ind.) CC. . . . Waynoka (Okla.) GC organized. . . . Benton County GC opened at Fowler, Ind., Jimmy Todd, left-hander and former British Columbia open champion, returns to Braidburn CC, Madison, N. J., as pro.

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hospital, intends to get stars to exhibit at the course prior to the Miami open.

An English company is making a fluorescent plastic tee which glows on the grass. . . . Six clubs in London, Eng., district have been sold for real estate developments. . . . Deals for 3 more course sales are impending. . . . Obviously same situation prevails there as in U. S. metropolitan districts. . . . Robert Nicoll, 62, son of George Nicoll, who founded the Nicoll o' Leven golf club manufacturing company 60 years ago, died recently in Scotland. . . . The business will continue.

Rubber golf balls in Britain are the equivalent of 78 cents. . . . Price is fixed by government. . . . Still not many rubber balls available there. . . . Dunlop company plans to allocate 3 doz. balls to each of Britain's 2000 pros for sale to members.

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Ted Madden, widely known operator of the practice range "in the shadow of the Harvard stadium," was elected to the Boston city council shortly after he got out of military service. . . . Ted reopened his range after wartime shutdowns. . . . He says synthetic balls are holding up good under heavy play on his 75 tees. . . . Construction under way on Mount Lebanon GC, 15 miles south of Pittsburgh, Pa. James Gilmore Harrison is architect. . . . Course will be ready for play in June, 1947.

Fred Findlay, Charlottesville, Va., has designed and is building course for Williamsburg (Va.) Inn. . . . G. K. Ryan has resigned as mgr. sales of B. F. Goodrich Co. rubber thread and golf ball products dept. . . . Betty Hicks is teaching golf at University of Wisconsin. . . . Henry Cotton said "I firmly believe that the poor

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Laurie Auchterlonie, winner of the 1902 U. S. open, at 77, is the "grand old man" of the St. Andrews club where he's been a member for 60 years. . . . That's not the R&A, but the one for pros and artisans. . . . It celebrates its centenary this year. . . . Laurie's in good health for his years, but hard of hearing. . . . W. A. Ryan, 64 years old, won the Detroit (Mich.) CC championship for the third time, this year. . . . In the finals Ryan defeated A. H. Alvinger, jr., 42, 7 and 6. . . . Alvinger had defeated Ryan's son in an earlier round.

Latest sale of New Orleans (La.) CC membership was at \$1400. . . . West Okoboji CC, Estherville, Ia., reopened after wartime shutdown. . . . Fred Daly, with 288, was first Irishman to win the Irish open. . . . James Bruen was the first Irishman to win the British Boys' amateur championship and this year became the first Irishman to win the British amateur.

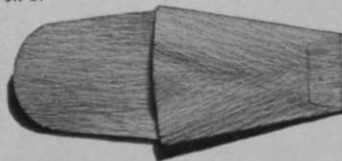
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Sam Glassman, Macon (Ga.) Telegraph sports editor gives pro-gkpr. Hugh Moore great plug in his column for the way Moore has conditioned Macon's munny golf course. . . . La Fontaine CC, Huntington, Ind., is remodeling course. . . . Mario Carfagno, 20-year-old pro at Lake Mohawk (N.Y.) GC is serving his 3rd year in that pro job. Beaver Valley GC, Allen, Ky., opened. . . . Stafford CC, Le Roy, N. Y., to modernize course and clubhouse.

Have you noticed that golf clubs get more pictorial publicity in newspapers on kids in their swimming pools than on anything else? . . . Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC in its club publication asks members to refrain from suggesting to their friends that they join the club. . . . Waiting list is so long that new applicants expecting they can get in soon means embarrassment all

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