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## THE GOLF WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

By HERB GRAFFIS

Royal & Ancient has doubled British Open prize money. . . Prize money in British Open to be played in July at St. Andrews will be 1,000 pounds, approximately \$4,000. . . The event's prize money was raised to 500 pounds (then approximately \$2,500) in 1931. . . It had been 100 pounds from 1893 to 1931. . . R & A also reduces to 100 from 130, the number of players to qualify this year for British Open. . . Amateurs who, before the war, could enter the Open if they had a 2 handicap now must be scratch or better to be eligible.

Britain's One-Armed championship is to be resumed last week in May at St. Andrews. . . Tournament was established in 1933 with field mainly of players who'd lost an arm in World War I. . . British are to have an exhibition match this spring with 8 leading pros as partners of 8 one-armed players. . . The event is something that should be copied in the U. S., especially because of PGA's extensive work in providing golf at military hospitals. . . Leo Diegel, head of PGA's Reconditioning and Rehabilitation committee, has idea of handicapped war vet's tournament under consideration. . . George S. May, L. B. Icely and Maynard G. (Scotty) Fessenden have offered to head financing of big prize money for such an event if eventually organized and conducted.

William Wilson, 84, of Glasgow (Scot.) Evening Times, who wrote on golf for 47 consecutive years, died recently. . . Tom Simpson, British golf architect, is laying out courses for Spain at Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga and Majorca. . . Jack Fuller of Montreal, new Royal Canadian GA pres., is youngest man to hold that office. . . W. D. Taylor is new sec.-treas. of the RCGA, B. L. Anderson, holder of that office for more than 30 years, having retired. . . Bert is one of the swellest fellows in the game. . . Every American golfer who ever met him will say amen to that. . . When he became RCGA sec.-treas. in 1914 the association had 33 member clubs. . . Now it has more than 300.

Julius W. Platt, winner of Western Pa. PGA titles, is out of navy to be pro at Knollwood club (Chicago district). . . Joe

Noble, pro at Summit GC, Toronto, is a badminton coach in winter and has developed some of Canada's finest players. . . Overbrook GC (Philadelphia district) plans to put more emphasis on wounded veterans' entertainment this summer, figuring the lads probably will be forgotten or given a casual brush-off at many other spots now that the war's over. . . And how damn right Overbrook is; isn't it, Gentlemen Sportsmen?

George S. May is making his Tam O'Shanter All-America prize money \$50,000 for the July 22-28 Open, amateur and women's events. . . That's tops in golf history so far. . . First prize will be \$10,500; also tops. . . Pro prizes in cash; amateur prizes in government bonds and stamps. . . George has asked USGA to increase amateur prize limit, account of higher expenses of amateurs in playing.

Paul Runyan, out of the navy, now is sales representative for Jacques Kreisler Mfg. Corp., Los Angeles, jewelry makers. . . Paul is a mighty smart, diligent businessman. . . Our guess is that in about three years Paul will be paying tax on an income that would make big headlines if it were tournament prize money. . . Golf, baseball and other pro sports income against tough, steady competition isn't in the same class with star businessmen's income against softer opposition. . . Busy

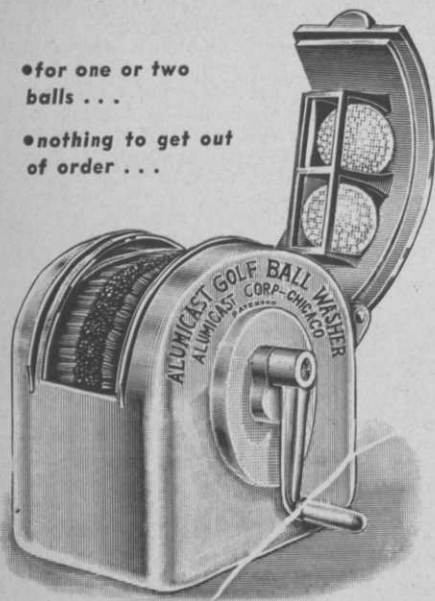


1946 USGA officials pose at recent annual meeting. L. to R.: Francis Quimet, v.p., Chas. W. Littlefield, pres., Fielding Wallace, v.p., and Isaac B. Grainger, standing, secretary.

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Army is making available to army hospitals and posts technicolor films made at 1945 PGA championship. . .Fred Pignon, London Daily Mail golf writer, tells Britishers there's nothing to the rumor that Britishers don't want American pros to come over this summer before British pros have had a chance to get back into playing stride after virtually a six year war-time gap in hot sports competitive effort.

Byron Nelson now shares with Don Budge honors as only men to have twice won the Associated Press sports writers' poll as "athlete of the year" . . .Sarazen, the only other golfer to win that distinction, received it in 1932 when he won the U. S. and British opens. Earl Kaufman, formerly Tulsa (Okla.) CC mgr., now mgr., Colonial CC, Fort Worth. . .Morrie Gravatt, protege of Alex Smith, is new pro at Tulsa, CC.

Date of Spokane's "first annual U. S. \$19,700 Women's Open" tournament, Aug. 26-Sept. 1 is bothering some girls who've thought of turning pro. . .USGA Women's National Amateur at Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla. is Sept. 23-28. . .So the girls who take money at Spokane won't be eligible to play at Tulsa. . .Looks like heaven didn't protect the working girl.

Terrace Park CC, Cincinnati, is in extensive rehabilitation program. . .Death of Davey Millar, pro-gkpr. at Meadowbrook CC, Detroit, sent club into the market for young man with promise of developing into "big name" pro, according to Detroit papers. . .The club selected Chick Harbert, just out of the Army. . .But no mention was made of getting "big name" greenkeeper to do part of the work the beloved Davey handled so well. . .Shows you what a job has to be done in getting deserved national recognition in golf for greenkeepers.

Fred Haas, jr., winner of the \$10,000 Memphis Open last August, is turning pro. . .Being as fine a pro as his pappy and doing as much for the members and golf as Fred, sr. has done is a tough par for Fred, jr. to shoot to in his new career. . .Americus, Ga., is planning a new country club. . .Herman Lang is returning to Highland Meadows CC, Toledo, as pro-mgr., succeeding Henry Moffitt who has gone to Heather Downs CC.

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Other golfers returned from military service are loudly supporting Jimmy Demaret's complaint that it's unfair for a fellow back from service and unable to obtain prewar balls to have to shoot the synthetic ball in competition against the rubber ball. . Jimmy says the prewar ball is three strokes better. . USGA will see to it that the ball situation is equalized in USGA championships this year.

Bill Richardson, veteran golf editor of NY Times, has been engaged by A. S. Barnes Co., publishers of sports "guides" and other sports books, to compile and edit an annual golf guide. . The game sure needs one and hasn't had any since the Spalding Golf Guides were discontinued some years ago. . J. E. (Mike) Michel, is new pro-mgr., Elks CC, Nampa, Ida. . Hillcrest CC, Los Angeles, has approved plans for \$350,000 rebuilding of burned clubhouse.

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York Temple CC, Columbus, O. shut down during 1945, is being reopened as a private club with Francis Marzolf as pro-mgr. and James (Ike) Browning as gkpr. . British Golf Union is considering training of greenkeepers by instruction at St. Ives Research station and field training at courses.

Omaha (Neb.) Field club offers to give up lease on 40-acres of its course to provide site for a veterans' hospital. . Deal would reduce club from 18-hole to 9-hole club. . Club asks \$58,000 for its fixed improvements on the property. . Harry Hayward's column "Of the Fairway," in San Francisco Examiner carries urgent pleas of district's golfers for additional municipal course. . One golfer, L. S. Kilkeary, says: "There is not a city comparable to San Francisco in population that is as poorly supplied with municipal courses as the 'City that Knows How'."

Cincinnati CC staff gets fine pictorial feature on 2 pages of Cincinnati Enquirer's Sunday Magazine Jan. 20 with story on "What Makes Country Club Click." . . Melvin Carpenter returns to Indian Springs CC, Columbus, (O.), as pro. . . Charley Lorms, 24 years pro at Columbus, (O.) CC will be mgr. of Columbus \$10,000 Open, July 5-7. . James (Red) Hall returns as pro-mgr., Shary munny course, Mission, Tex., after 4 years in Army.

Now that Ian Macdonald, who retired at 64, as a pro, has time to do what he used to tell 'em to do as he stood on the lesson tee from dawn 'til dusk, he's playing hot. . Mac recently scored his third ace, playing the 150 yd. second of Modesto (Cal.) munny course. . Ed Vines, on terminal leave from the Army, is named as San Francisco GC new pro. . . Ed, a very fine young gentleman and pro, is Elly's brother, and was pro at Catalina island before the war.

Two of the grand old Scotties who made American golfers happy recently went to

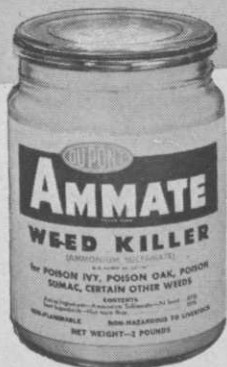
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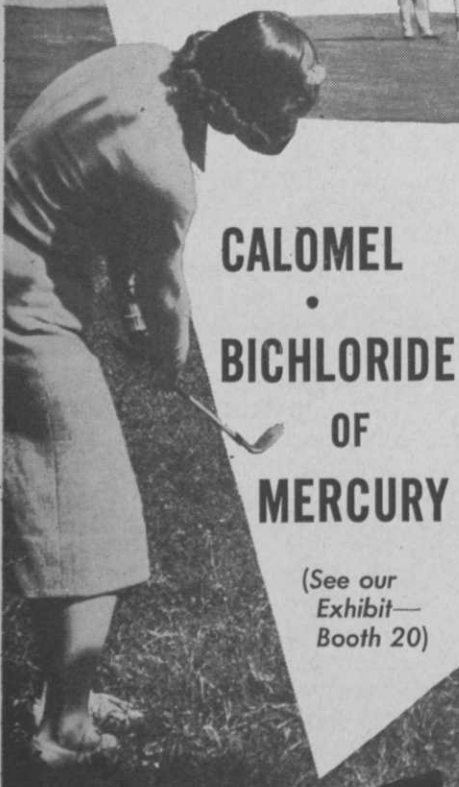
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greener fields. . .David T. Millar, 54, a Carnoustie product, died of heart disease, at Mount Clemens, Mich., Jan. 17. . .Davie was with Meadowbrook, Detroit, at time of his passing, and had been with clubs in the Detroit district for about 25 years. . .He spent a year in a hospital after being wounded at Ypres in World War 1. He's survived by his wife, 3 daughters and 3 brothers, among whom is Jim, pro at Sturgis, Mich. . .Arthur S. Rigby, another Carnoustie veteran, who came to the U. S. with Mac Smith in 1910, died at Glendale, Cal., Jan. 19, following a severe attack of flu. . .One of his first American jobs was at the old Orange CC, which later became the Santa Ana CC. . .He later served several Southern California clubs as pro and owned driving ranges in Long Beach and Glendale. . .Recently he had been with Mac Smith at Oakmont CC, Glendale.

Los Angeles to get Rancho course by paying \$200,000 federal tax bill. . .New course of Riverside CC, Carlsbad, N. Mex. to be ready this fall. . .Ulmer Hawkins resigns as Lakewood CC, St. Petersburg, Fla. pro, planning switch to another Florida club. . .Clay Center, Ks., to reopen CC. . .USGA blast at preferred lies custom in wartime tournaments was nothing for pros to get excited about. . .Regional amateur bodies have condemned the "teeing up" lie business as not being golf—and it isn't. . .What really caused some serious contemplation was the USGA rap of the scoring of club faces. . .But that'll be ironed out smooth before the Open at Canterbury. . .Veteran pros say there's no necessity for scoring club faces to make a ball bite with greens now so much softer than they used to be.

Encino, (Calif.) CC which failed during the depression and was taken over by a military academy, is to be revived as private club. . .E. E. Murray new mgr., Logansport (Ind.) CC. . .Sacramento (Calif.) City Golf commission to push junior golf this year. . .Long Beach (Calif.) CC to spend \$40,000 remodeling clubhouse. . . .PGA Tournament Mgr. Fred Corcoran has booked 44 events with more than \$500,000 in prize money for this year. . .Numerous applications for dates were turned down because of filled schedule.

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