

licity among area golfers that finally paid off with dues and fees back to the level enjoyed in the 1920 decade, and the club itself fully tied in with the Golden Forties and the U. S. curve. Membership was right, dues were right for the community, trained people were in the three key jobs of green-keeper, professional and house manager. No need for a membership employee for the time being and the loose co-ordination of committee chairmen was once again sufficient.

Financially the golf course was rebuilt during the 3 year period for an average operating charge of only \$11,000. a year against the 25 year average cost of \$16,600. Only thousands of hours of personal effort could have done that. In 1946 grounds costs were \$13,800; and the house line speaks for itself at \$27,200. There was still no overall manager to correlate and more money was available because the golf course didn't spend it. Course and house did spend \$8,000. for new equipment derived from entrance fees. For 1947 dues have been advanced to \$120.; the board feels more money is needed to clean up the debt.

During all these up and down periods respects should be paid to the professional on the job for 25 years. No other key man survived for more than 10 years. Caddy-master from the beginning through 1929, golf course worker until 1936, and then pro, he burned thought, time and effort, ate, slept and dreamed this particular golf course. Intensely loyal to each temporary and passing Green Chairman he gave unstintedly because he believed in golf as a force and was convinced the days of the 1920 decade would yet live again at this particular club. Ceaselessly untiring he poured himself into course maintenance, tree planting, kept the house grounds in 1944 personally, took care of the clubhouse in the winters of 1943-44 and 1944-45, kept the spark of golf alive at the bottom of the two big dips.

Can Stability Be Found?

The graph shows this particular club has operated chiefly on the principle of spending money when it was to be had and curtailing when it wasn't. Of course, each curtailment brought dissatisfaction and loss of use to the members; brought into being the very factors that accelerate downspin. But everything considered the 25 years has turned out pretty well.

Is there any way by which this and other clubs similarly situated can free themselves of dependency on this U. S. curve? Can its downward effects be alleviated. Is it possible for the average country club to enjoy stability of operation and income? The accident of a particular geographical location, the adherence of a really wealthy metropolitan group, or just plain good management by an interested individual have created such stability.

The primary lessons taught by this graph seem to be these:

Trained people must always be in the 3 key posts.

Then, a comptroller, managing director, financial or executive secretary, either voluntary or paid, one who understands local membership problems, and who can correlate and keep fixed charges within the bounds of income, is just a plain necessity. The loose liaison of committee chairmen is wrong in the country club setup, just as it would be wrong in any other business of importance in the U. S.

Had these 2 principles been recognized as musts for overall policy, the club in the graph would likely have been out of debt many years ago; the severity of the down-trends would have been mitigated, and the graph lines moved along a more even track for the 25 years. Instead of riding the ravine flyer the membership would have enjoyed the even pace of a Cape Charles ferry, would have stayed happy and paying dues all the time.

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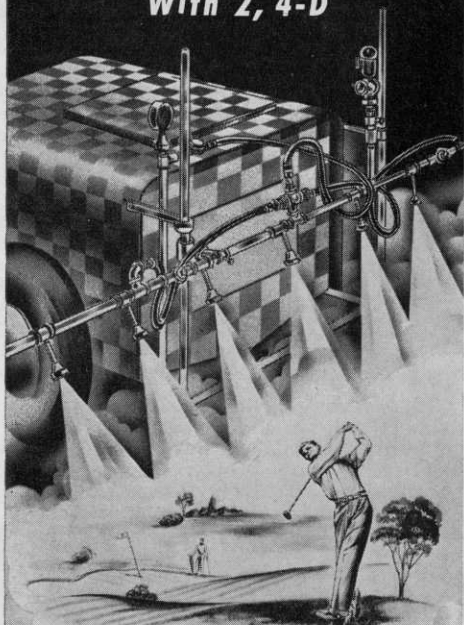
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TIFTON TURF MEET DRAWS 75—Initial southeastern turf conference held at Tifton (Ga.) Coastal Plain Experiment station May 21 and 22 brought together 75 greenkeepers and chairmen. The turf men were deeply impressed by plots Dr. Burton has started at Tifton, the work in breeding finer strains of Bermuda, experiments with topdressing mixtures in combination with sawdust, and other development work being done by Burton and Director King in bringing Green Section work to a helpful regional focus and instituting valuable research on matters peculiar to turf in the southeastern area.

PEORIA OPEN JULY 12-13—Dates for Peoria (Ill.) \$5000 Open to be played on Newman GC have been changed to July 12-13. The event started in 1944 as a \$500 event and has grown steadily. Play is at 54 holes with field being cut to 64 after the 18 hole qualifying round Sat., July 12. Pro entry fee is \$10; amateur, \$5. Pro first money is \$1000. Entries should be mailed to Peoria Open Golf Tournament Assn., Inc., First National Bank bldg., Peoria, Ill. The Peoria Open's organization plan is one of the best we have seen. You may be able to get a copy of it by writing Andy Paul, genl. chmn. of the tournament.

U. S. RUBBER OFFERS CASH PRIZES FOR SPORTS PIX

A sports photography contest offering \$1,500 in prizes for the best sports pictures of 1947 is announced today by the U.S. Rubber Co. Allsports Magazine. First prize for the best picture will be \$500, with 10 additional awards of \$100 each. The contest is open to both professionals and amateurs, and any sports photo taken in the United States or its possessions since January 1, 1947, may be submitted. Entries will be judged by a committee of leading newspaper photographers.

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 \$—George S. May's All-American tournament at Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) July 3-6 this year will have \$30,400 prize money for pros who wear identifying numbers. That's 1 2/3 the size of the PGA purse and 3 times the National Open purse. Merchandise prizes to extent of \$1990 will be given men and women. Pros who don't wear numbers will take a 50% reduction in prize money. A number-wearing pro who breaks the course record of 65 in competition will win \$666.

**GOLF WRITERS ASSN.
 IS REORGANIZED**

Golf Writers Assn. of America has been reorganized on the basis found effective by organizations of writers covering baseball, football, and other sports. Russ Newland of the Associated Press at San Francisco is pres. of the reorganized association and

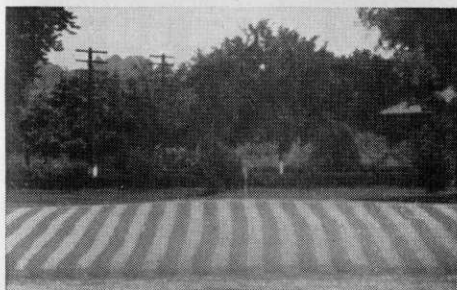
Charles Bartlett, Chicago Tribune, is sec-treas.

Membership invitation letters are being sent to all newspaper sports department members known to be covering golf. Pros who happen to know of golf writers who have not received the organization letter are asked to advise writers they may secure full details of the organization's plans and membership qualifications by writing Bartlett.

The Golf Writers' Association originally was started by Francis Powers, now of the Chicago Daily News, and was carried on under the leadership of Wm. Richardson of the New York Times. He did a good job in securing better facilities and cooperation in covering the most difficult sport sports writers have to handle. The association became inactive during the war.

Newspapers have cut down on golf news not alone because of paper shortage and question of golf news as a circulation factor but because of golf news being harder to get than news of any other popular sport. The Golf Writers Assn. plans to show clubs and golf associations what the reporters need, similar to the cooperation received from promoters of other amateur and professional sports.

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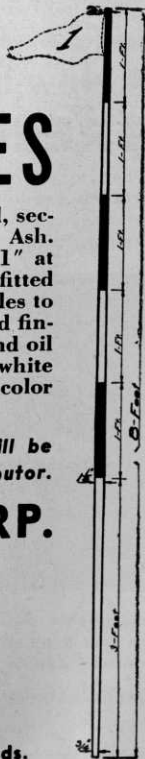
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Football has its character-building coaches, baseball has its idols, boxing has a few who may have influenced some kids' lives for the better, and golf, due to the caddie angle, has a number of professionals and amateurs who have been properly conscious of their responsibility as good examples to the youngsters.

But of all the characters we've met in sports who've done a great job for lads who came under their supervision Tom O'Hara certainly was among the top men. He was a fine contribution to the development of strong, clean, smart character among American kids, even though Tom's service was limited by his duties to the boys of the club he served.

The big party of sports notables that Attorney Gen. Tom Clark staged at Washington last month to launch a drive against juvenile delinquency was—although the celebrities didn't know it—a circus demonstration of what little old Tom had been doing successfully for 50 years. As a straightener-outer of bewildered or tough caddies and a fellow who helped the smart

and willing kids make faster progress Tom O'Hara was a star equal to, and possibly better than, Vardon, Jones, Hagen and Nelson in their department of the game.

And what's wrong with us in golf that we wait until Tom is holed-out 6 ft. deep before we recognize the greatness of his achievement?

Washington State College Considers Turf School

Dean E. G. Schafer, State College of Washington at Pullman is considering a greenkeeping short course for the school. State golf course and other turf needs and programs of greenkeeping short courses are being studied to launch the Washington school on a platform of valuable immediate service.

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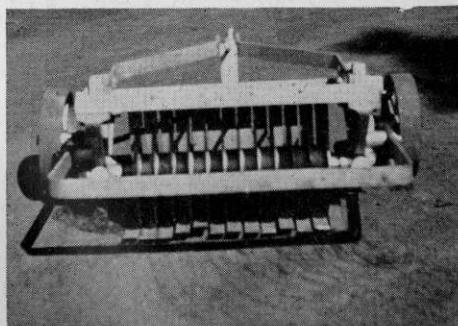


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There were a few places where the sprayer skipped near the tees and toward the end of the summer these unintentional control spots showed by contrast how thorough a job of weed-killing had been done.

In addition to the dandelions and both kinds of plantain, the ninth fairway was heavily infested with knotweed. There were a number of bad spots in the rough along the 13th fairway where hawkweed had taken over. The 3rd and 16th fairways had plenty of speedwell. All these, together with an over-supply of clover, were cleaned out by the Weedone application. There was considerable poison ivy along the fence which was treated with a stronger solution of Weedone.

It is interesting to note that this Spring the plantain has not come back, but that the dandelions have shown some comeback, on the first fairway in particular. These may have come from seed or from plants that were sprayed too lightly, and accordingly follow-up sprayings will be applied by the first of June.

Probably the outstanding result was on the ninth fairway, where the turf is now thick and firm. In previous years the knotweed has prevented the establishment of bluegrass in spite of a good fertilizer and seeding program. The course is under the supervision of William Baskin.

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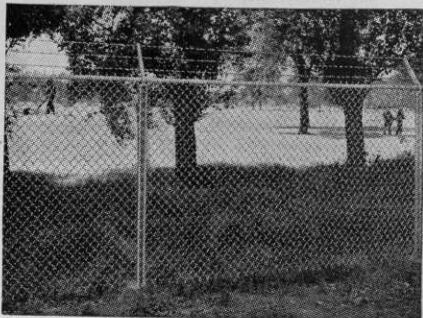
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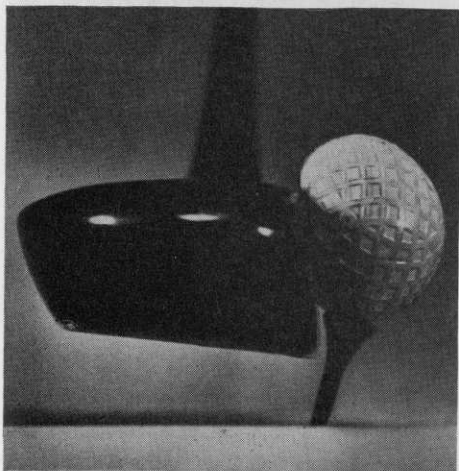
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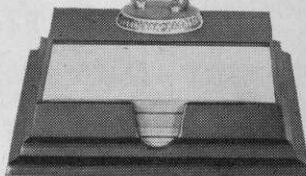
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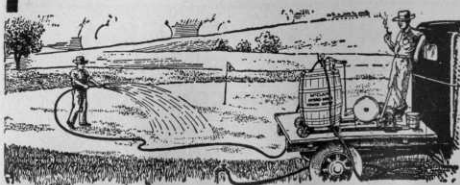
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WILSON'S NEW BALL APPEARS — Ed

Goeckel, Wilson Sporting Goods golf balls special sales representative says Wilson's new 70c post-war ball released May 15 received a great welcome and Ed also says that a limited quantity of the Turfrider balls will be on the market in their first appearance since 1941. He emphasizes, too, that the Top-Notch products are considerably improved due to better manufacturing facilities, new machinery and experience.

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Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) supplies members with an inch square sticker on which is printed a T. The sticker, pasted in a corner of the windshield of a member's car, saves delays in being identified by the watchman at the club gate.

"SKOR", NEW GRIP SOLUTION—Skor, a new rub-on paste that insures full grip-power on hands wet from perspiration or on wet club and racquet handles, is being sold by the national distributors, Cohan, Olson and Co., 404 N. Wells St., Chicago 10. Skor is manufactured by the Durasol Chemical Co. of Boston, and is packaged in individual tubes to retail for 98 cents. Skor is delivered to pro shops on attractive three-color 9 x 13½ inch display cards each carrying a dozen tubes. Dealer price is \$7.00 per card of 12 tubes in lots of 2 cards. The new paste contains lanolin and keeps dry hands soft and flexible. Users may apply it to the hands before starting a game, washing off any excess. As soon as hands or handle become wet, Skor gives a "tackiness"—but never stickiness—to the hands, preventing the club from slipping. Its grip-power lasts several hours. It is harmless to the hands and handle. Skor is greaseless and stainless and has a slight perfume odor. It will not deteriorate in the tube and is easily carried.

Selected coaches, players and professionals have tested Skor and have acclaimed it unanimously. Dealers may order from their jobbers or write to Cohan, Olson and Company, 404 North Wells Street, Chicago 10, Illinois. Customer folders will be supplied with shipments.

MICHIGAN PGA HIRES EXECUTIVE SEC.—Michigan PGA has hired Fred H. DeLano as executive secretary. DeLano will aid officers in their administrative functions as well as coordinate publicity and information. DeLano, former Detroit and Chicago newspaperman and

for 4 years sports publicity director of the University of Michigan, has served as publicity director of the Detroit Lions football club since 1944. He will continue with the Lions as well as handle the PGA job.

DAVIS CATALOG IS BUYERS' AID—New catalog of course equipment and supplies handled by George A. Davis, Inc., 5440 Northwest Highway, Chicago, is an exceedingly practical and attractive job. Concise data and clear illustrations cover a wide range of equipment and supplies and make the book a valuable item in the greenkeeper's library. A copy will be sent on request to greenkeepers or green-chairmen who have not been supplied.

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ally move in closer to the ball. So in regard to the position of the ball with the left foot, you might very well play it off your left heel for a drive or for a niblic. The change is that of moving in closer to the ball and the right foot drawing close to your left.

At this point we all went into a discussion on present day golf vs. the swings of yesteryear.

The first thing we agreed on is that present day golf in "big time" is played from "right to left."

Secondly, this is accomplished by a great number of the players having the left hand in what must be referred to as a weak position, i.e., on the side of the club—not on top—and that the right hand was also on the side of the club—not on top in a strong positive position—and that present day players use their right hand a great deal. They hold the club with the left and hit with right, just as Byron Nelson has remarked.

The new term "Reroute" was used more than "inside out." The film showed the players at the top of the backswing have a little action that starts to close the club face at the very top of the backswing. We agreed that this is the action they have in their method that permits them from a weak left hand position at the start of the swing to be able to burn in a low strong right to left shot. This action at the top was titled—Rerouting the Club Face.

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