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THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

Billy Bell who, with the late George C. Thomas, Jr., designed Riviera and completed it in 1920, was an interested spectator at the National Open. . . . Bell was pleased by Hogan's record-breaking 276 for the Open and Demaret's 278 and Jim Turnesa's 280 which also broke the record of 281 set at Oakland Hills in 1937 by Guldahl. . . Riviera with its 7020 yds. was longest course on which U. S. National Open has been played. . . Hoylake (7078) and Carnoustie (7200), British Open courses, are longer. . . Bell says plenty of room on greens for placing cups in very favorable location for scoring prevented over-emphasis on Riviera's length.

Bell has designed more than 50 courses in the west. . . He just returned from Hawaii where he's installing an 18-hole Navy and Marine course at Pearl Harbor for the 14th Naval district and a 9 hole course at Kaneohe Bay naval air station. . . Able and widely-known Joe Mayo, formerly supt. of Del Monte course, is construction supt. for the Bell Hawaii jobs. . . During the Open and on inspection trips of numerous courses in Southern California Robert Trent Jones, Jr., New York City, was paired with Bell. . . Jones' recent golf architectural gems include West Point military academy, Peachtree club at Atlanta and a job for the New York State Park commission.

Eddie Loos, veteran pro, was around the Open looking in pretty good condition after his long spell of illness. . . Eddie's playing a little golf again. . . His daughter, Margot, has been winning many prizes as one of the finest horsewomen in southern California. . . Abe Espinosa was another veteran viewing the Open. . . He reported Abel, Sr., father of five pros, is still playing golf at 92. . . Espinosa, Sr., didn't take up the game until he was 72 and won a senior's tournament at Del Monte when he was 74.

D. Scott Chisholm—the one and only Scotty—was at Riviera looking fit and great for his mileage. . . Many asked why Scotty wasn't announcing at the 18th green to make a major tournament in L.A. truly "official." . . . Scotty will undergo an eye operation soon after which he expects to be in better condition than ever. . . He was lucky to escape with some bad hand and facial burns when a cookstove exploded at his home in Ojai, Calif., recently.

Jimmy Demaret, George Fazio, Bing Crosby and a few others spent Sunday after the Open playing at Ojai (Calif.) Valley Inn where second 9 of a grand Billy Bell course has just been opened. . . Al Demaret is resident pro there. . . Don B. Burger has reopened Ojai Valley Inn and is pres. and mgr. of the whole layout which is most beautiful and classiest little places you'll ever see. . . Two front page newspaper stories during the Open were the gas explosion at Hillcrest CC which killed a clubhouse worker and destroyed part of the clubhouse and Frank Stranahan's capture of a hotel prowler. . . Frankie had let the guy go once when the prowler claimed he was slightly boiled and in the Stranahan room by mistake. . . Two nights later Frankie awakened to discover the visitor had returned. . . "Muscles" grabbed his driver and threatened to tee off on the prowler if he made an attempt to leave before questioning by the house dick. . . The visitor had a criminal record longer than a fancy lady's dream. . . One of the Open pros in the same hotel as Stranahan had his roll lifted while he slept. . . And people think championship players roll and toss sleepless all night long!

Jess Sweetser, Kentucky-born New Yorker, who won 1922 U.S. Amateur, 1926 British Amateur, 1920 National Intercollegiate and played on six Walker Cup teams, is new publisher of Esquire magazine.

Golf interest among Dallas teen-age girls gets shot in arm from free teaching program of Ben Banks, pro at Cedar Crest CC. . . Banks provides pupils with clubs, balls, tees. . . Lee Kosten, former pro at Muskegon (Mich.) CC has purchased St. Clair River CC seven miles south of Port Huron, Mich. . . . Stow (Mass.) CC bought by W. B. Collins; former Penn. pro. . . Collins is improving 9-hole course and club building. . . Montaup CC, Portsmouth, R.I., new pro-gkpr. is Jimmy Saunders, recently ass't to Marty Higgins, pro-gkpr. for many years at Fall River (Mass.) CC. . . Quinter (Kans.) GC has completed new course. . . Hatherly CC, Scituate, Mass., builds new \$75,000 clubhouse replacing one destroyed by fire last summer. . . Rex Loggans new pro at Clinton (Ill.) CC.

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Joe Kuklinski, pro, formerly at Merrill Hill CC, Waukeshaw, Wis., now at Bull's Eye CC, Wis. Rapids, Wis. . . . John Nelson pro at Elwood (Ind.) CC, is youngest of seven in family of pros. . . Brothers are: Wally, pro at Riverside, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lee, Wally's ass't; Irvin, pro at Culver Military, Culver, Ind.; Chick, pro at Miami Springs (Fla.) CC, and Chester, for years pro at various Fort Wayne courses and more recently at Ft. Wayne Elk's Course, now retired. . . John's father has been pro at Anderson (Ind.) CC for past nine years. . . John and Josephine Grieves now managing Lacon (Ill.) CC.

Leonard J. Tyrell, 52, golf pro for many years at Lake Placid (N.Y.) G and CC, killed by accidental discharge of gun. . . Tyrell was born in Saranac Lake and served in the navy during the 1st World War. . . Jack Sullivan, new pro-gkpr. at Suffield (Conn.) CC. . . With new gkpr., Jim Burns; new pro, Jack Peek; and revised layout, Overlook GC, Lancaster, Pa., is all set for fifth season of operation under Sam Snader. . . Gas explosion and fire rip Hillcrest CC, L.A., Calif., killing one man and injuring six others. . . Damage estimated at \$500,000.

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Robert Hagerty, 30, well known Schenectady golfer, now pro-gkpr. at St. Lawrence G&CC, Canton, N.Y. . . West Links GC west of Wichita, Kans., now privately owned as Rolling Hills CC. . . Ken Douglas now pro at Cascades course, Jackson, Mich. . . Tom Merritt signs as pro at Maxwellton GC, Syracuse, Ind.

Armand Dauphin succeeds Wm. Tobin as greenkeeper at Laconia (N.H.) CC. . . Tobin has been in charge for past 26 years. . . Marshall Trusttum, former pro at Abington Hills CC, Scranton, Pa., and Jungle CC, St. Petersburg, Fla., signed recently as pro at Lake Placid (N.Y.) G & CC. . . Robert Peebles now pro at Glasgow (Ky.) CC. . . Work started on

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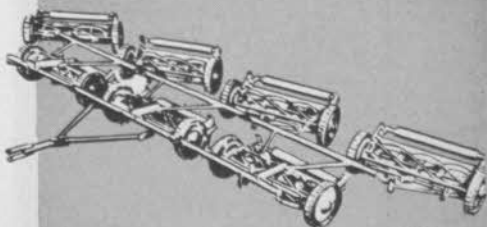
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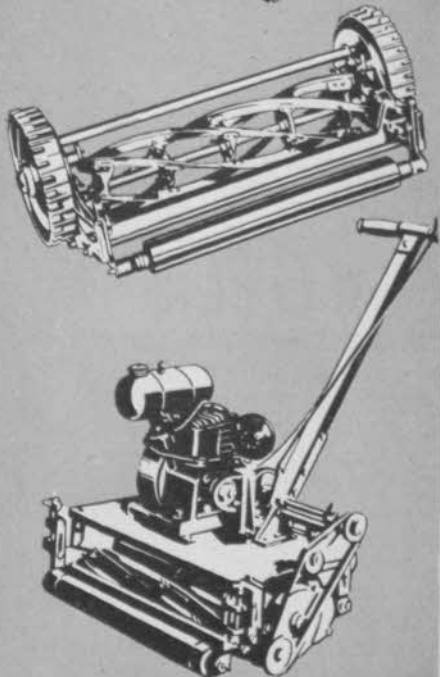
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Max Rothburg, former mgr. of Greeley (Colo.) CC now managing Cheyenne (Wyo.) CC. . . Paul Tamsen, recently of Beverly CC, New Orleans, now mgr. Lakewood CC, same city. . . Wamego (Kans.) CC lost pres. and founder with death of Wm. E. Smith who has been head man since club's inception in 1920. . . Nat. Junior Golf Tourney sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held in Houston in 1949. . . Tournament awarded Houston at Jaycee convention in Philadelphia. . . Sam Burns now mgr. at Chickasaw GC, Memphis, Tenn.

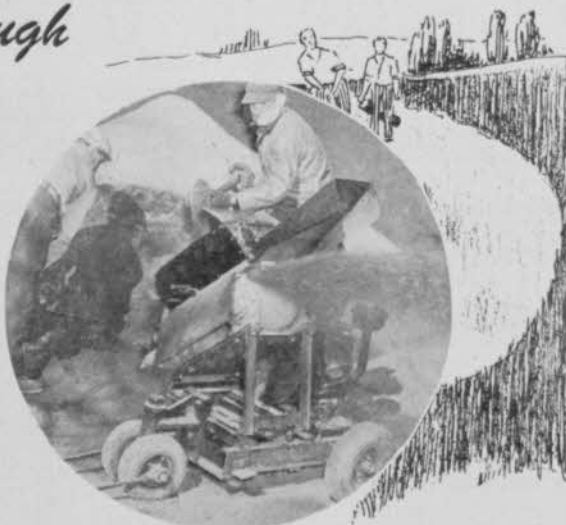
Helen Young new mgr., Four Seasons club, Pembine, Wis. . . Sherm Elsworth now pro-mgr., Corvallis (Wash.) CC and will conduct classes at Oregon State college and local high school. . . Corvallis club is building new clubhouse and begins on a second 9 next spring. . . National Open gate dropping under LA Open at Riviera last winter is hard to explain. . . Loss of Sunday gate is one answer. . . Money getting tighter around LA is an-

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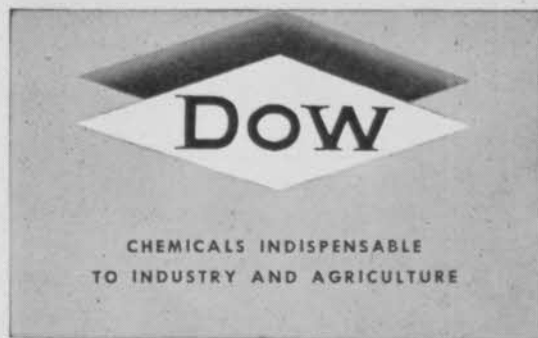
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other. . . PGA gate at St. Louis was less than 1947 at Detroit.

Jim Standish, chmn., USGA Green section; Chet Mendenhall, pres., GSA; Gus Brandon, sec., GSA; M. H. Ferguson of the Green section; O. J. Noer and other turf authorities met with southern California course supts. and green-chairmen prior to the National Open planning Green section coordination with new southern California turf research program at UCLA. . . GSA officials and Southern California Golf Course Supts. Assn. officials got together on plans for the GSA convention and exhibition at Los Angeles next February. . . Standish announced H. B. Musser, Pennsylvania State college, had been secured as editor of turf maintenance manual Green section expects to issue this year.

Second Ozark Open tournament will be played at Hickory Hills CC, Springfield, Mo., Aug. 7-9. . . It'll be 54 holes medal play with \$5000 for pros and \$500 in merchandise prizes to amateurs. . . Program will be played Sat., Aug. 7. . . Robt. Pike is chmn., Tournament committee. . . Goodall Round Robin tournament yielded \$15,070 after taxes to New Rochelle (N.Y.) hospital.

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