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#### THE GOLF NEWS IN BRIEF

Guesses on the gate at the National Amateur were that it would be the largest for many years. . . Rain Monday and Thursday washed into gallery receipts but Sunday practice round gallery was big as some recent National Amateur finales. . . Sunday spectators were treated to driving exhibition by the spherical, sunny Southern Gentleman, "Dynamite" Goodloe... If Goodloe could improve his game a few strokes he'd be easily the strongest draw in amateur golf since Jones. . . What a personality! . . . And what a fine young sportsman!

There's never been a club conduct a national tournament any better or more hospitably than Oak Hill did. . . Pres. Otto A. Shults, and vice chairmen of the Amateur championship committee William C. Chapin and James W. Weldon and their teammates were perfect hosts. . . With the club acting as though each spectator was its guest the gallery naturally was thoroughly and pleasantly co-operative with the marshals. . Great surprise to people who go around to tournaments were prices and quality of food and beverages on the course. . . Best hot dogs and hamburgers you ever ate were a dime per. . . Other prices in line. . . At most tournaments the club or concessionaire charges are questionably stiff. . Looks too much like clipping the customers.

Clubhouse prices, chow, drinks and service, also notably satisfactory to all visitors. . . Mrs. Ruth Barry, Oak Hill's mgr. for 23 years, is a star. . . Saturday before the Amateur she handled a wedding party of 1000 in the clubhouse. . . Oak Hill brags, rightfully, of its veteran staff. . . Oldest in service is locker-room man Emilio Scanzaroli who's been with club 35 years. . . Chefs Paul Liebhardt and Herman Daviter have been with club 23 years. . . Art DeMattia of locker-room and bowling alley staff has been with club 24 years. . . Pro Charley McKenna, 1948 PGA Senior champion, has been at Oak Hill more than 20 years. . . Grounds supt. Elmer Michael has been at Oak Hill 20 years.

What a beating the home club pro usually takes when his club is host to a major tournament. . . He's knocked out of revenue at the busiest time of his season. . . The boys take it laughingly. . . A salesman asked Charley McKenna how business was during the National Amateur. . . Charley grinned and said, "Getting rid of a lot of tees." . . . Tees in Charley's shop are on the house. . USGA sends pros a "good will offering" of cash after major tournaments at their clubs. . . PGA also makes arrangements in some cases for home club pros getting slight balm for tournament loss of business. . . GOLFDOM hammered away until home club pros got some recognition in cash for loss of business during tournaments. . . We think that situation needs some adjustment in view of big tournament purses and gates in recent years. . . That's a subject to be taken up at the PGA annual meeting. . . Give you 2 to 1 on some big amount - such as a quarter - it isn't. . . Then the boys will go back home to bellyache that the PGA overemphasizes the tournament players against the home club pros.

Despite adverse weather that provided plenty of abilis, Supt. Elmer J. Michael had Oak Hill's East 18 in magnificent condition. . . From a creek that's fed by the Erie canal Elmer got enough water to overcome the drought and used it so he didn't get trouble that comes from overwatering. . . Michael keeps the two 18s, clubhouse grounds and big turf and tree nurseries with a staff of 18 men. . . He's also in charge of CC of Rochester course. . . His father, who died two years ago, was gkpr. of the Park course of the CC of Buffalo. . . That course was built on land Elmer's grandparents owned. . . It was the first course in Western N.Y. . . . Grand team of Dr. John R. Williams, green chmn. and Michael accounted for extraordinarily fine condition in a year full of turf grief.

Bent on Oak Hill was propagated by the Michaels. . . Pop got some of the bent from the grass exhibit at the Pan American exposition in Buffalo in 1901. . . That strain and some Coos are on the Oak Hill greens.

British sports writers covering the amateur were guests of Golf Writers Assn. at dinner. The Rochester (City) club, evening of Aug. 31. . . The affair was arranged by Bob Harlow of Golf World. . Bob, when he was mgr. of Hagen and even in the lean days establishing the PGA tournament circuit as big business.



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established an epicurean record superior to golfing achievements of Hagen, Jones, Old Tom Morris and all come-latelys. . Bob still is the undefeated quality knife-and-fork champ. . The dinner was a merry, informal affair with no speeches, other than those made by all present.

Rebuilding of the Lido GC (NY Met dist.) planned by Seiden Management, owner of Lido Beach club on Long Island. . Navy bought the course and tore it up as naval base. . Course was bought in deal that received attention during 5%er investigation in Washington. . San Gabriel (Calif.) 158 acres to be used for public course, high school and stadium. . Virginia Key proposed as site of Negro muny course to be built by Miami, Fla.

Santa Clara (Calif.) City Board considering plans for public course told by Trustee Joseph P. Kelly. . . Net annual income of Alameda muny course was \$14,000; of San Francisco muny course, \$47,000; San Mateo, \$10,000 and Pacific Grove, \$5000. . . John McMaster new pro-gkpr., Salida (Colo.) G&CC. . . Mrs. McMaster to operate clubhouse. . . Norman Head, former Kentucky amateur turns pro at new Corydon (Ind.) CC. . . Club is only three months old and has 125 members active. . . Only 10 of them had played prior to formation of club.

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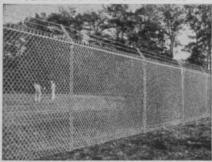
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Allentown, Pa., campaign for muny course getting hotter. . . Santa Fe (N. Mex.) Golf Assn. incorporated by E. R. Wood and others. . . Bob Craigs, Audubon CC, Louisville, Ky., pro, early in the Summer said Gay (Junior) Brewer had finest swing he'd ever seen in a kid. . . Brewer later won USGA National Junior title. . . Kentucky has been giving kid golf lots of encouragement, hoping to take over Texas fame as nursery of golf talent. . . Col. Lee S. Read got Kentucky private clubs stirred up in the kid campaign.

Chicago District GA inter-club league discussing running league of boys teams from member clubs in 1950. . . If your club is going to have a tournament early next summer see that photographs of holes for publicity are taken now before leaves have fallen. . . Waiting until leaves come out next year prevents getting good publicity photographs in time for extensive use on May and early June events.

Frank Stranahan made a neat talk at Bellerive CC, St. Louis, in accepting Western Amateur trophy. . . Frank referred to Evans Caddy Scholarship kid at his own club, Inverness CC, Toledo. . . "Muscles" was hitting the ball better at Bellerive than we've ever seen him perform before. . . He swings the club now

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instead of giving it the weight-lifting technique. . . He laughingly remarked that if he could win the National Amateur once he would win it the next five times. . . After his first win, the other lads would go into training weight-lifting, which would give him the edge he needed, he explained.

New pitch-and-putt course at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. . . Holes range from 110 to 175 yds. . . . Course completely watered. . . Two large industries considering building courses for employees. . . Union pension plan demands putting golf in spotlight as long time recreation. . . After 65 a retired man can play golf instead of hanging around the house and driving his old lady goofy or hanging around a saloon and blowing his money and his top. . . Leo Diegel has been visiting the folks around Detroit. . . Diegel looks younger than he did 15 years ago. . . He continues to be one of the great teachers and analysts. . . After some years at Tucson he is discussing proposals to sign with one of several midwestern clubs as pro.

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Stone drinking fountain with memorial plaque dedicated at Tilden Park, Berkeley, Calif., honoring memory of Austin (Buck) Dunn, veteran employee electrocuted while working on the park's driving range. . . Allis-Chalmers Co. made test case of its equipment in moving earth for construction of new Springfield, Ill., Lake Springfield public course. . . Course construction men believe new record was established in handling dirt to architect Robert Bruce Harris' plans.

Pro Felix George raising new golfers at Austin, Tex., North Side muny course with well attended free juvenile class lessons. . . Harold Bean, Alton, Ill., supt. of recreation estimates that 350 individuals account for most of play on Alton muny course. . . The 9-hole course grossed about \$9000 last year and spent it in maintenance. . . Carver 9-hole muny course for Negroes opened at Chattanooga, Tenn.

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