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Charles Koontz succeeds Clyde Hudson as pro at Meadowlark CC, Long Beach, Calif. . . . Gotham Golfers' Club lost \$1000 on Ray Robinson tournament, named for pugilist whose interest in fighting did not extend to wanting to fight as member of Uncle Sam's armed forces. . . Ted Rhodes asked Robinson to stop "cabareting on the greens." . . . Robinson, according to Staten Island Advance reporter Buddy Barnett, replied to Rhodes' rebuke: "Who you cussin' out, boy? Do you think because you're Ted Rhodes everybody should jump like you were a king, or something?"

Eddie Lowery recently took some movies of Francis Ouimet hitting iron shots. . . Eddie says Francis, now 56, still is one of the finest iron players in golf. . . Prize list for Denver Post Hole-in-One contest played at Golf Moor course included a \$385 fox cape stole. . . Wonder what would happen to a fellow who won that and turned it down because of amateur regulations, if his wife or sweetie learned he refused the prize?

Vincent Chioto now pro at Lake City (Fla.) CC. . . Vince's brother Telfair is pro at Marianna (Fla.) CC and his brother Fred is pro at Jacksonville (Fla.) Naval Air Station. . Four other brothers are better than average amateurs. . Lebanon (Ky.) GC opened. . . Ralph Arnold, pro at Cherry



Hills CC, Denver, Colo., to be married to Miss Patricia Louise Manning, Sept. 16. . . First 9 of new Preston Hollow CC, Dallas, Tex., opened.

Another 9 opened at Brookside municipal course, Pasadena, Calif., giving Brookside two 18 hole layouts. . First 18 recently named Koiner course, honoring the late C. W. Koiner, Pasadena's first city manager. . New 18 named for late E. O. Nay, civic leader. . Tooele (Utah) GC 9-hole course opened with John Gurleg as pro. . . \$50,000 15-tee driving range opened at Tilden Park, Oakland, Calif., muny course. . . New range has practice putting greens and two practice greens for approach shots. . . Covered tees and night lighting to be installed if demand warrants.

Rogue Valley CC, Medford, Ore., to remodel and extend course. . Wm. P. Bell, Pasadena, planning Rogue Valley revision. . West J. Matthiessen goes from Elmcrest G&CC, Cedar Rapids, Ia., to St. Joseph (Mo.) CC as mgr. . . Pasadena (Calif.) city officials considering lease of "sewer farm" property to private parties who intend to build a daily fee 18-hole course on the site.

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Gardena, Calif., \$250,000 establishment being built by Cecil Hollingsworth, Gomer Sims, Babe Horrell and Bob Price, expected to be opened in December. . . A pitch and putt course also is being built at the Alondra Park plant. . . Walter Stewart, Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal sports columnist, did some entertaining pieces on "Dynamite" Goodloe in the Colonial CC invitation. . "Dynamite," a chunky, affable Georgian who made his National Amateur debut last year at Memphis CC, is by a long margin the most colorful performer in golf today. . . He's not far short of top flight ranking. . When he hits the ball it screams "ouch!"

Sacramento, Calif., muny courses for latest fiscal year netted \$16,650, only \$2000 short of 1947-48 fiscal year record despite 10% increase to city's golf employees last Feb. . . Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champion, reported in Negro press to have "clipped a certain well-known Metropolitan (NY) area pro for \$2100 in two matches" recently. . Joe's due for having his luck changed. . He's been fat picking for sharpshooters.

Shasta Water Co. and Dunsmuir, Calif. golfers planning to construct a course at Shasta Springs. . . Kansas sand green golfers have been playing a crowded tournament schedule this summer despite heat



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that almost melted the greens. . . Wisconsin small town clubs have had a record year of "jamboree" invitation tournaments. . . Harold Smith goes from asst. at Ross Rogers course, Amarillo, Tex., to be pro-gkpr., Portales (N. Mex.) CC.

Howard Smith now pro at Red Hill CC, Upland, Calif. . . . Jimmy Nelson, new pro at Redlands (Calif.) CC former star of Alabama football. . . David Bloom in Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal says municipal golf courses no longer good enough for city championship. . . Bloom says Galloway muny course might be remodeled to become a fit test but best answer is new championship course now among plans of park commission.

Ed Stokley, Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel telegraph editor, pinch-hitting a sports column for Frank Weirich, did an unusual and interesting column querying district's greenkeepers and pro-gkprs. on condition of their courses. . . Unfavorable weather conditions made course condition and work hot golf news in almost every district but Stokely seems to have been only newspaper sports writer who recognized this tip for a feature.

John Budd, pro at EnJoie GC, Endicott, N.Y., the Endicott-Johnson shoe company employees' course, is author of "Golf Goes Industrial" in August issue of Recre-



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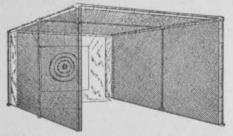
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ation, monthly magazine of the National Recreation Assn. . . John got off a good piece of educational promotion for more industrial golf.

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The USGA boys and girls championships, the Women's Western junior championship, the National Caddy championship and the Hearst newspapers' national junior championships this year all were very well conducted. . The young golfers, as well as the organizations, deserve high tribute for good judgment. . Boys in the Hearst finale were subjected to a tough test in playing Medinah No. 3 which had baffled most of the contestants in the National Open shortly before the lads played it. . . Standard of the kid golf was amazingly high. . . Marlene Bauer who won USGA and Women's Western junior championships is really phenomenal. . . The little

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THE MARTIN DENNIS COMPANY Dept. J Newark 4, N. J. lassie's swing is somewhat unorthodox but she sure can whack the ball and scramble it into the cup.

George S. May added to PGA advisory board. . . Venerable Al Watrous, aged 50, won Michigan Open for sixth time in winning this year's event at Flint GC with 279. . . Al's last nine was 4-under, 32. . . Washtenaw CC, Ypsilanti, Mich., celebrating its 50th anniversary. . . May announces he will make Tam O'Shanter All-American \$25,000 and the World's championship, \$50,000 in 1950. . . St. Paul Junior Chamber of Commerce after successful promotion of 1949 Western Open talking about \$25,000 tourney in 1950. . . Jaycees if they can be assured of the field they can get the gate. . . They were disappointed in absentees among stars in tournaments prior to this year's Western affair.

Harry Bradshaw haziness on rules which accounted for his costly and unnecessary whack at his ball in a broken bottle during the British Open has stirred up some long neglected rules study by pros and amateurs. . . Svenska Golfforbundet has translated National Golf Foundation's Golf Facilities book and printed it to aid in construction of more golf courses in Sweden.

Alexander Baillie, Grand Old Man of Northwestern Golf, tells Royal Brougham of Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer that

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Western Open may go to Texas in 1950 as tribute to Ben Hogan. . .Cedar City, Utah, campaigning for muny courses. . . Dallas Times Herald running series of best holes on local courses. . . Preston Hollow CC, new 9-hole Dallas, Tex., club officially opened. . . Rosson Hardwicke is pro. . . Alameda (Calif.) Times carries illustrated feature on free lessons for juniors given by Earl Fry, muny pro. . . Frederick (Okla.) GC to install grass greens. . . Jack Harris considering building Spokane (Wash.) sixth course.

Willie Hunter, reporting in the Los Angeles AC Mercury on his trip to Britain... "Because of drought and baked fairways, with small ball and favoring wind drives of 350 yards were common on Royal St. George's and Royal Cinque Ports during British Open... Galleries were small... About 3500 biggest day... R&A rule allowing a maximum of 40 to qualify for last

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Hunter says, "Bobbe Locke is a great champion with a golfing brain only equalled by Walter Hagen in his heyday... I believe he (Locke) is the greatest competitive golfer playing today now that Ben Hogan is shelved."

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Cary Middlecoff getting heavy booking for his exhibitions. . . He's playing many of them with Snead. . . Thru the Tam O'Shanter tournaments this year Cary had finished ahead of Sam in 12 tournaments and Sam ahead of the Doctor in 12. . . The



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MODERN MANUFACTURING COMPANY 160 N. FAIR OAKS AVE. PASADENA 1, CALIF. boys tied in the Phoenix Open. . . Snead signed off his Greenbrier job for the Ryder Cup visit to England. . . Middlecoff probably will pick up around \$7000 in exhibitions while the Ryder Cup lads are overseas. . That should balm Doc for not being a pro officially.

John Hutchinson switches as mgr. from Hillcrest CC (KC dist.) to Rockwood CC, Independence, Mo. . . . Rome, N.Y. shut off water at Teugega CC during drought and forced closing club. . . LA CC prints in its Bulletin "Changing balls on the green is a very definite violation of the rules of golf. Let's be good sports and follow the rules." . . . It would help pro ball business if golfers would follow the rule of playing the ball out. . . Funny thing is that if a ball is bad in play on the greens it's worse on the long shots.

Construction of West Point course stopped because union demands exceed resources of the Military Academy athletic fund. . . Tough luck for the students who are expected to go to war to keep the world free for something. . . Henry Cotton reported as a wee bit miffed because he wasn't made captain of the British Ryder Cup team. . . Notice how the enlisted men, non-coms and junior officers have been beating top high brass in Army tourneys?



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