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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Stu White, pro at Ogden (Ut.) muni El Monte course, reports record play shows city's need of a third course . . . White says present courses bring business into community from outlying area . . . Biggest year yet for exhibitions . . . Hogan, Nelson and trick-shooters Kirkwood and Paul Hahn getting about all the bookings they can handle. . . Snead, Mangrum and other tournament circuit pros also in demand for time they take off from the circuit . . . Clubs that don't want tournaments want to see headlines . . . Gallery draw generally profitable for exhibition clubs.



HERB GRAFFIS

Oscar Fraley, United Press sports columnist, jolted PGA by writing "The current tournament at Oakmont will go down into the already tattered history book of the Professional Golfers' Assn. as the most mismanaged of them all." . . . Delay in getting scores was a major point of complaint . . . Fraley said "Results of the matches have been kept virtually as secret as the inharmonious inner councils of the PGA." . . . Cause of score information delay was explained by PGA as due to failure of sponsors to provide required equipment . . . Fraley's blunt criticism probably will turn out good for PGA in reminding of necessity of complete preparation and check-up on tournament arrangements by PGA tournament staff and officials . . . Until the PGA has enough personnel and first class organization plan it'll have the worry of wondering who'll bid for its championship . . . The problem is much tougher than that of the USGA, which announces sites of its major championships two years in advance, because PGA championships require heavy financial guarantees from sponsors.

Despite operating flaws, some bad weather and the usual "upsets" knocking out gallery magnets early, Sports Editor Al Abrams, head of Dapper Dan organization which sponsored the 1951 PGA championship, said the event brought a good net profit to Dapper Dan charities . . . Oakmont again stood up as a magnificent test of shot-making and as example of superb maintenance . . . Rough for the PGA is cut shorter than for the USGA National Open and Amateur so the PGA didn't have Oakmont as tough as it'll be for the 1953 National Open . . . Pros agreed that there isn't a better test of golf for the entire 18 holes

than Oakmont provides . . . Elimination of traps that only caught the 12-handicap-and-up members saved maintenance expense but didn't reduce accuracy demanded of the pro experts . . . And what pleasant golf atmosphere there is about the old Oakmont clubhouse.

There wasn't any surprise at Snead's victory in the PGA . . . The surprising thing about Sam is why, with his swing, he doesn't win them all . . . Marty Furgol looked good in the second round when he lost to Snead in 3 extra holes . . . Marty's protest against Snead's blowing an insect off Snead's ball on the 15th green, by a stretch of the imagination, might have come under Rule 10 (4) prohibiting cleaning a ball . . . That was a fine point Furgol finally decided to skip . . . Marty's later win of the Western Open again showed Marty as a fine player who will go a long way when he gets his temperament trained.

Walter Burkemo going to the PGA finals was a far and pleasant change from a few years ago when Walter's back was so badly damaged by combat injuries some thought he might be a hopeless cripple . . . Jack Burke showed well at Oakmont in going as far as Snead . . . Some critics used to say Jack, Jr., wouldn't do well on real championship courses but his performances at Pebble Beach and Oakmont refute them . . . Ellie Vines had tough going at Oakmont with an ailing back that threatened to compel his withdrawal . . . After winning from Phil Friel, 3 and 2, in the first round, Vines beat Picard, 1 up; Bradley, 2 and 1, and Bulla, 1 up, before losing to Burkemo on the 37th of the semi-finals . . . Three of Burkemo's matches (against Toby Lyons, Chick Harbert and Vines) were extra hole affairs . . . Walter beat Dick Shoemaker, 2 and 1, and the little veteran Reggie Myles, 1 up.

Chick Harbert, canny businessman among tournament pros, has bought himself a winter home in St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . He's also bought a restaurant and bar there . . . Lately pros have been saying finest swing of the younger players is that of Joe Kirkwood, Jr. . . . Maybe his victory in the Milwaukee Blue Ribbon tournament will give Joe, Jr. more confidence in his short game . . . Good to see so many of the pros' sons doing very well in pro and amateur competition . . . There are, among sons who

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come to mind, Harbert, Douglas, Burke, Kirkwood, Williams, Picard, Myles, Fry, Revolta . . . Carolina Golf Assn. first amateur junior-only tournament drew field of 83.

Santa Cruz County G&CC sells tickets to Hogan's "Follow the Sun" movie to finance course and clubhouse improvements . . . Mountain View, Calif. proposed new course to water greens and fairways with effluence from sewage plant city intends to build . . . Sacramento, Calif., city champion-ship's field sets record with 237 . . . Player in Oregon Open penalized two strokes when his putt struck cup which came out of green when flag was lifted.

Mrs. W. M. Bering, Decatur (Ill.) CC re-elected pres., Illinois Women's Golf Assn. . . Indianapolis Amateur will be played with field playing all of the city's 5 many courses . . . Indianapolis junior also played on each of the city-owned courses.

Monroe (N.Y.) GC opens new pool . . . Newspaper hole-in-one contests having record lists of entrants . . . In many cities merchants are in tie-up prize deals with promoting newspapers and getting a lot of publicity . . . James Hynds, Sr., named greenkeeper, Sand Point (Wash.) GC . . . Fine piece by Marco Smolich in Sacramento (Calif.) Bee on Lloyd Perrault, shop asst. to Pro Bus Pendleton at Land Park course . . . Perrault was former college ath-

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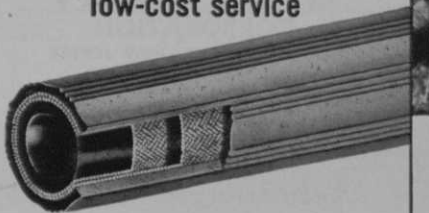
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Big party for Johnny Minner, retiring after 25 years as starter at San Francisco's Harding Park course . . . According to Al Zimmerman, Pacific Coast pro who's been taking a holiday at British tournaments, most promising of younger British pros is 16-year-old David Thomas, asst. at Bourne-mouth . . . Ralph Gody new mgr. at Peninsula GC (S. F. dist.) . . . Dick Quillen, formerly Peninsula mgr., switched to management of California GC.

Green Hills CC, Muncie, Ind., formally opened . . . Looks like this is the biggest year industrial golf leagues ever had . . . It's getting tough for them to get enough starting time in metropolitan districts . . . Seattle financed trip of its representatives to USGA public links tournament at Mil-



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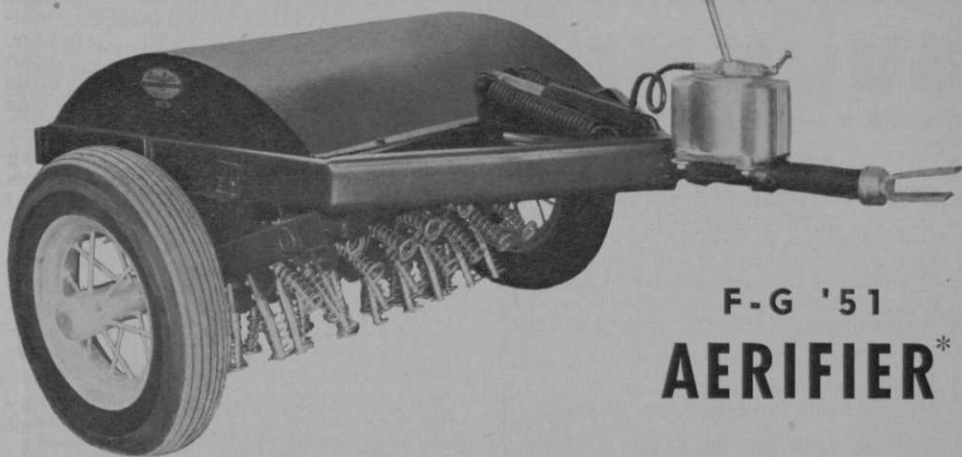
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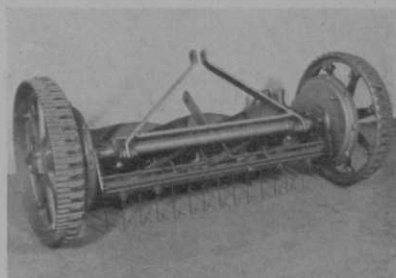
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Ralph Yankee now pro at Los Serranos (L.A. dist.) ... Porky Oliver's 295 yard drive in winning the PGA driving contest and his winning long drive in the Blue Ribbon open show the Fat Man is hitting them plenty fat ... Scranton, Pa., talking about building a munny course ... Saucon Valley CC doing thorough job of advance publicity on this year's National Amateur.

Oklahoma City, Okla., opens new 18 hole Lake Hefner public course ... The \$115,000 course, under construction for 2 years, was designed by Perry Maxwell ... Have you noticed how fairways have been narrowed and rough allowed to get longer for state amateur tournaments and even club invitation tournaments this year ... The championship courses are getting the new look ... Players and green-committees are finding the rough is an expensive hazard for sprayed shots but a cheaper hazard on the course budget.

Oregon Women's GA asked to take over girls' junior tournament ... Oregon GA officers believe girls' division would grow even faster with women's management ... Tehachapi (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce discussing construction of 18-hole course ... Joe Ezar, now conducting a golf school in Seattle, Wash., trying to promote 18-hole course near Redmond, Wash. ... De-

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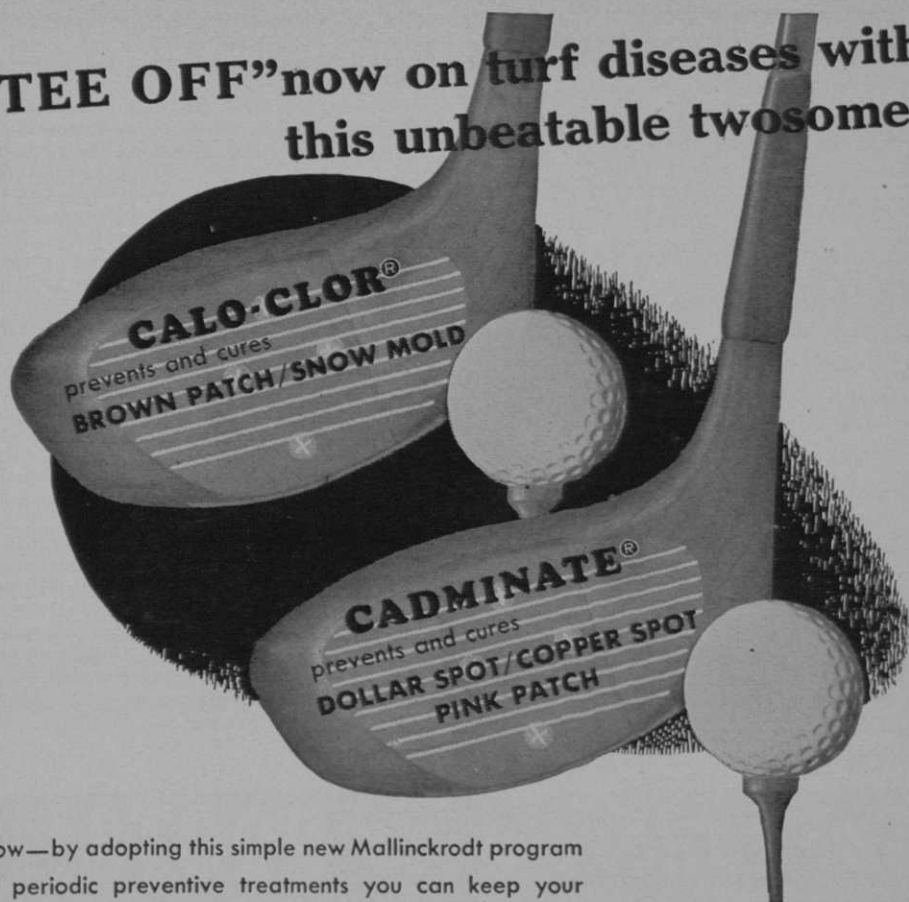
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spite prevailing government prohibition of course construction there's much planning of new courses in central states and west, to be built when ban is lifted, and not much similar talk in east where shortage of golf facilities is acute in many districts.

Problem of tournament circuit was spotlighted July 28-29 when Hogan and Nelson were playing for substantial guarantees in 36-hole tournament at Decatur, Ill., while St. Paul Open, one of the older tournament circuit fixtures was being played . . . Jim Frisina, veteran amateur, with 10-under 132 beat Hogan and Nelson by a stroke . . . Disclosure that Lloyd Mangrum and Sam Snead seemingly had gamblers' pressure applied during St. Paul Open was sports section sensation following Bradley basketball fix expose . . . St. Paul has been headquarters of college football pool gambling and harbors some notoriously unsavory professional gamblers. . . Mangrum's prompt action in advising police of the threats was a wise deal for golf . . . Mangrum is not a guy who scares easily . . . Or at all . . . When he took action you may be sure that whoever called him didn't sound like kidding.

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