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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Byron Nelson putting on a clinic at USGA Junior championship day before championship play starts . . . Championship is July 25-28 at University of Illinois course, Champaign, Ill. . . . Almost 7000 entry blanks were distributed . . . Hershey (Pa.) CC discontinues journeyman pro services so Hogan's contract wasn't renewed.



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Little Ben Toski got a tough break in the National Open when he was penalized for being late for the second round . . . Ben shot 74-80-154 and failed to qualify for last 36 by two strokes . . . Driver who picked up Ben at a downtown Detroit hotel made another hotel stop before going to Oakland Hills . . . Dale Morey and Bob Hamilton, paired for the third and fourth rounds of the Open, finished third round with four holes open between themselves and second starting pair and wanted to know if they couldn't get two strokes off for moving right along.

With award of 1953 National Open to Oakmont as highlight of Oakmont's 50th birthday, the Pittsburgh club gets its tenth national championship . . . It's had National Opens in 1927 and 1935; National Amateurs in 1919, 1925 and 1938, National Intercollegiate in 1916, 1930 and 1937 and the PGA this year . . . Northwood at Dallas next year and Oakmont in '53 will have to use jet propulsion to beat the Oakland Hills record for Open gate and other income this year.

Salt Lake City's 18-hole munny course, Meadowbrook, opened . . . Campaign being planned by National Golf Foundation with aid of American Society of Golf Architects to encourage construction of 6-hole courses in small towns and as corporation employee recreation facilities where space and money rule out construction of larger courses.

When the first British Open was played at Prestwick in 1860 the course had 12 holes and three rounds were played to complete the championship test which wasn't increased to 72 holes until 1891 . . . Bruntsfield Links in Edinburgh, the oldest course in the world where golf is being played, originally had 6 holes . . . St. Andrews played 9 holes out and 9 holes back with only 9 greens . . . St. Andrews' rise to leadership established the 18-hole distance as standard.

Oregon GA 24th annual junior championship for boys and girls drew players from California and Washington as well as Oregon . . . Event at Columbia-Edgewater CC, Portland, Ore., added a pee-wee class this year . . . Junior golf promotion and fields growing tremendously . . . Good things, too, as bag carts have reduced the strength of the caddy replacement roster . . . Economy of carts as

compared with caddy fees also is contributing to popular growth of golf.

Milburn CC (Kansas City dist.) completes \$250,000 clubhouse improvement . . . Spokane (Wash.) CC opens new clubhouse, fifth in club's 53 year history . . . Ernie Fortner switches from Schiffer-decker munny course, Joplin, Mo. to pro job at Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) CC . . . Art Saunders with new Thorngate CC (Chicago dist.) as pro . . . Warren Orlick, pro at Monroe (Mich.) G&CC has 10 sets of clubs for free loan to caddies.

First issue of Michigan Golfer, published and edited by Bob Moers, 2439 Fourth St., Detroit 1, looks good . . . Publication June thru September . . . Map showing location of Michigan Golf Assn. 32 semi-public courses and 6 municipal courses in Detroit area is a feature . . . Now 59 private and fee courses in Detroit metropolitan area . . . In Detroit area 16 courses have been closed by subdividing in past 15 years.

Michigan pros gathered 65 sets of clubs and more than 500 balls for lads at Percy Jones vets' hospital at Battle Creek . . . Prestwick GC where British Open was first played, is 100 years old this year, as is St. Nicholas GC also at Prestwick.

Bobby Locke after British Open will ease up on his touring schedule . . . At Oakland Hills his golf wasn't at keen edge . . . In the fourth round he seemed to be playing a tired game . . . Hogan appears to have Bob Jones' knack of bringing himself to top condition at the right time . . . Ben will play exhibitions but no competitive golf, according to his present plans, until Ryder Cup matches at Pinehurst . . . His exhibition schedule is well crowded but the jumps are short.

Talk at Oakland Hills is that several American tournament circuit stars need to recover from being over-golfed . . . That may mean more difficulty in assuring



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sponsors plenty of big names in the fields . . . There wasn't the excitement at Oakland Hills about possible illegality of clubs that there's been in National Opens for the past few years.

At Oakland Hills USGA officials indicated there'd be a further explanation of the agreement of the USGA and R&A "negotiating committees" to permit use of the 1.62 diameter ball in the US . . . American ball manufacturers and pros questioned practicability of the agreement unless it concerned only Walker Cup and Curtis Cup play, and play of British entrants in USGA National Open and amateur championships . . . Making use of present 1.68 diameter USGA standard ball or R&A 1.62 ball (both weigh 1.62 oz.) would involve expensive and confusing manufacturing and merchandising operations in the U.S.

British view of the agreement is expressed by Golf Monthly of Edinburgh which said in its June issue "The United States Golf Association agreement with the Royal and Ancient that the British size of golf ball will be legal in the United States after 1st January, 1952 should be followed by large export orders to ball makers."

Golf Monthly wasn't alone in believing that the agreement of the "negotiating committees" assured acceptance by both associations of the committees' recommen-



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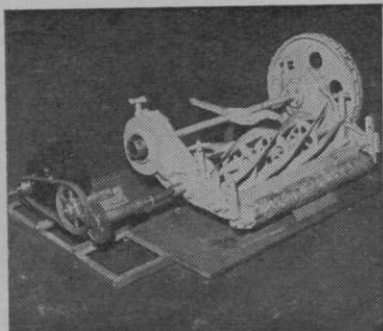
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dations . . . Although content with the possibility of dollars being obtained for British companies while rubber curtailment and new mold expense and delays confronted American ball makers, Golf Monthly criticized R&A for the R&A's "most unpopular" disapproval of "channels, furrows, and mouldings on grips" for any part of the hand . . . Golf Monthly pointed out that the decision interferes with hitherto free choice of grip to best suit golfers for firm and comfortable hold of club, and grip to fit varying climatic conditions.

With pros loaded up with USGA standard golf balls to make sure that golf play wouldn't be curtailed by rubber restrictions the publicity about the USGA and R&A "negotiating" committees agreeing on the smaller British ball as optional for American play broke . . . Although the committee agreement doesn't mean the USGA Executive committee will accept it, the pros heavily stocked with USGA standard balls for player protection had something to worry about . . . Pros and manufacturers probably have no cause for concern as the prospects—if any—of USGA changing its ball standard are dim and distant.

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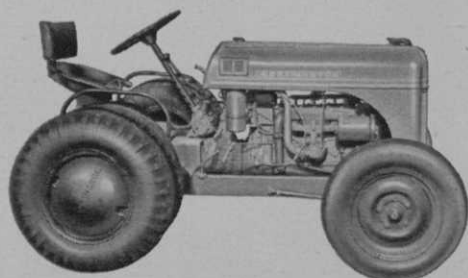
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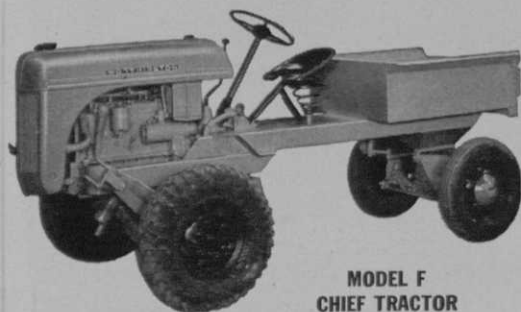
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Luigi Galletti (left), golf course superintendent at Claremont for 42 years. Art Grazzano, who is training under the veteran superintendent, is shown with the G-L model Aerifier.

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go farther against the wind doesn't line up with USGA policy of restricting ball length to fit high ground costs of courses and to keep from making present course construction too easy for long hitters . . . Smaller R&A ball does not sit up as well as USGA ball on American turf . . . Negotiating committees' recommendations on optional use of USGA or R&A ball in US and other proposed rules changes must be considered by USGA Executive committee and R&A general meeting . . . Changes approved by both bodies probably will go into effect Jan. 1, 1952.

Vivalia (Calif.) GC to be playing in September on new 9 added to their original 9 . . . New clubhouse to be built when government regulations permit . . . Diablo (Calif.) CC completing fairway watering construction . . . San Diego (Calif.) County Chevrolet Dealers Assn. considering sponsoring \$10,000 Open if Long Beach gives up its event which customarily follows Los Angeles Open on winter circuit . . . Wilshire CC (LA dist.) completes extensive clubhouse, pro shop and grounds improvement program.

Virgil Shreeve of Harding Park won Northern Calif. PGA Assistants' championship on 37th hole from Ralph Lomeli of Ft. Washington, Fresno . . . Winner got \$500 which must be used as expenses competing in four Pacific Coast events on

winter circuit . . . Elmer Greenwald now pro at Northernaire club, Three Lakes, Wis.

Eugene, Ore., beat out Albuquerque, N. M., and Great Falls, Mont. for 1952 Junior Chamber of Commerce national junior championship . . . Graduates of the Jaycee national championship figured prominently in intercollegiate championships this year . . . Lawrence Huber appointed gen. chm. for 1952 convention of Golf Course Supts. Assn. of America to be held at Columbus, O.

Harry Scott, 61, supt., Cedar Brook CC (Philadelphia dist.) for past 8 years and for 20 years prior greenkeeper at Reading (Pa.) CC died decently . . . He was a highly capable and respected man who did much to advance his profession . . . He is survived by his widow and four sons, three of whom are in the golf field.

Art Anderson, supt. of University of Minnesota course and prominent in Minnesota course maintenance for almost 30 years, is retiring from the University's staff at compulsory retirement age of 68 . . . Minnesota supts. gave Art a watch as tribute to a grand guy . . . The vigorous Anderson will move to California . . . He's succeeded by Herman Sunneseth, formerly of St. Snelling CC . . . Charles Shiley, formerly asst. supt. at Tam O'Shanter CC, Chicago, now supt. at North Hills CC

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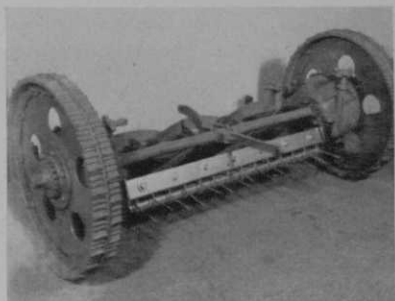
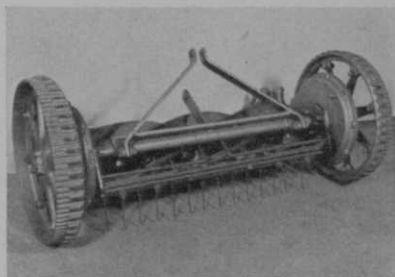
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Veteran Lee Sechrest, retiring as supt. Hillcrest CC, Kansas City, Mo., honored by members with dinner and watch in appreciation of his long fine service to the club ... Sechrest succeeded by Ray Whitlow, formerly supt., Topeka (Ks.) CC ... Death of Charlie Mutter of University of Michigan course and athletic field maintenance staff recalled to his pals that Charlie as a soldier in the Royal Scots drove the first tank across German lines in World War I.

Superintendents who visited the National Open at Oakland Hills tremendously impressed by job done by Herb Shave in getting the Robert Trent Jones course alterations looking like they'd been course features for years ... Trap design is very interesting and is bound to have decided effect on course architecture ... Consensus of visiting supts. was that Shave's genius will be taxed in keeping trap grass borders cut without costs mounting high as considerable manual work appears to

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