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Again have to say that Women's Western Golf Assn. runs a tournament as perfectly as is humanly possible . . . The WWGA Open at Skokie CC (Chicago dist.) was another example of WWGA management . . . No beefs from the field . . . Course, soaked by cloudbursts, and with rough longer than for member play, played long for the girls . . . First two days it played tougher than Northwood for National Open and Big Spring for PGA . . . Although improvement in course condition correctly is credited as a factor lower scoring and Skokie is a magnificently groomed course, we believe it was a more difficult course for this year's WWGA Open than it was in 1922 when Sarazen won the National Open there.

Leading girls' fairway wood play is of higher general standard than men pro and amateur stars can display . . . If men's fairways woods were as good as the women's the men would have mastered Northwood's long par 4 sixth . . . The girls are far back of the men's performance in scrambling, or recovering and making pars and birdies out of possible bogies.

There never has been a greater exhibition of scrambling than that by Julius Boros in winning the Open . . . In the third round he was down in 2 from each of 7 traps . . . That gave him his 68 with a drive out of bounds on the 8th . . . In the final round he was down in 2 from 6 traps . . . On the 210 yd. 16th he was 30 yds. short with his tee shot, pitched short onto the fringe and putted in from 30 ft.

Scrambling is no disparaging term but an art and smart tactics the way Boros did it at Northwood . . . Northwood is a placement course . . . Tee shots must be accurate and approaches over the greens are murderous . . . Boros, a strong, imperturbable player, resisted the temptation to try to steer his shots . . . He banged away from the tees, played short to let the ball bounce or roll on and had a putter hotter than the Texas sun.

Boros was simply at the height of his kind of a game at Northwood and he didn't try to change it under pressure . . . Further revelation of the 32-year-old ex-Connecticut amateur champion's good judg-



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ment was made in his declining the PGA's invitation to play in the PGA championship although not eligible under the PGA rule which requires 5 years in pro ranks as a qualification for membership . . . "I'm going to be a PGA member a long time. I'd rather take my regular turn like the rest," he said in declining the invitation issued after a vote of the association's executive committee . . . The affair was well handled all around with the PGA doing the sporting thing and avoiding criticism it received when Lawson Little and Cary Middlecoff were young pro holders of the National Open title but couldn't compete in the PGA championship . . . The PGA at its next annual meeting may authorize an invitation to play in the PGA championship to any pro who is the National Open champion.

An effect of television coverage of golf championships in enforcing observance of the rules of golf was forecast by an incident at Northwood . . . A player in a water hazard was shown on the TV screen stamping down grass behind his ball and violating Rule 33-1 flagrantly . . . The 2 stroke penalty didn't appear on his card, hence according to Rule 38-2 the player should have been disqualified . . . Another obvious violation of the rules was a prominent younger player's failure to drop his ball according to Rule 33-3.

Otey Crisman, Selma, Ala., putter-making specialist, subject of very interesting column by Louis Cox, Dallas Times-Herald sports editor, the day preceding the opening of the Open . . . Not one writer covering the Open picked Boros as winner . . . Louis Cox was only one who forecast the winning score . . . Mangrum and Hogan were pre-Open selections of most writers.

Hogan was lucky to get four rounds alive in that sizzling heat . . . He lost 3 pounds during the second round . . . He played smart golf but the sweltering Saturday had him so the meat wouldn't do what the head asked . . . You've got to hand it to Pork-chops Oliver for training for the Open . . . The Merry Fat Man was in fine physical condition for withstanding the frying-out of 4 rounds when it seldom was under 100 on the Northwood course.

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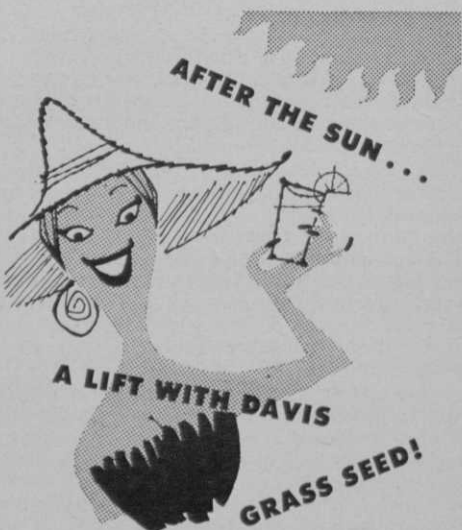
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of a record with 5 boys of Coach Fred Cobb's squad, headed by Billy Maxwell, playing in the Open . . . Cobb has those kids playing heady golf.

Herman Borchardt, supt. of Northwood, is entitled to high praise for the excellent condition of the course . . . The course is only 4 years old . . . It was designed by Bill Diddle . . . It's a tight, true test of golf, laid out on an area impossible to handle without some rather long walks between greens and tees . . . High heat and humidity required some watering of greens during play around noon . . . Greens are Seaside bent . . . Constant expert vigilance was essential to preserve the greens in Open championship condition . . . R. C. Bowman, Lakewood supt., and other Dallas district supts., gave Borchardt invaluable help by keeping close watch on various greens while Herman was doing a superman's job trying to be everywhere at once.

Royce Chaney, mgr., Northwood, gave a great demonstration of how to handle championship crowd in a long, rambling clubhouse that wasn't designed for big business . . . Air-conditioning in the clubhouse not only made the customers comfortable but it eased the help situation and aided in speeding service.

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course he has designed . . . Northwood at Dallas was one of his jobs . . . James M. "Mickey" Farrell now mgr., California CC, San Francisco . . . Construction of new 9-hole munny course at Oakland Park, Pine Bluff, Ark., set back by vandals who apparently drove a jeep over 4 fairways that were ready for seeding.

Joe Torneo, formerly asst. to Tom Lo-Presti, named pro at Sacramento (Calif.) Land Park munny course . . . Eddie Ernest in first season as pro at Escanaba (Mich.) CC . . . Course improvement and clubhouse remodeling programs boosted Escanaba play this season . . . Ted Lemanski also having good initial season as pro at Spring Lake CC, Muskegon, Mich. . . Ionia (Mich.) CC clubhouse damaged by \$5000 fire.

Golf writers have to really get around and sweat to beat coverage Vernon B. Snell gives local golf activities in Oklahoma City . . . Vern is sports editor of the OC Times and a golf nut for years . . . He has a great locker-room air to his golf column and it sells papers . . . Vern's developed several lads who've become big time sports writers . . . Golf has been getting more space in sports sections this year . . . It sells papers and advertising.

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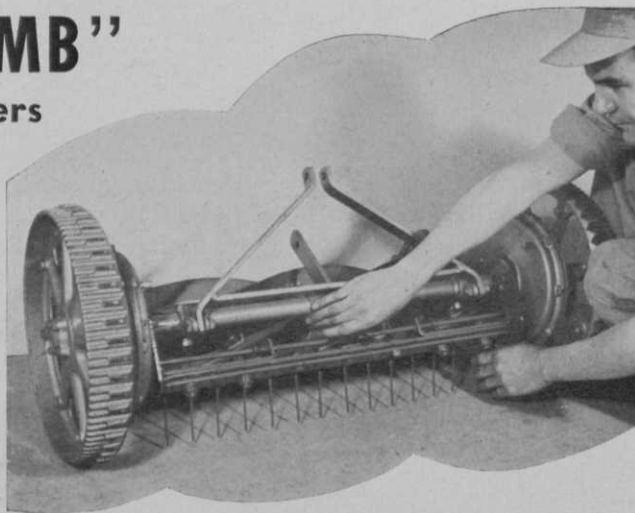
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that boxing management is stinking with underworld scum, another big fight that gave off foul fumes of a gambling fix; all have combined to get more people reading golf news . . . Local names of men, women and kids are stirring smart managing editors, sports editors and circulation managers to give more of a play to golf . . . W. Wirth Upchurch, Jr., in first season as Midland (Mich.) CC mgr. . . TransMississippi experiment in playing qualifiers in foursomes and having ball nearest cup putter first successful at Lakewood CC, Denver, in speeding play . . . Play was a bit faster at National Open, compared with previous years . . . Hogan and Oliver made third round in 3 hours and 58 minutes with gallery in sweltering heat delaying the boys somewhat.

Maybe the durable and forthright Sarazen has the only answer to speeding up the snails . . . They tell about Gene at an eastern tournament being behind a group of notoriously slow players . . . When a hole opened ahead of the snails Gene yelled "fore" and slammed his drive against their heels . . . "Do you mind if we go through? I've got to get home for milking and you're not going anywhere," Gene asked.

Palo Alto (Calif.) Mayor J. Pearce Mitchell appoints committee to study plan for new 18-hole course . . . Twilight 9-hole reduced rate, beginning 2 hours before sunset, in effect at Springfield, Mass., 2 munny

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courses . . . Lot of women's office and factory employees leagues at public courses this year . . . In 25th anniversary ceremonies at Alameda (Calif.) many course pro Earl Fry and wife presented with silver set and Jim Hunter, starter since the course opened, given a check for trip he and his wife are to make to Scotland.

Bergen County, N. J. Park Commission considering construction of course . . . Gordon Brunton proposes that city of Riverside, Calif., lease him 150 acre tract for 50 years as golf course site . . . Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., enlarging Bill Wother-spoon's pro shop . . . Chuck Lewis, operator of Colma (Calif.) golf range has opened 6-hole course at Strawberry Lodge, 15 miles from Lake Tahoe . . . He plans enlargement soon to 9 and eventually 18.

Harry Grayson, NEA sports editor, in arguing against those who complain that USGA toughens courses too much for the National Open, suggests "Pull in the fences and stands and let pop-fly guys swat home runs" . . . Al Ciuci elected Long Island PGA pres. for 12th consecutive term.

Joe Dey, USGA executive sec., starring as a dinner speaker . . . Joe's talk at testimonial banquet given by Detroit GC to Horton Smith was a shining performance among an all-star line-up of after-dinner orators . . . Then at dinner Texas sports writers gave Ben Hogan, prior to National

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