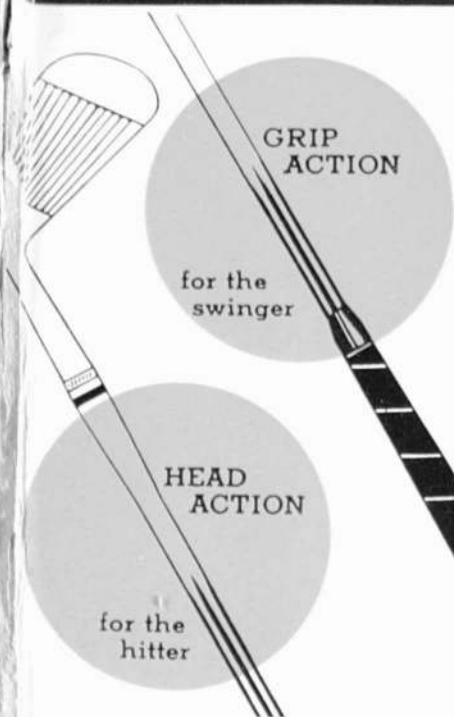


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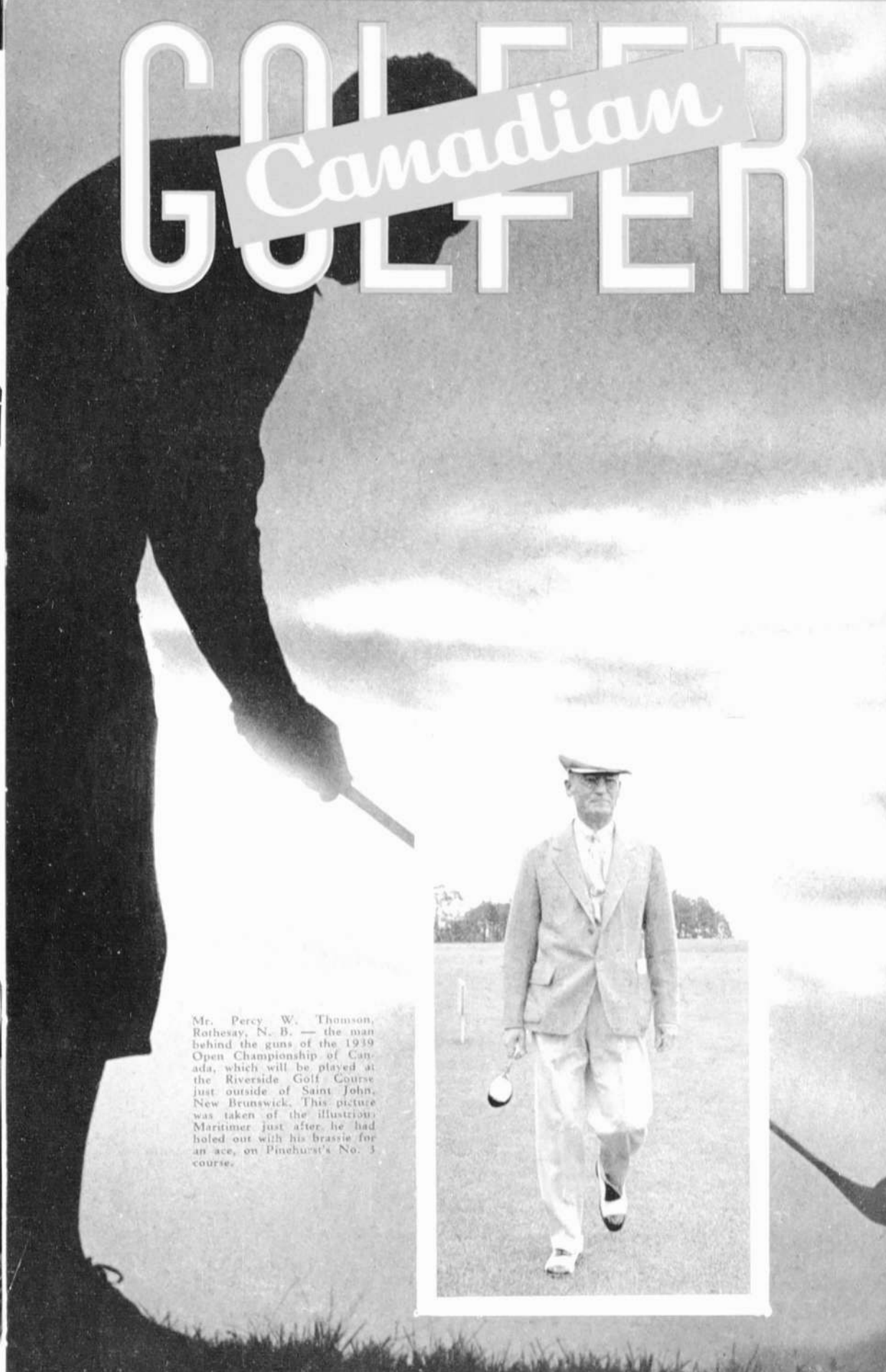
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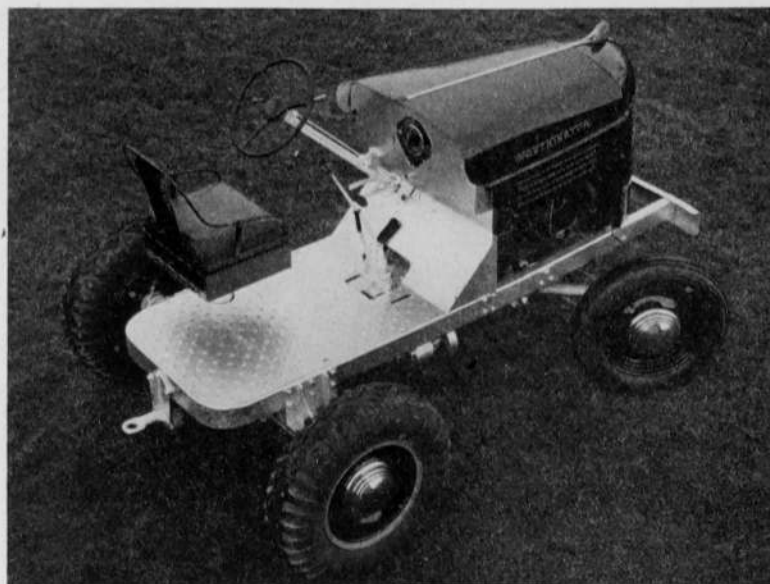
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Your Travelling Editor

A DROPPED CHIP SPELLED SUCCESS

At Pinehurst Senior's championship in the mid-south, which we attended, a Mr. Henry Hornblower of Boston, (age over 70) won the low net award shooting his best game when it counted most. Mr. Hornblower, on being asked what he considered the reason for his fine display, pointed to a chip shot which found the cup on the first hole, scoring a par four. Said Mr. Hornblower, "When that one dropped, I was 'set-up' for the day. With that encouragement somehow I felt much more in tune for good golf the rest of the way around."

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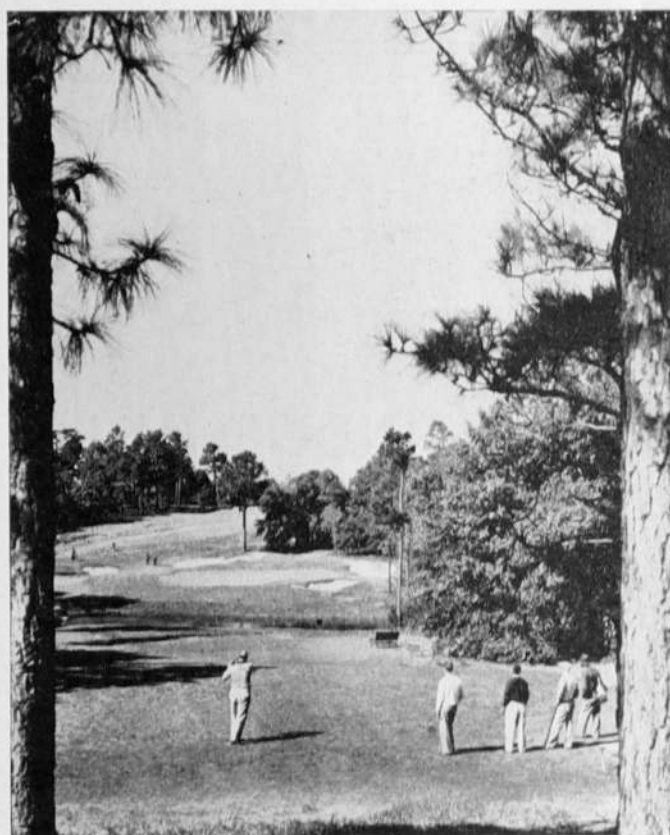


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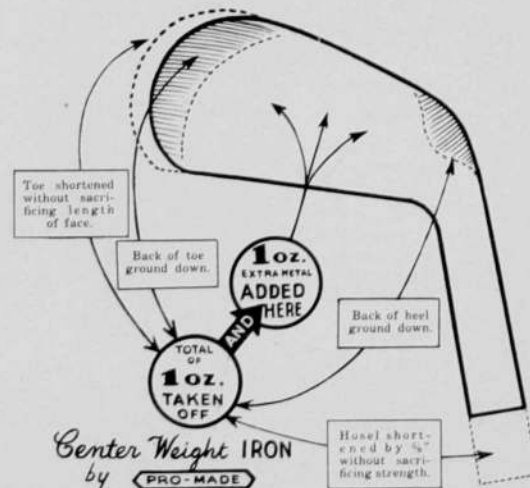
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The members of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, honoured themselves when at the last Annual Meeting held in September at the Toronto Golf Club, they honoured the Hon. Mr. Frank Carrel LL.D., M.L.C. of Quebec, by unanimously electing him a Governor of the Association.

Mr. Carrel, has for many years now, been a keen supporter of The Royal & Ancient game in the Ancient Capital, having first been identified with the Royal Quebec Club—the second oldest golf club in North America, 'way back in the "Gay Nineties," when this famous club had its links on the historical Cove Fields. He is also a charter member of the Kent Golf Club of Quebec and for several years was a member of The Royal Montreal the oldest golf club on the Continent. Since joining the Canadian Seniors' Association, some years ago, he has always made it a point to participate in the Annual Tournaments of the Association and has always taken a very great interest in its varied activities. He will be an invaluable addition to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Carrel is generally looked upon and deservedly so too, as the outstanding representative of the English-speaking interests in Quebec, the City of his birth in 1870. A journalist with a Dominion-wide reputation, he was for many years President and Publisher of the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph—one of the oldest and best edited and best conducted papers of the Province, and also President of the Quebec Newspapers Ltd. Journalistic work however, by no means has occupied all his time and energy. His other activities have been far-reaching. He is President of Frank Carrel Ltd., Vice President of the Quebec Bridge Realty Company, and a Director of the Prudential Trust Company, Montreal, Spokane Portland Cement Company, Spokane, Canadian Insurance Shares Ltd., Toronto and the Canada Steamship Lines, Montreal. He is Hon. President of the Quebec Provincial Motor League, Hon. Patron Quebec Automobile Club, ex-President Canadian Daily Newspapers Association, Canadian delegate representing Canada and Canadian Press at the Press League of Nations, International Press Conference at Geneva, Trustee of the Wesleyan Col-



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lege, Stanstead, Que., and the holder of many other offices in various prominent Institutions in Quebec City and the Province of Quebec. In 1918 he was Summoned to the Quebec Legislative Council—a Governmental life position, carrying with it the title of Honourable.

Mr. Carrel has found time too, to write extensively apart from his onerous newspaper work. He is the author of three most interesting books. "Tips on an Ocean Voyage", "Around the World Cruise" and "Impressions of War". In addition to his golf clubs he is a member of the historic Garrison Club, Quebec, St. James, Montreal, Reform Club, Montreal, Circum navigators, New York, Empire Press Union, London and Interallie, Paris. Personally I think that this cultured and charming citizen of Old Quebec, has summed up in the most succinct manner I have yet noticed, the worth-while side of the Canadian Seniors organization when in a recent letter, he pays his tribute to the Association:

"There is one great attraction in belonging to the Seniors and that is the ambition and hope which it inspires within the members when they have begun to fall down in their play in their home clubs. When they fraternize for a few days with men of about their own age or a little older, vie with one another to win the prizes, play and associate together with the keenest of friendship and good old sporting rivalry, they assume an entirely new character, and I am sure that their respective home clubs greatly benefit by this inspiration when they return from the Meets. There is a great deal more to membership in the Canadian Seniors Golf Association than we members realize, and personally I must say, I look forward to the Annual Meet as the one great event of the year."

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An Open Letter from the President

To the Golfers of Canada

The honor bestowed in my election to the presidency of the Royal Canadian Golf Association is recognized as an opportunity as well as a responsibility. While in office it will be my sincere endeavour; to carry on the tradition of the golfing pastime, to extend its scope, where possible, and to continue the efforts of a governing body that has been molding a strong and progressive organization.

At the outset of another golfing season it is, therefore, a particular pleasure to take this opportunity, through our official organ, to enlist the support of players and officials in a conscientious effort—to keep golf a gentlemen's pastime.

From the presidential office it is possible to appreciate the tremendous contribution made by former executives, and to recognize the value of the enthusiastic services of a really amazing number of honorary officers, that annually serve in the interests of golf. In no other sporting order do officials participate with the same loyalty and enthusiasm, and in a lengthy career associated with many branches of sport, I am quite frank to recognize your R.C.G.A. Board as the most conscientious, enthusiastic, and experienced group of officials with whom I have ever had the pleasure of being associated.

The organization of golf is a truly democratic form of government. Every golfer enjoys representation in his club, provincial, and domination executive. Harmonious relations between clubs and provinces makes possible a steady progress in every part of the country. By exchanging ideas all sections are kept in close contact with developments, circumstances, which have fostered the fraternal goodwill so obvious throughout the golfing society.

Every golfer has a responsibility whether he be an active or a casual participant. The responsibility, however, is a pleasant one, and boils down to a matter of "just being interested." Once initiated keen participation becomes natural, but, as playing actively is just one of many interests, it is my hope and suggestion that more and more golfers will familiarize themselves with: the organization within their clubs; the requirements and benefits of a well regulated handicapping system; the necessity to strictly observe golf's one and only code of rules; and the enjoyment, and satisfaction offered those who accept the invitation to serve in golf's varied executive capacities.

Extending best wishes for a successful 1939, I remain

Sincerely,

J. Ernest Savard, President
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P.Q.G.A. PROGRAMME

The P. Q. G. A. programme has not been published in complete detail but certain dates and courses for some of the more important events have been announced as follows: The Quebec Open Championship will be played Friday, August 11th, over Senneville Country Club's tree lined links. The Quebec Amateur will be played on July 6th-8th over the Summerlea Golf Club course; The Duke of Kent Trophy Tournament will be played on June 17th at the Kent Golf Club, Quebec; The Manoir Richelieu Golf Club Invitation Tournament will be played at Murray Bay, Que. on Saturday, July 15th.

We welcome the opportunity of publishing the accompanying letter from Mr. Savard R.C.G.A. President Following as it does the report of the annual meeting covering Mr. Savard's election, it bears out our comment concerning the President, and the excellent work being accomplished by the Royal Canadian Golf Association. Reading between the lines it is quite obvious that Mr. Savard, a great all around sportsman, has found in golf the things one seeks in pursuing a recreational pastime. The Open at Saint John, N.B. is immediate indication Mr. Savard and his executive are thinking in terms of golf nationally.

Talking about Golf

EDITORIAL

H. R. Pickens Jr.

A short time ago in Pinehurst, N. C., your editor was talking with tall lean Jim Barnes, one of the few players who has ever held both the U.S. and British Open titles. In a mood to discuss things generally the six foot two "Long Jim" sat as straight as a ram rod and was much the same in expression of his ideas about golf.

Though his last major win came in 1921 when he took the American Open title, Jim was really in his hey-day back around 1917. Yet only last summer he won the "red-hot" Long Island Open.

Asked what he thought of the present trend of golf, Barnes stated that he felt that the golf governing bodies, of the world over, would have to learn to keep pace with the game's developments. "Like those who drew up the Treaty of Versailles," Barnes went on, "the men who framed the rules of golf could not see that there would be such a change in conditions as to outmode what seemed all right then. For instance, when the rule was made which forces a player to putt over holes in the green made by his own ball or by his opponent's, the fellows who thought that was fine had probably never heard of watering a green.

"Today, all championship greens are soft and easily scarred. This means that there are small divots torn up which the original rule-makers never foresaw. That is but one of the items which mark many of golf's laws as archaic. Penalties resulting from such obsolete rules are commonplace and ridiculous. Similarly, being forced to putt with mud clinging on the ball is silly. When the "no cleaning" rule was made, greens were never soft enough to yield mud."

Then there was the matter of the stymie. Barnes expressed his views. "The stymie is an ill-conceived thing in this age of streamling in sport. Unless a man's own carelessness causes him to be stymied the penalty is outlandish. Hazards should be natural and obvious from the tee. The stymie only incurs bad feeling and a lot of inappropriate "ifs" when the game is finished. No such unfair penalty is countenanced in any other sport."

We then put the question of modern low scoring by leading professionals to Mr. Barnes. Here, too, he took a firm stand.

"What does it matter if the boys win with a total of 250 for 72 holes or 280?" he asked. "The devices which are lowering scoring for the champion are also helping the duffer enjoy the game more. Lower shooting by the leaders pulls the whole standard of scoring to a higher plane and keeps more people enthusiastic. Golf depends for its growth upon publicity. Each new gadget, each new record interests new players and bring them into the game.

"In too many cases," Barnes continued, "golf committees feel that better equipment is behind the lower scoring of today. In reality, the greatest difference rests in the improved condition of the courses—an item which all ruling bodies insist upon before they will hold a championship at a course. Even modern rough is cultured; fairways are as smooth as old fashioned greens; greens are like tables because of better understanding of grasses. Why shouldn't scoring thus be better. Moreover, most of the money tours are run by people who want the lowest rounds possible for publicity. They purposely don't try to make their courses too hard."

The steel-grey veteran couldn't remember his greatest shot or biggest winning thrill, but he guessed it was his first victory. He had forgotten what that was. He admitted, however, the memory which would remain longest was receiving the Open championship award from President Harding and having lunch with the chief executive afterwards. (He was the only player who ever received the cup from a President of the United States.)

Asked what was the difference between his game today and when he was winning everything in sight, Barnes pointed to the matter of keenness. "Hagen, Sarazen, and fellows who were tops in my day still hit the shots as well, but somehow competitive veer fades. So far as I can see, that is the only difference."

Jim went on to say that he believed that golf would begin to lose ground when new things, changes and widespread improvements ceased to come into it. For that reason ultra-conservatism by the ruling golf bodies in a detriment to the further growth of the game.

COMMENTS ON EDITORIAL (of REASONABLE LENGTH) WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE EDITOR

HONOUR LIST OF THE FAIRWAYS

Canadian Golfer Presents a Ranking Based on 1938 Play.

The rating of Canada's amateur golfers this year reveals that, for the most part, the top performers have not changed with the passing of another widely-flung competitive season. As has been the habit of CANADIAN GOLFER, the ratings published yearly at this time represent the standing of this country's best players for the coming year based upon their last season's performances. For instance, during the summer of 1939 George X will be known as Canada's "nth" ranking player because he won three tournaments of a certain standard and played well in all other events. Having seen him play and gathered as complete information as possible about him we make our estimation of his ability relative to other leading golfers (following fact and accomplishment as far as we can).

It has been CANADIAN GOLFER'S habit to rank the first fifteen players each year. We feel reasonably certain that the first ten are accurately placed. The last five must be regarded more in the light of players, not quite in the top bracket, but five golfers who deserve mention along with the best. Obviously the difference between the 14th and 15th ranking player is likely only the figure beside the names. We can but try to do justice in this lower positioning. Withal, this year's play has not left us too difficult a job in placing the nation's foremost

Ross Somerville—Phil Farley Head List

For the first time in the history of CANADIAN GOLFER'S national ratings there is a tied position. More significantly, this tie occurs in first place! Last season there was much consideration of a two way first place, but close as was the difference in between first and second niches held by C. Ross Somerville of London, Ontario and Phillip Farley of Montreal, there was Somerville's long and illustrious national and international record to swing the balance in the latter's favor. Likewise Somerville was the national amateur champion! That was the deciding factor between the two.

This year neither Farley nor Somerville hold their provincial titles; Somerville did not compete in his. Farley was beaten in the finals of the Quebec major event. However, Sandy Somerville went to the semi-finals of the greatest amateur event in the world, the British amateur.

Likewise in the old country he was runner-up in the internationally-contested St. George's Trophy event. At home he outplayed Ted Adams of Columbia, Ohio in the final of the Canadian amateur championship, but lost on the 38 hole.

Sandy's chief medal achievement was leading the field in the Willingdon Cup matches at the London Hunt Club with a 36 hole total of 144.

Farley who this year shares first place with Sandy, was finalist in the Quebec amateur championship, a title which he had held for the two preceding years. He was again victorious in practically every tournament which he entered in Quebec. Besides this he won his favorite event, the leading amateur award in the Canadian Open championship, an achievement for which he holds the record by winning it four times. Moreover Farley was second low medalist behind Somerville and Ken Black of Vancouver in the Willingdon Cup matches. Phil only bowed, 1 down, to the eventual Canadian amateur champion, Ted Adams, after having disposed of several of the best tournament golfers in Canada.

Ken Black, Vancouver, 3rd

Third place goes unhesitatingly to that marvel of medal golf from the West coast, Ken Black. When the going is toughest, Ken has shown year in and year out that he is the best amateur west of the Rockies. He is Vancouver City champion, and was tied with Somerville as low medalist in the high-counting Willingdon Cup medal play. Ken's loss of his clubs cut short what seemed a promising career in this year's Canadian amateur championship. His victory with Stan Leonard, Vancouver professional, over former American Walker Cuppers, Harry Givan and Scotty Campbell, was a highlight of the west coast season.

Joe Thompson, Hamilton, 4th

In fourth niche we place the effervescent Joe Thompson, of Hamilton, Ontario. Joe is not the possessor of temperament which matches his strokes, but there is no denying his great play in the United States this year. He was finalist in the Ontario amateur championship, won the sectional qualifying medal for the U. S. amateur championship for a fourth time in Buffalo—then he beat two form-

er Canadian amateur champions in consecutive rounds in the American amateur championship proper. These were Somerville and Walker Cupper, Freddie Haas. Not content there, "Little Joe" went through to the "eights"—the best showing made by a Canadian in recent years (since 1932 when Somerville won the U. S. title.)

Frank Corrigan, Ottawa, 5th

Fifth place goes to Frank Corrigan in spite of his rather erratic play at various intervals during the year. Corrigan deserves a laurel wreath for being the first man to defeat Farley in the Quebec amateur championship in three years. Frank won the Ottawa City title and a sectional Ontario title along with practically everything else held in the Capital City. He played fairly well in the Willingdon Cup matches and Canadian amateur championship, but his ranking is certainly not based upon these showings.

Jim Boeckh, Toronto, 6th

Sixth position is James Boeckh's. He is the Toronto star who has been coming along so fast in the past two seasons. This year he fulfilled earlier predictions by winning the coveted Ontario amateur title. To this he added sound play in all Toronto and Ontario field days, and a brilliant duel (which was his right to the closing hole) with the winner of the Canadian amateur crown, Ted Adams.

Gordon Taylor Jr., Toronto, 7th

Gordon Taylor Jr. of Toronto is a veteran "young golfer" who seems to improve with each year. Last season he was a mainstay of the Ontario Willingdon Cup team which won the Dominion title by a single shot after an extra six hole play off with Quebec. Taylor Jr. was low man on the winning Ontario team for the extra session needing only 23 strokes for the six holes. He was a winner in Ontario events, a stout contestant in the Canadian amateur only bowing to Trans-Mississippi amateur champion, Ven Savage going into the "eights".

Johnny Richardson, Calgary, 8th

In the next place, eighth, we find tall Johnny Richardson of Calgary. Johnny was Calgary Open champion, led the Alberta Willingdon Cup team with the fine low total of 150 and went to the

THE GOLFER'S LADDER

Indicating the rungs attained by Canada's best fifteen simon pures. The climb to the top in every instance has been a long, strenuous one.

"eights" of the Canadian amateur championship.

Bobby Proctor, Edmonton, 9th

The ninth slot is filled with capable Edmonton performer Bobby Proctor. Bobby made a good showing in the Willingdon Cup matches after winning the Alberta amateur title last year. To this he added the fine match play showing which carried him into the "eights" of the Canadian amateur championship. He was one of five Canadians who got that far.

Ernie Palmer, Winnipeg, 10th

Ernie Palmer of Winnipeg is the Manitoba amateur champion at present. He takes the tenth berth as result of this and the fact that he had a fine 152 total in Willingdon Cup matches and went four rounds meeting tough opposition in amateur championship. Ernie is no new name in this select group having been ranked 13th in 1937. He is a courageous and dogged match golfer, fairly long, and a reliable medalist.

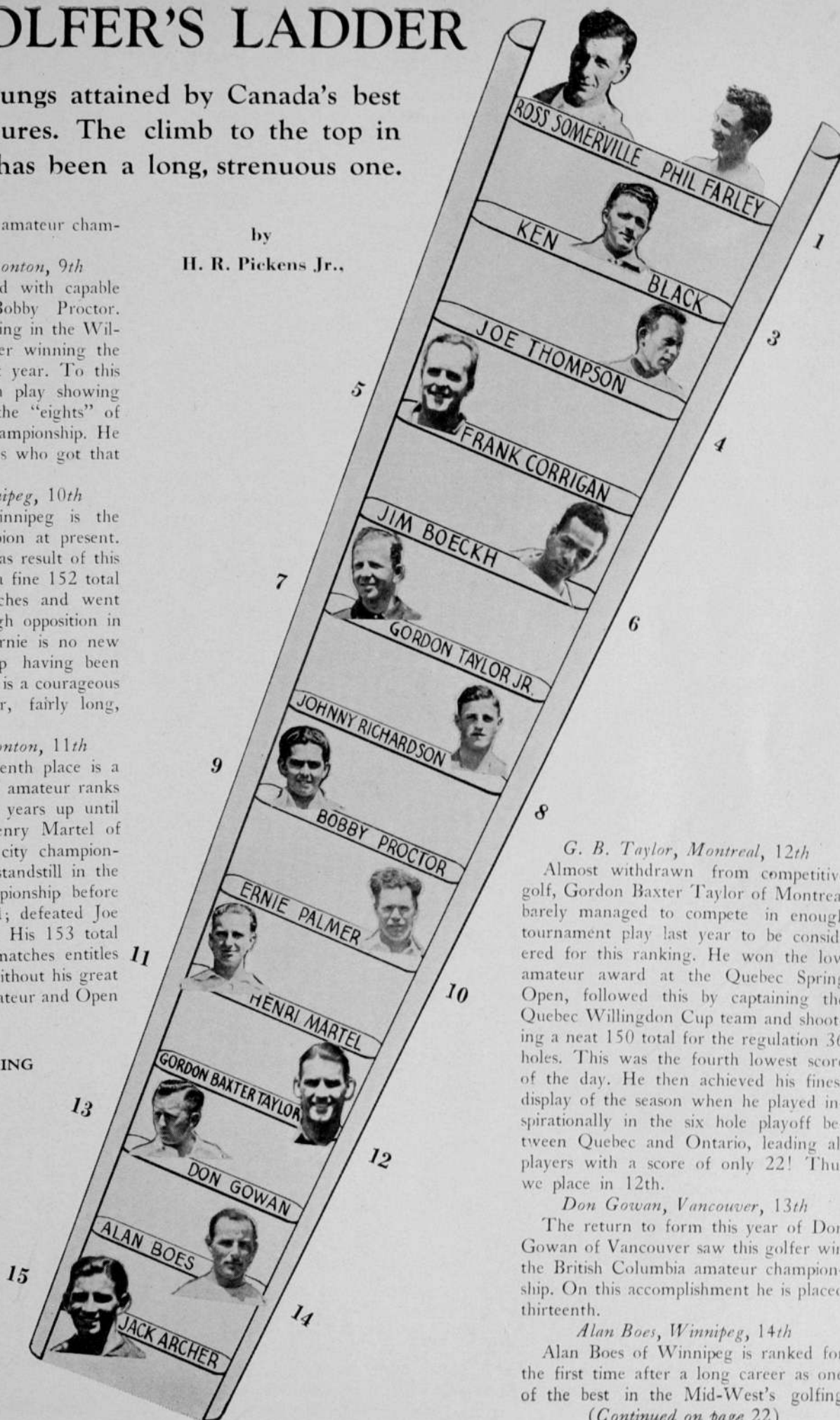
Henry Martel, Edmonton, 11th

Behind Palmer in eleventh place is a golfer who has dominated amateur ranks on the Prairies for three years up until last summer. This is Henry Martel of Edmonton. He won his city championship, played Farley to a standstill in the Canadian amateur championship before bowing in the third round; defeated Joe Thompson in the second. His 153 total in the Willingdon Cup matches entitles him to this place almost without his great background as Alberta amateur and Open titlist on many occasions.

PREVIOUS YEARS RANKING

1. ROSS SOMERVILLE.
2. PHIL FARLEY.
3. JIM TODD.
4. JACK NASH.
5. G. B. TAYLOR.
6. KEN BLACK.
7. JOHNNY RICHARDSON.
8. HENRY MARTEL.
9. JIM BOECKH.
10. GORDON TAYLOR, JR.
11. KEN LAWSON.
12. PETE KELLY.
13. FRANK CORRIGAN.
14. GUY ROLLAND.
15. DUANE BARR.

by
H. R. Pickens Jr.,



G. B. Taylor, Montreal, 12th

Almost withdrawn from competitive golf, Gordon Baxter Taylor of Montreal barely managed to compete in enough tournament play last year to be considered for this ranking. He won the low amateur award at the Quebec Spring Open, followed this by captaining the Quebec Willingdon Cup team and shooting a neat 150 total for the regulation 36 holes. This was the fourth lowest score of the day. He then achieved his finest display of the season when he played inspirationally in the six hole playoff between Quebec and Ontario, leading all players with a score of only 22! Thus we place in 12th.

Don Gowan, Vancouver, 13th

The return to form this year of Don Gowan of Vancouver saw this golfer win the British Columbia amateur championship. On this accomplishment he is placed thirteenth.

Alan Boes, Winnipeg, 14th

Alan Boes of Winnipeg is ranked for the first time after a long career as one of the best in the Mid-West's golfing

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YOUR TRAVELLING EDITOR

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bearing on one's play throughout the rest of a match. A long putt or a brilliant recovery in golf often gives a player the inspiration to reach new heights. We recall, in a major open tournament last year in which Sam Snead and Harry Cooper were deadlocked after 72 holes. Snead was the favorite in the playoff, but Cooper got the "jump." However, at the 12th hole, and trailing by two shots, Snead sunk a chip from off the green for an eagle three!

SNEAD AND COOPER AGREED

Although Cooper birdied the hole and was still in the lead, Snead seemed to take heart and finally tied the match up by a series of amazing strokes. In an extra nine holes added to the playoff, Snead continued his form while Cooper, rather discouraged, slipped far behind. When interviewed afterwards, both Cooper and Snead agreed that the issue was settled when Sam got that one chip shot in the hole.

A FIGHTING HEART RESPONDS

There are many points of difference in the psychology of the ordinary and the star golfer, but whether it happens to be Mr. Henry Hornblower battling for a Senior net award or Snead after an Open title, the fighting heart of a champion will respond to a good "break" in much the same fashion. Yes, beware of the man who is able to get an "inspiration stroke" into the cup! Such shots somehow upset the chemistry of anyone's disposition with telling results in the final reckoning.

SNEAD BREAKS THE JINX

Speaking of Sam Snead, we are glad to relate that the long-hitting young man who was so successful last season and who has been so conspicuously out of the top places in tournaments so far this year, finally broke through his jinx. He had to battle "tooth and nail," however, to lift the St. Petersburg title from "Hurricane" Henry Picard in a 25 hole playoff. Snead fighting with every shot in his bag, finally got a birdie two at the 25th to win his first triumph of the season. Picard, however, boosted his prize money total to \$3,150 for the year which brings him well up with the leaders.

A PICTURE FOR A RAINY DAY

Have just read Sam Snead's instruction book entitled "Sam Snead's Quick Way to Better Golf." We had expected this book to be at least a good portion editorial content. Instead, there are 64 pages and cover in which there are 250 pictures, all of Snead, mostly in action. Each department of the game is treated separately with pictures showing "Sneadian" methods in each phase of the swing. Each picture is either merely titled or briefly captioned.

SNEAD DOESN'T SAY ENOUGH

Snead, presumably, writes the introduction — a short affair in which he eloquently disclaims the fact that the golf swing can be explained in words except by describing "feelings." This, he states, is beyond him. Thus, the best way to learn golf, says Sam, is by watching a champion or through action pictures. This is all very convincing if skimmed over, but on the other hand, one might observe that taking pictures is a lot less work than at least trying to explain in words. And that, in short, is our only criticism of Snead's book.

200 PAGES INSTEAD OF 64

We feel that if Sam Snead really wanted to give the golf world a lasting and monumental contribution in instruction, he might have gotten together with his editors and "ground out," as best he could, a full analysis for them to put down in a book, 200 pages long, rather than the mere 64 which now constitute his effort. The point is that pictures will show everything, to be sure, but the average golfer needs the closest kind of direction if he is to observe the right things. Moreover, pictures can be misleading! Especially action shots which are stopped.

WHY STOPPED ACTION IS MISLEADING

The reason is that a stopped action picture will give the player an idea of a certain "expression" in the swing which is only a passing one. The player in trying to duplicate, forgets that it is only part of the swing and is too prone to make it his "raison d'être" in swinging instead of making contact with the ball his paramount aim.

THE BODY STARTS DOWN FIRST

We feel that the most important note struck in the Snead pictorial, comes in its continuous reference to the fact that "power-hitting" is a result of getting the body in action before the hands or club are started down. The first action of the downswing, Snead emphasizes, is that of getting the left heel back to earth. It is there in most of his pictures before the hands and club ever get underway from the top.

THE BOOK REALLY HAS WORTH

All in all, while the expense of the pictures and cuts is the only lavish part of Snead's book, still, there is real worth in this addition to your golfing library. Snead is a truly great swinger and you certainly see him in every position in it often enough to unconsciously absorb some important fundamentals.

GEORGE DUNLAP CHATS

A short time ago in the mid south we had an interesting chat with George Dunlap, 1933 American Amateur champion. George is quite genuine in his present lack of interest in big-time competition which implies long travel, quite sizeable expense, and too much time away from his delightful wife and family. Nevertheless, he has plenty of ideas about amateur golf in the United States.

WE INQUIRE WHERE THE STARS HAVE GONE

Based upon the rather lackadaisical showing of the 1938 Walker Cup team, we made the suggestion to George that the leading amateurs in this country were not as unbeatable or as "pressure-worthy" as some just a few years back. The names of Moreland Seaver, Maurice McCarthy, Little, Westland, Don Moe, Dunlap, himself, were mentioned as a few of the most birdie-conscious individuals of a short time ago.

SUPER-STARS REQUIRE CONFIDENCE

Said Dunlap, "The reason there doesn't seem to be the monumental figures in amateur golf that there were from 1931 to 1935, is the same reason that there are no Hagens and Jones today. In short, there are too many stars now to allow any one to stand out. After the first round of the American Amateur has been played, you can take any players left and find them quite capable of breaking par on most of the toughest courses. That gives you a pretty good idea of why nobody ever gains too much confidence in his superiority

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GRACE SEARS

Canada Most Promising Junior

Caught by the camera's eye on North Carolina's fairways as she visited in Pinehurst, the accompanying pictures show why Miss Grace Sears is one of the most promising young players in Canada.

Miss Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Sears of Toronto, is a member of the Lakeview Golf Club and is a pupil of Lex Robson, veteran tournament star and teaching expert. Under his guidance this young player has twice in succession won the Ontario Girl's championship. In addition she is holder of the Toronto District Junior title. Miss Sears has broken the 80 mark on several occasions in tournament play.

In one championship held in the Ontario district there are six prizes given in the tournament. Long driving, approaching and putting, net and gross awards—all of which Miss Sears would have won on her performance that day, but she was only eligible to take one prize.

One will note the essentially sound positions of this youthful star in these pictures. The easy manner in the address pictures, Nos. 1 and 2 on the left. Note the way in which the first move back is made with extension of the left arm for the purpose of broadening the arc.

In the fourth picture the club is almost back being at the horizontal position. Note, however, in the fifth picture the extra length to the backswing is obtained by continuing of the pivot which makes this extra length much easier. All powerful hitters of the modern school seem to be getting this added length with longer swings. Sam Snead is a notable example.

The second picture on the right, a rear view, catches the first action of the downswing. This is the movement of the pivot getting the weight ready to go back on the left foot. This same vital "first move" down gives one the impression of "poised power," with the left arm ready to pull through hard and the wrists still well "cocked".

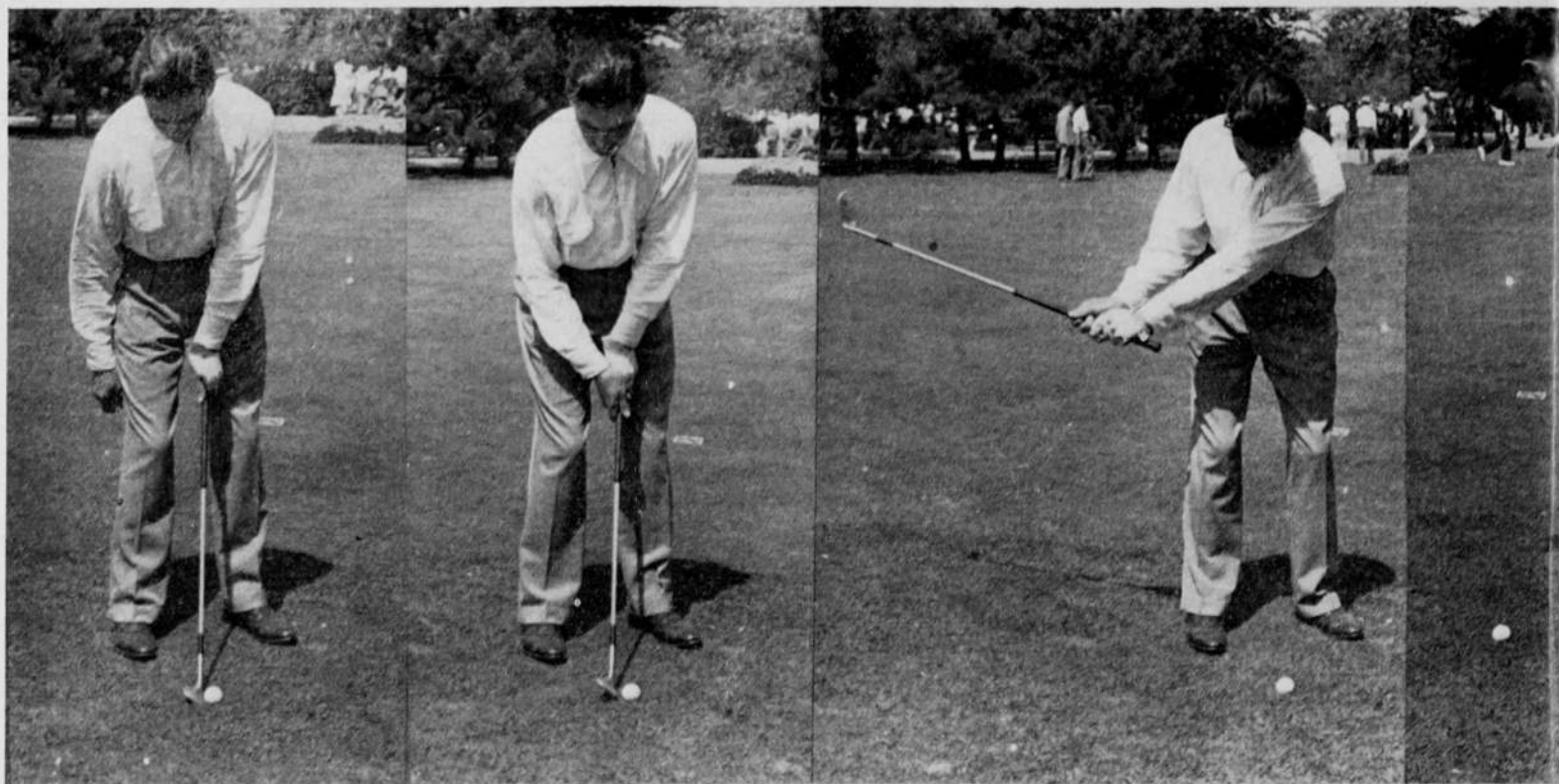
The eighth picture shows the downswing half completed with the left arm "power pull" in operation. The left heel has come down to earth and the hips are moving fast to be cleared from in front of the stroke. Note how close the arms are to the body, but that the hips have not shifted out over the left foot too far. The hips are turning—not shifting.

The ninth picture shows impact with Miss Sears planted on her left foot, but still on her right toe. It is estimated that 90 per cent of all wood shots are hit by players *up on both toes*. This is not entirely right, but Bobby Jones, and Lady Heathcoat Amory, formerly Joyce Wethered did it with excellent results. Snead on the other hand is in a squatting "knee bent" position at impact with his left foot flat on the ground.

At impact note the full extension of the arms. Here the left arm is just beginning to "go under" the right which is necessary to get the long straight fling to the club.

The finish is quite orthodox with the weight not too far out over the left foot. The left leg has served as a brace to the pivot and the shoulders have followed well around. Note the hips have been turned directly facing the hole. There is power in this swing of Miss Grace Sears. Studying it is well worthwhile.





Most efficient iron players prefer the slightest semblance of a fade on iron shots. For that reason in the first picture the reader will note a suggestion of an open stance—that is the left foot is drawn back away from the line of flight. This aids in imparting a tiny bit of cut which carries the ball a little to the right, but, in turn, stops these shots practically where they land. Note in the first picture the relation of the left hand to the club shaft. The hand is in to the body. The club shaft seems to run up the centre of the body. The V formed by the thumb and the forefinger of the left hand runs across the top of the shaft—this, as a check on your grip. The ball is played almost exactly off the middle. This is not a set point, but merely represents the “starting point”, as it were! For example, to obtain “bite” on your short irons—tee the ball further back towards the right foot. The short iron “pitch and run” is, in contrast, played off the left toe! Low and high shots are obtained by moving the ball, front or back, and either opening or closing the clubface.

Having attained the comfortable position seen in the first picture and having the left hand well placed, I then drop the right hand on the club—on top and behind the shaft! The right hand “V” runs up the top of the club.

The first action of the backswing is that of taking the club back—by the left arm and hand—out on the line of flight, maintaining the straight left fully extended without shifting the weight. Note the difference in the slope of the shoulders between the second and third pictures. Note also, the left knee has started to move in toward the ball as one of the first actions. This is essential in order to get the hips and body turned so as to get the club well back in a free and unstrained position.

In the fourth picture the inclination of the left knee, as the first action in the backswing, is still more apparent. The head is almost over the ball. Hips are turned a little beyond the line of flight. The heel of the left foot has not left the ground—a mistake which many duffers find most costly, for instead of a practical and worthwhile pivot which will enable them to get the hips around just enough for an easy position at the top of

IRONING OUT YOU

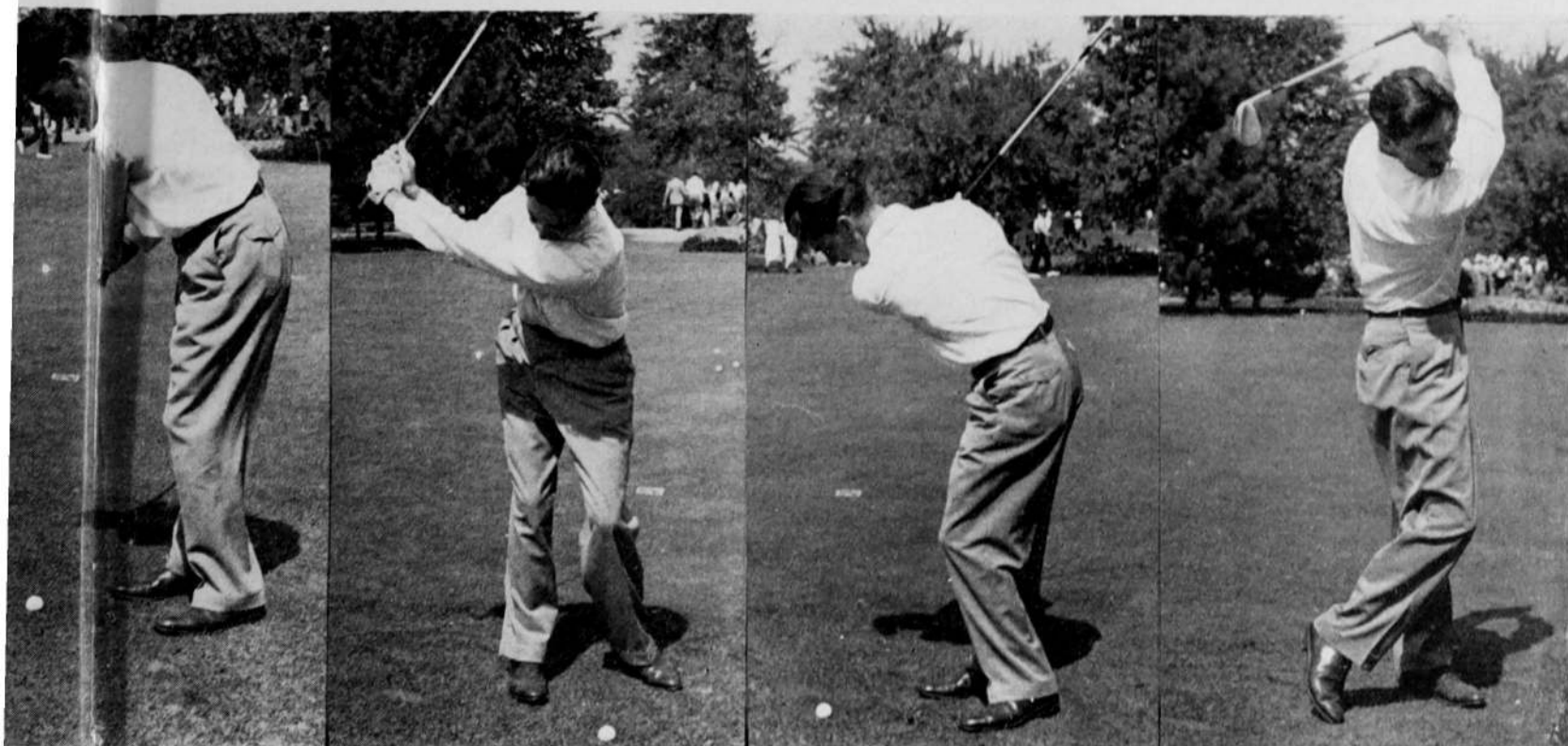
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the swing—they instead dangle the left foot in the air *with just the tip of the toe on the ground*. In so doing they shift all their weight to the right foot. These golfers are said to belong to the “FIRE AND FALL BACK” school for once the left foot gets off the ground and the weight so far back on the right, the downswing, if at all fast, throws the player’s weight still farther back and he thus loses balance. In a manner he seems to recoil from each blow, staggering backwards a step or two! We have all seen this player in action. However the way to get out of this class is to keep the weight on the ball of the left foot through the early part of the backswing.

In the fourth picture one gets striking effect of the mechanical importance of the straight left arm in delivering the stroke by merely looking down the left arm. In this view, one senses the actual leverage which this oft repeated advice implies.

Note in the fifth picture that I am content to stop the short iron backswing at the three quarter position. The wrists are not as “cocked” as they would be for a drive. The club is a long way from the horizontal. The angle made by the left arm and the shaft *“is still obtuse”*. This means that the wrists have flexed only a little from the original address relation. (See photo No. 2).

Notice that even here at the top of the short-iron backswing the hips have only turned slightly and that by no means has all the weight gotten back entirely on the right foot. The left foot is still taking its share of pressure. Observe the relation of the slope of the shoulders in the fifth picture with their place in No. 2. They have actually moved 90 degrees from their former position, while the hips have not moved more than



YOUR IRON ERRORS

Professional Rivermead Golf Club Ottawa

35 degrees in the same time. This brings out the fact that the whole body must flex in the execution of a correct golf stroke just in the manner of a bent steel spring. Many golfers believe the top of the backswing should be an easy natural position at which point one should be able to pause, take stock of things, and then complete the shot with satisfying results. This is sometimes possible, but sustaining the position at the top of the backswing should entail *some strain* for as I have just pointed out there is a twist of the torso from the hips to the shoulder to "coil" for the downswing.

Though the left knee seems considerably more inclined toward the ball in the fifth picture that in No. 3, still the sixth picture which is the same as No. 5, shows that the left heel is yet close to the ground. The weight has not been moved except for the turning or pivot. In other words there is virtually the same pressure on either foot at the top that there was at address.

In the sixth picture at the top of the swing, my head has scarcely moved in relation to the ball from the address pose. Note, the ball is played close to the feet and my hands, therefore, are very close to my body. This is what is known as an "upright style". Most golfers agree that one can be infinitely more accurate in "hitting through the centre of the ball" on all shots with an upright swing. Flat swinging is almost always dependent on reaching for the ball. When this is done the club is swung "round oneself"—meaning, the path described by the clubhead follows a circular course and is therefore only on the line of flight for a short distance through the "hitting area" (point where club and ball meet). This is diffi-

EDITOR'S NOTE

One of Ottawa's great "four horsemen" of the fairways, Jack Littler of the Rivermead Club comes before Canadian Golfer's form spotlight this month. Recently Stanley Horne, one of the quartette referred to in the above phrase, accepted the Islesmere professional post in Montreal and thus the four-some of "red hot" shooters from the capital is broken up. It included, Bobby Alston, Chaudiere, Stan Horne of Ottawa Hunt Club, Ernie Wakelam, Royal Ottawa and Jack Littler. In this group, for the past two years, one may safely say that Ottawa had the strongest professional fourman team in the Dominion.

Now this year, Horne comes to Montreal leaving the other three to carry on. However with such classically correct swingers remaining, there is no danger that Ottawa golfers will go to wrack with the moving of the three-time Canadian P.G.A. titlist. Take the example set by Littler, the golfer in the above pictures. Here is a swing which is built jointly through a natural bent for the game and a keen observance of the fundamentals as they are set down in the well-known "book".

We chose to tell the Canadian golfing world about Jack's short iron play for it is in this department that he really excels. Thus you see him above with a mashie niblick, a weapon which he wields with uncanny precision.

cult to do and keep the club face from being open or shut a little. One thing more—to illustrate the extent of the body twist the 6th picture brings out how much "body torque" there is from the waist to the shoulders. There has been but small hip movement necessary to accomplish the pivot. Yet in this picture one can see the whole of my back from the waist up!

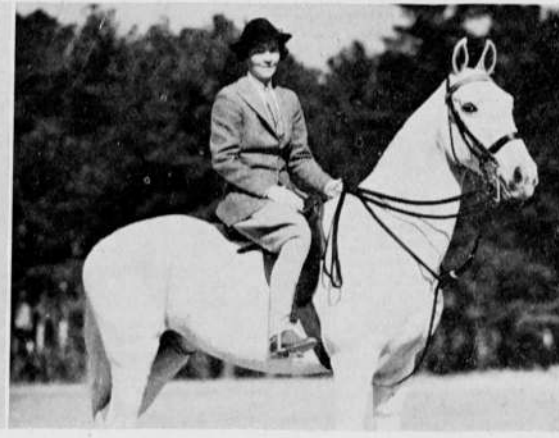
The sixth picture is not essentially good in that it was snapped a split-second too late. Here it is seen I have "relaxed" and shifted my whole weight to the left foot. Likewise I have "come up from the ball" or "lifted" signifying the real finish of the shot was completed before the picture was snapped.

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ON SOUTHERN LINKS WE FOUND THEM

At southern golfing resorts, be it St. Petersburg, Sea Island, Bermuda, Pinehurst, Southern Pines or Augusta, Canadians are always to be found in the midst of the golfing activity. In competition, Miss Nora Hankin of Montreal, has gained further honors for Canadian golf by capturing the Bermuda Ladies Championship as well as an Invitation tournament. Sydney Powell of Vancouver, B.C. in winning the Bermuda Amateur Championship, captured this title for Canada for the sixth consecutive year.



UPPER LEFT:
Mrs. J. Stuart Grafton and her daughter Miss Catherine Grafton of Dundas, Ont., pictured waiting their turn at the first tee of the Belmont Manor Golf Club during a winter holiday, in Bermuda.

TOP RIGHT:
Mr. H. J. Hannaford, Mrs. J. W. Nicoll, Mrs. Hannaford, Mr. J. W. Nicoll, all well known Montrealeers, caught by the cameraman in between holes on the Mid Ocean course, where all participated in the annual Mid Ocean Golf Tournament.

TOP CENTRE:
Long Jim Barnes, now of Huntingdon Long Island, one of golf's great personalities, an interview with our Editor is reported in this issue.

LOWER CENTRE:
A Montreal foursome comprised of J. C. Saari, J. O. Taillefer, E. de G. Power and J. C. Burn where snapped on Pinehurst's No. 2 course while Mr. Power was picking a spoon shot from a grassy lie.
Mrs. D. J. Walker, Toronto, on horseback setting out for a canter over Pinehurst bridle paths.

CENTRE LEFT:
Mrs. Wm. H. Sears, Toronto, and her daughter Grace Sears, Ontario Junior Champion are seen at Pinehurst Country Club's practice field.

LOWER LEFT:
A Toronto foursome comprising Mr. H. Rooke, Rosedale; C. E. Allison, Lambton; S. B. McMichael, Rosedale; and A. R. Gibson, Rosedale; pictured as they commenced a round over the Belmont Manor course during a recent visit.



TOP LEFT:
Two Canadians, J. E. Edwards on left and R. W. Southam on right, both of Ottawa, at Bermuda with Bermudians A. A. Johnston, and Norwood Smith.

TOP RIGHT:
Mrs. John E. Nickson of Montreal and Philip Corson of Philadelphia, shown on the links of the Mid Ocean club, Bermuda.

CENTRE TOP:
Two Canadians F. E. C. Hewett of Toronto and T. R. Tetley, Montreal, heading for the first tee at the Belmont Manor course.

LOWER CENTRE:
Major and Mrs. J. J. Cawthra and Mrs. Cawthra's father, Thomas H. Hall, Torontonians, snapped on the practice putting green in front of Pinehurst Country Club.

LOWER LEFT:
Fred E. Hill of Melford, Sask. and Robert S. Booth, New Haven, Conn. both new members of the Hole in One club as result of aces scored while playing over the Belmont Manor course in Bermuda.

RIGHT CENTRE:
From left to right are Mr. Donald Ross, famous golf architect from Pinehurst, who was visited by the well known Torontonians, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Baker.

LOWER RIGHT:
Colonel J. L. Miller, of Chester, N. S. and Bermuda, Mr. R. L. Cliff, of Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. Lewis Miller of Scotland (brother of the Colonel, and the Colonel's son Bill Miller, Bermuda's amateur champion,

CONSIDER, my son, the life of the Chairman of the Grounds Committee, and follow not in his footsteps, for he, and his wife, and his children, and his children's children, unto the third and fourth generations, are without friends at the Club, and only the employees speak to them.

In the locker-room, he is as Roosevelt at a meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and as welcome as Justice Black on the Supreme Court. His name is a climax for profanity, and his intelligence rated as that of a low grade moron. He is without virtue, and is as a pariah.

If the putting greens are not cut daily, they are too long, and if they are cut daily, they are too fast, and the fault is his in either case. He lacketh all comprehension of proper putting greens, for the greens of any other course are always superior to his, and he should see them.

To Cut or Not to Cut

If the fairways are mowed each day, and the sun burneth them, he is to blame, while if he cutteth them not, to meet weather conditions, they give not a brassie lie, and he is censured.

If the rough is too long for the use of a driver, he has no understanding of a golf course and appreciates not the finesse of the game. If it is too short, so as not to constitute a penalty, the real golfers revile him and say all manner of things about him.

He assumeth that a putter is a club to be used on a putting green only; yet if the bunkers are not so built and kept that one may play out of them with a putter, he lacks knowledge of the game. Verily, the explosion shot is taboo and a thing of the past! It is as the dodo bird or the carrier pigeon.

If he causeth the fairways to be watered in the daytime, the sprinklers are a curse and an abomination, and there is no health in them. Yet, if he watereth the fairways at night, when no one seeth them, he is accused of not watering at all, and neglecting the course. He is wrong in either case.

If he putteth the tee plates at the front of the tees, the low handicap players complain, while if he putteth them at the back, the high handicap men revile him roundly. If he putteth them in the middle, he satisfieth no one, and is accused by all.

If players cover not up their tracks in the bunkers, it is his fault. If the turf is not replaced, he is to blame, though the reason be beyond him. He should be required to follow each player and repair all damage.

Even Caddies Are His

Although the caddies are not under his jurisdiction, and he overseeth them not, nevertheless, he is blamed for all their derelictions and shortcomings, and that they stand not in the right place, nor follow the ball carefully.

The handicaps are likewise his fault, though they be determined solely by the Sports and Pastimes Committee. He hath influence, however, for his handicap is always high, and he

maketh much money thereon, and never signeth the caddie tickets.

They build tennis courts, and he must take care of them, and when a swimming pool is constructed, the burden becomes his, and he is responsible therefore, including the temperature of the water and the conduct of the junior members therein.

When he sayeth unto the Board of Governors, "Of your many talents of gold, give unto me but one, that I may rebuild the fourth green," they say unto him, "Not so, oh, ye of little sense! After all these years on the Board of Governors, know ye not that this is a golf club, and at a golf club talents of gold are squandered only by the House Committee? We will, nevertheless, give unto you one hundred sesterii, that you may build unto yourself a stone altar at the second tee."

He raiseth all of the flowers for the house, to decorate the tables thereof, but although the House Committee charges the members therefore, yet he receiveth no credit, although the gardener's salary is charged to his budget.

The driveways are put under his jurisdiction, and if the Board of Governors prohibit parking thereon, the fault is his, and he is to blame.

He erecteth signs, with the hope that the golfers will observe them and thus preserve the golf course, but the golfers do just the opposite, and glory therein.

And the Women!

And, with all of these, he must also deal as a gentleman with the women golfers. Verily, I say unto you, my son, that the afflictions of job were as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal to the verbal assaults of the women golfers, for they, in golf, as in other things, wish all the benefits thereof, but will assume none of the burden. They desire all the rights of the men, but surrender none of their own.

They play from early morning until late at night and permit the men only three and one-half hours in the afternoon, from Tuesdays to Saturdays, to themselves. On Sundays and holidays, they yield the morning, but with reluctance.

For them, the course is never right. The grass is too short, or too long. The greens are too fast, or too slow. The bunkers are never raked, and the dew is not wiped from the putting greens for the morning play. The traps are in the wrong places, and the tees are too something. The cups are badly placed, and the fairways are not wide enough.

He faceth death more gladly than deciding when to top-dress the greens, although it must be done. If they are top-dressed on Monday, the women complain. If on Tuesday, it should have been done on Monday, as this is the first game we have played since Sunday. If on Wednesday, it is ladies' day, and hell hath no fury equal thereto. If on Thursday, it is Club Day, and should not be. While Friday is the day before Saturday, when the course must be the best, and on Sunday, even the Grounds Crew must rest, though the Chairman laboreth and suffereth seven days a week. (Continued on page 17)

EPISTLE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GREENS COMMITTEE

by

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SOIL ADAPTATIONS OF THE MORE IMPORTANT TURF GRASSES

Good grass turf is conditioned by two important factors, climate and soil. The latter can be modified but the former must be accepted as it is. Since our climate cannot be greatly changed to suit the grasses, the only practical thing to do is to make the soil conditions as nearly ideal as possible. It is a well-established principle of plant culture that the more unfavorable the climatic conditions are, the more favorable must all other conditions be to insure success, and grass is no exception, to this rule. In the accompanying table are given the soil adaptations of the more important turf grasses.

Name	Time Required to Produce Turf	Moisture	Texture	Minimum Fertility	Optimum pH	Uses	Remarks
Red Top	One Season	Moist or Dry Soils	Clay loam or loam	Tolerates poor soils	5.5—6.5	Nurse or temporary Grass in fairways, greens, lawns	Sods by short creeping stems; makes a quick temporary turf; lasts only 1-2 years when kept closely mowed.
Colonial Bent Rhode Island Bent Astoria Bent	One Season	Well drained moist soils	Loams or sandy loams if well drained	Moderately fertile	5.5—6.5	Greens, fairways, lawns	Sods slowly by stolons, produces a fine turf.
Creeping Bent Seaside Bent	1 season from seed, 2 months from stolon	Well drained moist soils	Loams	Moderately fertile soil	5.5—6.5	Greens, fairways	Sods rapidly by stolons; makes dense fine turf; injuries heal quickly; difficult to maintain.
Velvet Bent	One Season	Well drained moist soils or moderately dry soils	Loams to sandy loams	Moderately fertile soil	5.5—6.5	Greens, lawns	Sods slowly by creeping stems; seed supply limited; ideal for putting greens.
Kentucky Blue	Two Seasons	Well drained moist soils; not adapted to dry soils	Clay loam and loam	Medium to good soils	6.0—8.0	Fairways, lawns	Sods slowly by short underground stems; not resistant to drought but recovers quickly. Makes a good sod on fertile soil.
Canada Blue	Two Seasons	Tolerant of dry soils	Clay, sand or shale	Tolerates very poor soils	5.0—8.0	Fairways rough	Forms open coarse sod by underground stems; resistant to summer heat and drought; make poor appearance.
Rough-stalked Meadow-Grass (<i>Poa trivialis</i>)	Two Seasons	Moist, well-drained soils	Clay loam and loams	Medium to good soils	6.0—8.0	Fairways, lawns	Sods slowly by underground stems produces good turf in damp, shady locations; not resistant to drought or heat.
<i>Poa annua</i> .	One Season	Moist, well-drained soils	Loams and clay loams	Thrives where bents will not grow	5.0—7.0	Greens, fairways, lawns	Forms dense sod; creeps sparingly; thrives in shady areas; seeds and dies in mid-summer; thrives in cool moist weather of spring and fall.
Chewing's Red Fescue	One Season	Moist, well-drained soils, tolerant of dry soils	Sandy loams but tolerates clay loams and clays	Tolerates infertile soils	5.0—6.5	Greens, fairways, lawns	Grows in open and shade, creeps slowly, very durable turf, uniform sod when established.
Sheeps Fescue	One Season	Tolerant of dry soils	"	"	5.0—6.5	Rough	Bunch forming habit of growth, makes poor appearing turf.
Hard Fescue, (European Red Fescue)	One Season	Tolerant of dry soils	"	"	5.0—6.5	Rough	Bunch forming habit of growth, makes poor appearing turf.
Fine-Leaved Fescue	One Season	Tolerant of dry soils	"	"	5.0—6.5	Lawns	Bunch forming habit of growth, thrives in shady areas.

The Treasurer is wont to charge to the Grounds Committee all kinds of expense, regardless of the purpose thereof, but giveth the committee no credit, even for green-fees. For to the Treasurer, income is income, and is his, but expense is solely of the Grounds Committee.

And with all these things, my son, the Chairman of the Greens Committee, as a golf player, ranketh as a dub. He could not be otherwise. He driveth not, neither can he putt, while his iron shots are without virtue. He cannot approach, neither does he understand the use of a brassie. To him, golf becometh an anathema, and all golf players products of the lower regions.

And though he appeareth as a law unto himself, and seemeth not to consult even his own committee members, yet it is not so. Though the club president change from year to year, and even the chairman of the House Committee at intervals, nevertheless, he is an institution and cannot be over-ridden. Even the Board of Governors are helpless against him. He is as the NLRB, which knoweth no decisions other than its own, and only the law which itself has made. Mussolini and Hitler are as amateurs compared to him, while Stalin is but a beginner. Only Roosevelt is greater than he, and then only because his budget is without restriction. Though all these things so seem to the members, nevertheless, they are otherwise.

For, withal, my son, he craveth friendship and would be seen among golfers as a companion, or in the locker-room as the signer of drink tickets, for he is at heart human and of understanding, and it is but by reason of his striving to please all of the golfers, both male and female, that he has sunk to so low an estate.

Truly, my son, the Chairman of the Greens Committee is to be praised, not censured; he is to be pitied, not scorned, for the prophet has truly written: "You can please some of the golfers some of the time, none of the golfers all of the time, and all of the golfers none of the time." So saith the prophet.

IRONING OUT

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There is worth in the picture, however, in that the straight left leg is somewhat braced so that the right side may follow around "behind the shot". This braced left leg keeps the weight "back of the ball" and is a help on any shot. With the irons one must "hit against a firm left side". That is the "stand-by" expression for a sensation when the irons are going well.

There is more freedom in the wrists in good iron play than most people imagine. Greatest errors are committed by trying to "steer" the ball with wrist tension. Good iron play requires a controlled but free attitude of motion. Play with the club-face when working for high and low shots. Try first to master hitting the ball straight. Then learn the "cut or fade". If you succeed and have great club control there is the ultimate technique with irons of obtaining "bite" from a shot which travels from right to left.

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YOUR TRAVELLING EDITOR

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today. That confidence was what used to make players a few years ago do sensational things. Golf, like most other things, is a case of believing in yourself. If you really feel you're capable of beating a man (and you have the shots) you are likely to shoot six birdies to do it. On the other hand, if you know he's as good as you are, there is a chance that you will not be pushed to expecting the phenomenal of yourself. Today, nobody in golf has a superiority complex in the big tourneys." Thus did George Dunlap, a player who should know, explain the "feet of clay" which most of even the best American golfers today expose a little too often to enter the hall of All-Time Fame.

AN OLD PICTURE MISTAKEN

During the off season one's thought does not unfrequently rove back to golf and in this connection we were struck recently with a picture which we noted. Something we noticed started us thinking about this well-known painting. It is titled "The First International Foursome." We were not concerned with the likeness of the reigning King of England nor the cobbler whom the King summoned to complete this foursome of his ability. Yet there is an inkling of an anachronism in the picture. Something which gave us the idea that the artist has made a technical error.

We may be wrong in this matter (if anyone knows for a fact we should be obliged with a communication) but it is our impression, that in this picture, one golfer is using a club which was not invented at the time.

A player is pictured in a trap with a straight-faced iron in his hand. The date of this match was 1682 — 257 years ago. The point is that iron clubs, to our belief, had not at that time been introduced into the game. Questioning several of the older golfers of our acquaintance, it was the general consensus of opinion that the iron-headed club has not been in use much longer than 100 years.

CANADIANS STAR

Congratulations to three veteran fairway stars! Mr. Walter Hyatt, Toledo Ohio, won the coveted Barber Memorial Trophy in Pinehurst recently with one of his best in some seasons — a 78 on No. 3. However, coupled with Mr. Hyatt as the day's star was Mr. Percy W. Thomson Saint John N. B. who dropped a brassie shot for a hole-in-one at the 198-yard 6th of No. 3 course. These two fine performances were made as these players toured the course with Mr. H. A. Lovett, Montreal. The latter said after the game, "Although I didn't win, nor did I register a hole-in-one — may I say that playing with these two excellent sportsmen on their day of success made my day, too, quite unforgettable." For these words, the King's Counsel from Montreal becomes a third star — his laurel wreath is given for demonstration of an ideal golfing spirit.

TIME IN ITS FLIGHT

The other day, while looking through some back golf magazines, one item which we encountered made us realize how quickly time slides by — how speedily names and people slip from the sport picture. The mention of one John Montague seemed to bring back only a vague memory. Yet it was just

a little over a year ago that this mysterious figure (since, quite unveiled) was giving golf writers and editors a headache. To believe or not to believe, that was the question, even though such eminent figures of the golf world as Grantland Rice and D. Scott Chisholm were singing his praises. Here was a superman, they told the world — one to whom mere modern golf courses were hardly sufficient to test his mettle.

Those who went overboard about "Monty" did so with such gusto that skeptics seemed downright heretics. And yet there were many skeptics! The things accredited to this moon-faced fellow from California just didn't make sense.

Then came the dawn. The name Laverne Moore drifted into the picture. Monty and Laverne were the same person, but the latter had a bit of a record in the east in which the police of New York State still had some interest. Then followed Monty's gallant trip to New York State: his trial; the loyal backing he received by his movie actor friends; the leniency of the court! Finally Monty became a free man, his cloud removed by the broad-mindedness of justice in this country.

One remembers after that the famous exhibition match with Babe Ruth, the former "Babe" Didrickson and a Mrs. Annanberg which attracted 12,000 newspaper readers rather than golfers. The fiasco had to be stopped at the 9th hole because the gallery took to stealing the players' balls.

Now, only a month or two ago, Montague was honeymooning in Honolulu. There he entered the Honolulu Open championship and finished the 72 hole affair with a total well over the 300 mark. He was beaten by a number of players. He wasn't even leading amateur in the field which included none of America's top-flight. The conclusion? You make it! Perhaps from the time that Rice and Chisholm knew him he had lost something. Perhaps he never had more than a long drive and a flare for local showmanship.

MANERO A THREAT IN 1946

We receive reports that Tony Manero is really working on his game for the coming spring and fall season. The 1936 United States Open champion was fading the ball with a little cut when he won the Open at Baltusrol — last time we saw him this summer he was hooking all his shots a little. It took Sarazen 10 years to win his second U. S. Open championship because he started working on a new swing. If that is what Tony is doing, and if all Italians are alike in this matter, the former Sedgefield pro won't be a threat again till 1946. However, our report has it that Tony has to be watched in the coming summer tourneys.

ONE TO ASK DAD

Here is a breakfast question for the family to ask of Dad, who has been a golfer for years. Ask him simply how many indentations or markings a dimpled golf ball like the Campbell or Spalding has in its cover. If he is evasive, just try to get him to give an approximate estimation — after all he has been using golf balls for years. He should have some idea. When he has made his guess, tell him the answer, 336 recesses! A lot of holes to make on one poor little ball!

Incidentally, another question which might be interesting to most players is how fast a golf ball is travelling as it leaves the head of a driver after being hit by an average player. Remember, 88 feet per second is 60 miles per hour! Well, anyway, the golf ball has a velocity of almost three times that, roughly 225 feet per second.

GOLF FIXTURES

March 21-25. Annual Bermuda Amateur championship, Riddell's Bay Golf Club.

Mar. 22, 23, 24. Eleventh Annual Women's Mid-South Championship, 54-holes, Medal Play, for title now held by Miss Patty Berg, National Women's Champion.

March 24-26 Greater Greensboro Open, Greensboro, N. C. \$5,000.

Mar. 25-26. Ball Sweepstakes, Best Ball of Pair, full handicap. Southern Pines, N.C.

March 30 to Apr. 2. Masters' Tournament, Augusta Ga. \$5,000.

Apr. 1-2. Scotch Foursome, selected drive, alternate shots, three-quarter handicap. Southern Pines, N.C.

April 7-9 Ashville (N.C.) Open—\$5,000.

April 7-10. B. C. Amateur Golf Championship at Oak Bay.

Apr. 8-9. Medal Play Ball Sweepstakes Tournament, full handicap. Southern Pines, N.C.

Apr. 15-16. Best Selected six out of nine holes, one-half handicap. Southern Pines, N.C.

Apr. 23-24. Medal Play, full handicap. Southern Pines, N.C.

April 24 English amateur championship, at Birkdale.

Apr. 29-30. Blind Bogey Tournament. Southern Pines, N.C.

May 1-2. Bogey Contest, Best Ball of Team. Southern Pines N.C.

May 3 Royal and Ancient spring meeting, at St. Andrews

May 3 & 4 True Temper \$5,000. professional foursome at Sandwell Park.

May 8-13 Bourmouth open amateur tournament, at Bourmouth

May 13. O.G.A. Spring Tournament, Fort Erie, Ont.

May 22-27 British amateur championship, at Royal Liverpool Club, Hoylake.

June 5-6 C.L.G.U. Toronto City and District at Scarboro Golf Club.

June 8-10. U.S. Open Championship, Spring Mill Course, W. Conshohocken, Pa.

June 12 C.L.G.U. Ontario Championship, York downs Golf Club

June 12-16 British Ladies championship meeting, at Portrush.

June 12-17 Western Women's Open Championship, Westwood Country Club, St. Louis, Mo.

June 15-17. Ontario Amateur Golf Championships, Kingston, Ont.

June 19 & 24 Pacific Northwest Golf Association Championship tournament, Uplands Golf Club

June 26 C.L.G.U. Ontario Two-ball foursome, Royal York Golf Club.

June 27. Western Ontario Parent & Child Tournament, Sunningdale Club, London Ont.

July 7, 8, 9 Annual mixed foursome tournament of the Women's National Golf and Tennis Club Glen Head, Long Island.

July 3-7 British open championship, at St. Andrews.

July 24. Interprovincial Matches, Mount Bruno C. C.

July 24. Canadian Junior Championship, Mount Bruno C. C.

July 24-29. Canadian Amateur Championship, Mount Bruno C. C. Montreal.

July 24-29. U. S. Amateur Public Links Championship, Mt. Pleasant Park Course, Baltimore, Md.

Aug. 7-12 Western Women's Closed Championship, Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Mich.

August, 14-16 Womens' Invitation, Ekwano, C.C. Manchester, Vt.

Aug. 17-19. Canadian Open Championship, Riverside C. C. Saint John, N. B.

Aug. 21-26 Western Women's National Amateur Championship, Wee Burn Club, Noroton, Conn.

Sept. 4 Canadian Senior's Championship, Laval-sur-le-Lac Golf Club.

Sept. 9. O.G.A. Fall Tournament, Kitchener, Ont.

Sept 11-14 Western Women's Golf Association "The Derby", Evanston Golf Club, Evanston, Mich. Ill.

Sept. 11-16 United States Amateur Championship, North Shore C. C. Glenview, Ill.

Sept. 25 Vancouver Ladies City Championship, Uplands Golf Club.

The schedule for the 1939 Open Championship has been altered as follows, Closing of entry list—May 9 (not May 15), as previously announced.

Sectional qualifying rounds—May 22 (not May 29, as previously announced. However, certain northerly districts may have their rounds on May 29 if the later date is more likely to insure good playing conditions).

The Championship proper will be played June 8, 9 and 10 at the Spring Mill Course of the Philadelphia Country Club, West Conshohacken, Pa.

Change in the date for sectional qualifying rounds was made at the request of certain sectional associations in order to avoid overburdening courses between a week-end of play and Memorial Day.

THINGS OF WONDROUS JOY

You can hack them in the bunkers;
You may fan before you're through,
But your score will be "all-rightish"—
If you just can score a two.

You may chalk up several sixes,
Even let a seven loose,
But your total won't be too bad
If you only post a deuce.

It's a funny thing 'bout figures,
For in every other game
A number's just a number,
With none more claim to fame.

But in golf it's very different—
I can prove it to you, too,
Take any hole on any card
And change it for a two.

Now add the blooming total,
Then if your adding's true,
You'll find you've played 'respectable,'—
Because you got a two.

But there's one thing more amazing,
It will thrill you, mind and soul,
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A GOLFER TASTES THE BITTER SALTS OF TEARS

By H. R. PICKENS Jr

It was just a few days ago. We were at the fourteenth green of the Number Two course, a close friend and myself. Both of us were going so badly that we lost interest in the game.

I said we were at the fourteenth. Neither of us had spoken for several holes. The darkies who carried our bags were probably sick and tired of our feeble play. The laughter had gone from their eyes. It was odd as we came up to that green, for though the sun was as bright as ever, the whole course was oppressively silent. There was a sickening beauty about the day. No birds sang. It was odd, too, that no living soul was on the course except ourselves. I remember that fact struck me as being a little weird because only a few minutes before there had been people ahead and behind. The sun shon with a hard glare; no breath of air moved. It should have been warm and balmy, but no. Instead there was a deep unnatural cold.

As I putted, I noted my darkie's withered hand. Strange that I shouldn't have noticed that before. He was holding the pin grotesquely with it. His eyes were sad and sunken. Hardly like these Southern caddies to look that way. My friend putted. His ball rimmed the cup. I gave him the four inch putt which was left.

As he picked it up I noted he raised the ball to his lips. It might have been habit or perhaps there was a bit of grass on it. Whatever it was, I heard him speak for the first time in the last six holes. His voice was hollow and lacked its usual fine rich quality.

"Damned Funny," he mused. "Why should there be salt on that ball?"

I didn't know whether he was expecting an answer, so vacant and dull was his expression.

"Not so strange," I heard myself replying. "Probably all this territory was under the sea in an earlier age. Sure, salt must have been left behind—you know, salt from the dried sea." Now my own voice sounded different . . . somehow I seemed to be listening to myself from far away. What in blazes had gone wrong, anyway? I wanted to, but I would not mention that anything was amiss to my friend. Let him say something first. Perhaps he would think I was afraid. Afraid? Afraid of what? It was absurd. Fear clutching deep in a grown man in the middle of a golf course at high noon!

"Don't be a fool," my friend said in that same, low tone, "I can tell the taste of sea salt. Sure this land was hundreds of fathoms below a deep mucky sea

swarming with great knife-jawed monsters as cold and slimy as the sea itself. I know all that." My friend was staring straight ahead as he talked. He went on, "But the sea salt has worked down deep into the sandy soil now. What I just tasted on my ball was another kind of salt."

"George," my friend called me and turned with a face as white as an invalid's, "George, I know the taste of that salt. It's the salt deposited by tears."

As I walked to the tee the words turned in my mind. "The salt of tears, the salt of tears, the salt of TEARS!" My God, What a silly thing for Bill to say. I hit my drive. I was walking again, but still the words came ringing into my ears. To the devil with Bill. I would never play with him again. He was crazy, I told myself. He was spoiling my day, he had already spoiled my golf. Sure! It was Bill! He and his salt of tears. My best friend, such a fool.

At length I came to my drive. I was sure it had gone straight, but instead my caddie was pointing down into a huge sandpit. I looked down, but it was so deep that I immediately decided it couldn't be played.

"Get down there after the ball," I snapped at my boy. "I'm not playing it."

"Nw suh, boss," he whined. "Ah can't git down in that there pit. 'We 'uns aint allowed down there nohow."

I saw the boy was frightened. It was no good arguing, so I leaped down myself, niblick in hand. Having descended, I figured I might as well play it. Then as I took my stance it came back to me. "The salt of Tears," over and over. Suddenly I was shaking. I must not let my caddie see me. I took a lunge at the ball, I missed. I must have, because I threw up a great quantity of sand. It came down over me like a dense cloud. I shook my head, but still the sand kept falling on me.

The sand below me was beginning to shift. I felt my feet sinking and in a moment I was up to my knees, stifled by the gritty stuff. What had happened? Was this quicksand? A moment more and it was closing off my breath. The great whirring in my head kept droning those words of Bill's—"the salt of tears."

For a moment everything was still, even the words. When I cast about myself, after that, I seemed to be in a strange place. There were great rents torn in the ground. In one I spied a child clasped to its mother's breast. Both were mud-stained, but the mother needn't

worry, for she was dead. Only the baby's little hiccupping showed that there was any life. Ahead I saw a great marble building belching fire. It reminded me of the Barcelona museum, haven for the works of Valesquez and Corda. In front two youngsters, twins, wearing different uniforms, lay quite still, their bayonets still fixed in each other's throats. Suddenly there was thunder. Above the hoarse roar of bombers, they seemed to scream "the salt of tears". One swooped close over me. Right before me there was a blinding flash. I felt crushed and fell into the hole left by the explosion.

Slowly I raised my hand to pull myself up. I clutched something like a foot. As I arose I saw that it was only the foot of an overturned statue, a Buddha!

Yes, I was in rice fields, but still the sound of thunder rang out, the droning of planes and the words, "the salt of tears", still persisted in my brain. I saw four great slant-eyed men quarrelling with one little slant-eyed soldier.

He was trying to trade them a cheap pair of paper shoes for a bag of coal and another of rice. But they were objecting vigorously. For a time they argued in strange language, but at length the little man shot the four great slant-eyed men before my eyes, dragged their bodies to a precipice just a few steps away and flung them over.

The little man went back and carried off the rice and coal. As he disappeared, the ground became quickly dry beneath my feet. As it did, there was a sickening shock as if the world had collided with another planet. I was thrown to my knees. In the next few moments great cracks appeared in the earth's surface. In the distance a whole city was shaking to pieces before my eyes. Walls tumbled down upon fleeing people. Fire was consuming another portion of the city.

Before I found myself again upon the quiet green grass of the course I had seen men with absurd little moustaches, gray-haired men with umbrellas, uniformed men with bald heads and sea-walrus jaws; each sitting atop a mountain, dangling strings from which were suspended millions of little people. Beneath, there were pits of fire licking at the tiny figures.

But I have said that I found myself at length on the swards of Pinehurst. I was flat on my back. As I opened my eyes there was my friend Bill over me. He was smiling at me. Smiling. What a

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The playing of the Canadian Open Golf Championship (down East) on Aug. 17th to 19th at Saint John, N. B. will focus much attention on the capital city of New Brunswick. The term down east does not particularly please the energetic Executive Committee in charge of arrangements, for it is their intention to bring into the open the proximity of their eastern seaport city. Actually Saint John, N. B. is within easy reach of a considerable number of large cities. To-day distances in figures do not have the same meaning they did a few years back, for with modern transportation facilities and excellent highways, miles have become a matter of minutes.

In a message received from Frank N. Robertson of Saint John, N. B. a great many interesting points have been brought to our attention concerning the advantages of New Brunswick's capital, as the scene of this year's Open Golf Championship. Saint John, a city of 60,000 people, is built on a rocky peninsula at the mouth of the Saint John river. Bordering on the north side of the Bay of Fundy, which is an arm of the north Atlantic Ocean, it is one of Eastern Canada's main year round seaports. The Eastern terminus of the C.P.R. is situated in Saint John, and as both the C.P. and Canadian National Railways serve the city, it is blessed with complete transportation facilities. It is also well served by busses of the S.M.T. System which have direct connections at border points with Greyhound and Provincial Transport systems. By water, it has direct connection with Boston, New York, and Maritime coastal points, as well as principle overseas ports.

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Honour List of the Fairways

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picture. The Niakawa member played some magnificent golf in Winnipeg this year winning the city amateur title, establishing a course record for his own long home layout (64) and impressed in his play in the East with the exception of his last round in the Willingdon Cup matches. He had the ultimate winner of amateur championship, Adams, one down and four to go, before losing by the narrow margin of 2 and 1.

Jack Archer, Montreal, 15th

The last place in the rankings is given to Montreal's Jack Archer, member of Quebec's 1938 Willingdon Cup team. Archer's big moment of the year came when he won the Quebec amateur qualifying round with a record round of 68 for the difficult Ilsemere course. He also won two 18 hole field day tournaments during the season.

Thus the 1939 rankings! Armed with these approximations of their worth these golfers will undoubtedly feel a touch of extra confidence. Congratulations to them and as a final word let us say that the way up this ladder is to work upon the fundamentals never forgetting that golf is a game!

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The right shoulder should come around in the downswing just as much as the left shoulder did in the upswing,— really a trifle more because of the follow-after.

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Last season the enterprising photographer, John Hammer, took a group picture of the Canadians registered at Holly about the third of March and there were forty-two folks present which even then did not include quite all that were there. This year Mr. Horne, reports that practically without exception the guests of last year are all returning and in addition to these there will be numerous new faces from Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and some of the smaller cities.

At present the following group is expected Dr. John R. Parry accompanied by Mrs. Parry and their daughter, all of Hamilton, a group of Toronto Rotarians that will include

Messrs. Ernie Dickinson, Frank Goforth, Ross Ritchie, Cliff Sherman, Bert McKellar, Don McLaughlin, Wilf Kettlewell, Harold McClelland, John Blackhall and Charlie Allison, William K. Trower of Montreal with Mrs. Trower, Dr. R. H. Thomas, Dr. G. E. Wilson, Dr. John Morton, Dr. G. W. Loughheed, Mr. E. Hibbert, James Melady of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Simpson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ross of Toronto are to be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McMaster of Montreal and Mr. Arthur Campbell of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Horner of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hart of Montreal, Mr. H. J. Fairhead of Toronto will be accompanied by Mr. Hume and Mr. Canfield of the same city and likely by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corrigan and a party from Westmount including Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dougherty and Mr. P. E. Yancey.

One of the main events of interest to the above group is the annual Montreal versus Toronto Team Golf Match which is played on Number Three Course.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

When the golf stars gather at Augusta, March 30th, to compete in the Masters' Open Tournament over the National Golf Club course at Augusta, three Canadian stars will likely be in the field. Stanley Horne, Canadian P.G.A. champion, Ross Somerville, 1932 U. S. Amateur champion, and Joe Thompson, who reached the quarter finals in last year's United States Amateur, are the Canadians invited. Sam Snead, Canadian Open title-holder, will also participate.

Bobby Burns, Montreal's outstanding playing professional, has been appointed to the professional post at Weston Golf Club, Toronto. Montreal, thereby, loses one of golf's foremost stylists, and Toronto gains another expert teacher and exponent of the ancient pastime. Bobby succeeds the late Dave Ferguson at Weston, and his Hampstead post will be taken over by his assistant, Buddy Clark.

Lionel Ross, recently professional at the Humber Valley Golf Club, and one time an assistant to Bobby Burns in Montreal will also take over new teaching duties this Spring as professional of the Summit Golf Club in Toronto. Reg Sansom, formerly of Glen Mawr, has accepted the professional post at the Woodbine course succeeding Dave Hutchison. Arthur Cruttenden, formerly of Summit will be the professional in charge at Glen Mawr.

Lieutenant Governor Eric Hamber of Vancouver, one of British Columbia's keen sports enthusiasts, recently contributed a handsome new trophy to the British Columbia Golf Association. It will be competed for between teams of four representing clubs during the qualifying round of the B. C. Amateur Championship. After the 1939 event at Oak Bay it will become an annual competition. Club team events always provide keen and interesting competition and in stressing team play encourage a better sporting attitude on the part of participants.

A general meeting of the Toronto Permanent Committee and the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, held at the beginning of this month, indicated Ontario possesses an abundance of active golfers and a closely knit and efficient governing body. The national team fund was a matter of general interest, and details were given to the meeting by Mrs. Fred Grant, treasurer, indicating a surplus of \$4,500.00 on hand. Miss Gertrude Morwick of Hamilton, as chairman of the Ontario team fund committee, reviewed Ontario's effort in this direction. Miss Edith Ellis, Handicap manager, clarified new handicapping rulings for those present. Mrs. Alex D.

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McBain, Chairman of the Toronto Permanent Committee, who presided over the Meeting, made announcement of the following dates for 1939 competitions. Toronto City and District, at Scarboro Golf Club, June 5th and 6th; Ontario Provincial Championships, at York Downs Golf Club week of June 12th; Two-ball Foursome Competition, Royal York Golf Club, June 26th. For the coming year Mrs. C. A. Stuart will act as convener of a special sub-committee in charge of Ontario's team fund solicitation.

George L. Robinson of Lambton Golf Club, Toronto, will act as Captain of the Canadian Seniors' Golf team which visits England this Summer for the Seniors' International Triangular Matches. Several members of the group will sail in advance of the team to participate in the Lucifer Golfing Society's Meeting and Matches.

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A Golfer Tastes the Bitter Salt of Tears

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glorious thing, a smile. We said nothing, but as I came to my feet, the whole land seemed to be smiling. I hadn't noticed before how green the grass was, the serene beauty of the clouds, the clear crispness of the air. We and the men about us were playing. Not killing, or being killed, but playing! What matter if my ball got into trouble; what matter if I took a hundred or two hundred. The remainder of the day I was happy, but as night drew on the whole experience came back to me and I could not sleep.

Yesterday some light was shed for me upon what happened. Bill asked me how the bump on my head was feeling. It seems that in some way I hit myself with my niblick in that sandtrap. I was unconscious only a few moments, but the work-tired brain of a journalist can travel far in a fraction of a minute.

When I heard what had happened, my first question to Bill was, "What did you mean by the salt of tears on your ball?"

Bill laughed at me. "Why I was only referring to the tears of the golfers who had missed putts around the hole, same as you and I were doing."

I laughed too. But late, alone, I remembered. And remembering those agonizing exploration's of a frustrated brain I know that never again will I lose for a moment an appreciation for the things of beauty which are about me here in this comparative playland of ours. A part of a troubled world which is, in reality, so free—at least for the time being—from that terrible salt of tears.

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