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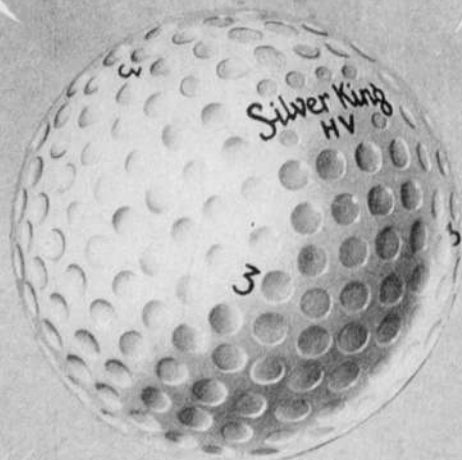
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- 31 Sixteenth Annual Father and Son Tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

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- 7-10 Los Angeles \$8000.00 Open (Los Angeles, C.C. probably) Los Angeles, Calif.
- 10-14 Lake Worth Tournament, Palm Beach, Fla.
- 15-16 Santa Monica \$4000.00 Open Santa Monica, Calif.
- 21-23 Pasadena \$3000.00 Open Brookside C.C. Pasadena, California.
- 24-28 Annual Mid Winter Championship (Ponce de Leon Cup) St. Augustine, Fla.
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- 4-6 Sacramento \$3000.00 Open Sacramento, Calif.
- 7-11 Women's Palm Beach Championship, Palm Beach, Fla.
- 8-11 34th Annual February Tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.
- 11-13 San Francisco \$5000.00 Open Match Play Tourney San Francisco, Calif.
- 8-12 Ormond Beach Championship, Ormond Beach, Florida.
- 14-19 National Championship of Club Champions, St. Augustine, Florida.
- 14-18 South Florida Championship, Palm Beach, Florida.
- 19-20 Bing Crosby \$3000.00 Open, Rancho Santa Fe, California.
- 22-26 Women's South Atlantic Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.
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OUR FRONT COVER

Appearing on our Front Cover this month is Victoria's great left-handed player who this year has compiled a record for himself which rivals the best in the country. He recently won the B. C. Open championship from a very strong field at the Oak Bay Club in Victoria. He is also the Victoria City and District titlist. Todd went to the semi-finals of the Canadian Amateur Championship at Ottawa and was only eliminated by Sandy Somerville, the eventual winner. Todd is over six feet, blond, twenty-four years old, in the hardware supply business, and a keen student of the game. He has been three times a member of B. C.'s Willingdon Cup teams. He is undoubtedly Canada's ranking left-handed player and for that matter probably one of the best portersiders in the game anywhere.

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The Monticello

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Forest Hills Hotel
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Something new and different in the way of golf courses is seen above. This is the Ponte Vedra course which was practically carved out of the shoreline on the Florida coast between Jacksonville and St. Augustine. The lagoons and islands are all artificial. The former are stocked with numbers of sea bass. Herbert Strong, designer of St. Andrews East and Manoir Richelieu in Quebec was the architect at Ponte Vedra

BASS IN THE ROUGH — AT PONTE VEDRA

TO those who know the resorts of the southland the opening of a new one is scarcely worthy of a great deal of notice unless there is about it a distinguishing quality. With this in mind we wish to introduce to our readers one of Florida's newest and perhaps most uniquely appealing winter vacation centers.

Completion of The Inn at Ponte Vedra Beach, midway between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Florida, has provided the outstanding resort news of the season and promises to focus the attention of the fashionable tourist world on this smart, colorful new playground.

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At Ponte Vedra Strong excels himself!

The course is renowned as one of the South's sportiest. Twice it has been the scene of the U.S. Open Championship sectional qualifying rounds. Par of 71 makes one really stop, look, and listen. The layout is gouged out of the shore line running with the ocean only some two hundred yards from the water. When we say "gouged" this is quite literal for the greatest features of the

course are the great canals, islands, and water hazards which have been dug and constructed then filled with water from an inland coastal canal system. With such possibilities and Strong at the helm the result is always interesting and generally amazing. These lagoons are stocked with sea bass and hence will attract many disgusted golfers and ardent fishermen. The 1938 Southern Amateur Championship will be played on the Ponte Vedra links. Two nine hole putting courses and one of the nations few nine-hole pitch and putt course feature the golfing facilities of the community. The course is slightly landward from the Inn. To ease of the minds of intended visitors the course boasts three sets of tees.

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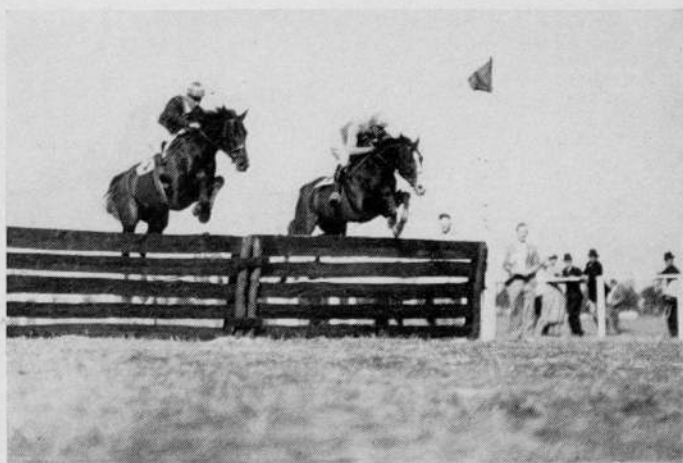
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A Word From The President

AF E W Ad a y s back the phone rang in quite its usual manner and we were pleasantly surprised to hear that Canada's president of the Ladies' Golf Union had honored us with a call during her brief visit to this city. Mrs. Edwin Crockett of Toronto, C.L.G.U. head, had been in Montreal for the day to attend the Annual meeting of the Quebec branch of that association. A phone conversation had to take the place of an interview as Mrs. Crockett had a very complete day ahead.

Mrs. Crockett's chief concern was to review some of the facts which had appeared in CANADIAN GOLFER during the past year which had either met with approval or required some further explanation. Chief among these the extremely well-versed golf executive chose the matter of the questioned "two tournament program" which has featured the C.L.G.U.'s annual major tournament effort. This of course refers to the Open and Close championships of Canada.

In our September Editorial appearing on this page we expressed a general feeling which had been voiced by the sports writers of this coun-

try, namely that there was not sufficient reason for two championships within two weeks of each other, one proclaiming the Open champion of Canada and the other a so-called Close titlist when the two events had exactly the same fields. The Winnipeg tournaments this year were the basis of this contention when much of the interest was lost in the press across Canada because only four or five players competed in one event and not the other.

Mrs. Crockett, a keen thinker, embraced the matter without any hesitancy. Said she, "when a situation becomes so broadly discussed it is better to meet it than to let the murmuring continue. In the first place your editorial questioned the amount of effort which had been expended in attracting a strong American entry."

Mrs. Crockett then showed us beyond doubt that real work had been put into interesting players from the U.S.A. In fact, everything feasible without loss of dignity had been tried to accomplish this. Winnipeg, doubtless, is just too far to travel and the tournament-weary American aces failed to respond. Only Bea Barrett of Minneapolis arrived. This lack of numbers was naturally

most disappointing to Mrs. Crockett and the Canadian committee, but the president went on to say, "The result of the absence of the American contingent and the failure of many of Canada's veterans to appear at this year's tournaments was not such a terrible thing as far as the golf of this country was concerned. The new champions and stars may have found their bearings in these events with the result that in years to come they will profit from this confidence so as to always provide contention. Likewise when the Americans do come back to Canada they will find an overwhelming number of confident and fine-stroking Canadian women players who have developed in the interim between the last serious invasion. Several of the new stars at Winnipeg this year played golf which even the best women in the game would have found difficult to hold.

Nevertheless," Mrs. Crockett went on to say, "the matter of having only one tournament will probably come before the committee this year. What the outcome may be I am not prepared to say at this time. A solution in the best interest of the game will, no doubt, be forthcoming."

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1. GEORGIA'S LONG LEAF PINE—SCENE AT AUGUSTA



2. HOTELS RIGHT ON THE COURSES — SCENE AT SEDGEFIELD INN



3. OCEAN HIGHWAY ROUTE OFFERS GOLF — SCENE AT WILMINGTON

Summer Vacation this Winter

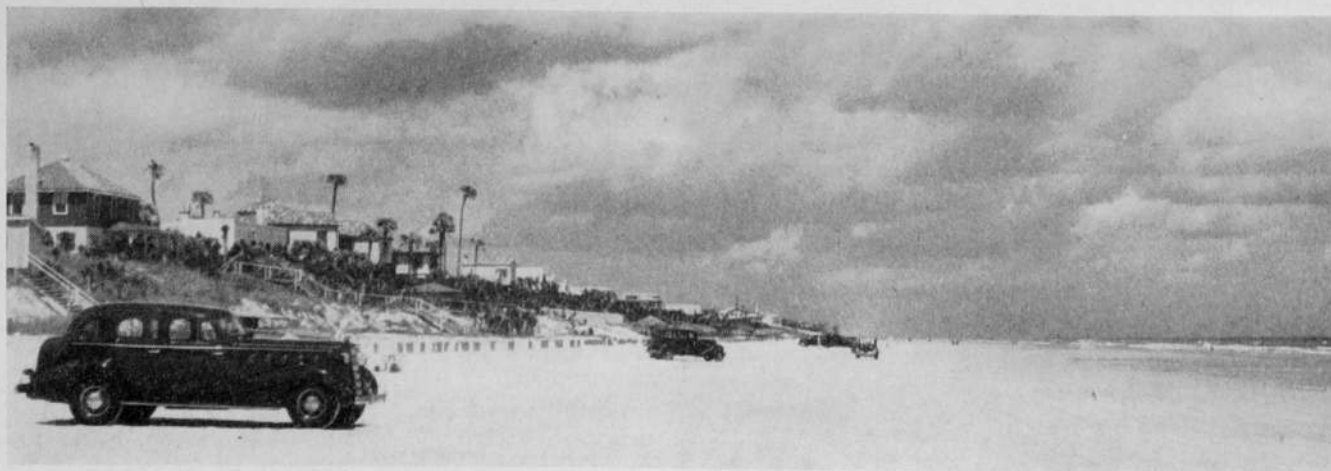
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mer time seems to be the accepted portion of year for most vacations in this Hemisphere. The reason for this is that folks reckon to have more freedom for a diversity of amusement just because by the law of averages there's likely to be better weather in that season. This tendency harkens back a long time to a primary biological urge—namely the instinct of all living creatures to seek the warmth of the sun.

Modern life has forced man into the habit of living comparatively isolated from the sun for prolonged periods. As a result when urban man gets his quota of health-giving sun-rays the act in most cases, has to be premeditated. In fact it is growingly an oddity to return from a vacation without a tan—or at least a burn. The tan is considered the badge of proof that the summer vacation was a success. For many a winter tan falls into the classification of a luxury.

But a winter coat of tan today is no longer necessarily a proof of great wealth any more than of ingenuity. For Canadians it is obtainable quite easily and inexpensively on the snow-and-sun-clad hills and mountains where on skis each winter a great thrill is in store. For

1. An impressive stand of pine on the great Forest Hills course in Augusta Ga. A match between Peggy Wattles and the long-hitting Marion Miley.—2. Here at the Sedgefield Inn in Greensboro N.C. is illustrated the general plan of the southern resorts which brings the golf course right to the hotel door. Sedgefield was Tony Manero's former course.—3. The Wilmington Country Club, stopping point on the famous and beautiful Ocean Highway to the south which boasts fine golf plus a diversity of holiday interests.



4. BEACHES UNEXCELLED — SCENE AT DAYTONA

4. Daytona Beach, scene of speed records, most famous of Florida's surf communities, lends a grand touch of change for the south-going Canadian golfer. Daytona has its own fine courses.—5. The Pinehurst Clubhouse—set upon a hillock majestically bathed in the sun—overlooking its four magnificent courses. The capital of southern golf.—6. Bermuda's golf courses lend a variety to the golfer's experience. The wind and rolling nature of golf on this glorious winter island are a great treat which await the visitor.

those who are not content to say adieu to their golf for a full seven months, a winter tan won on the ultra smart courses of the Southland attracts numerous Canadians annually and has become increasingly popular.

More and more Canada's golfing populace is beginning to take a portion of its summer vacation during the winter when the sun's vitalizing rays are most needed. There is a threefold reason for this increase. First, the winter in Canada is long and arduous, minimizing the sport activities for many who either do not indulge or are not able to participate in winter sport! For them the winter marks a low ebb in physical reserve.

The golfer who finds Canada's summer peerless for golf anyway also finds it logical some time during winter to scamper to a climate where golf is then possible. The benefit of winter golf to one's game and the experience of playing the South's great golf courses is now recognized by a large part of the golfing population. Last but not least, for most people the expense of a winter trip to the golfing resorts of the south has now come within the range of many who a few years back could never have ventured into the "boom-wracked" South, simply because prices were then prohibitive. The boom period followed by the depression now finds the South

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5. GOLFING CITADEL — SCENE AT PINEHURST



6. SEASIDE GOLF — SCENE IN BERMUDA

GOLF NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

THE WINTER FAIRWAY SEASON BECKONS — OFFERING MUCH TO SNOW BOUND CANADIANS



1. FAIRWAY'S GREATEST STARS PERFORM



2. TIME OFF FROM GOLF — AN EVENING'S BAG

The South's Golfing Interest Awake again

OUTSTANDING golf championships will be played during the 1938 Southern season at three leading Florida East Coast resorts—Palm Beach, St. Augustine and Ormond Beach—according to official announcement.

The coming campaign on these courses will be inaugurated with the holding of the Lake Worth tournament at Palm Beach, January 10 to 14, and will terminate with the fourth annual National Amateur-Professional Best Ball Match Play Championship at St. Augustine, March 16 to 20.

The National Championship of Club Champions, for the Walter J. Travis Memorial Trophy, one of the leading amateur competitions of the Florida season, will be staged for the eleventh year in succession at St. Augustine, February 14 to 19. Last season's winner was Charles Whitehead, of Jamesburg, N.J.

The outstanding women's tournaments of early 1938 will start with the Championship of Palm Beach, February 7 to 11. The South Atlantic Championship is booked for the Ormond Beach Golf Club, February 22 to 26, and the Florida East Coast Championship, for the Mrs. Wm. R. Kenan, Jr. Trophy, is listed for St. Augustine Links, March 1 to 5.

Pinehurst Plans to Start the Season

Horton Smith, Paul Runyan, Tommy Armour and Babe Didrikson will lead a delegation of major and minor league professional golfers into Pinehurst in November where they will tune up for the winter tournament circuit and play in the 17th Annual Mid-South events, November 16 to 19.

Miss Mildred (Babe) Didrikson, world famous woman athlete who now devotes herself to professional golf and outdrives most of her male opponents will play as a partner of Tommy Armour in the pro-pro bestball competition November 16 and 17. An individual 36 hole event for amateurs and pros will be played November 18 and 19.

Miss Didrikson will decide in Pinehurst if she considers her game good enough to play the winter tour against the male competition. She will play a number of exhibitions in North Carolina.

Pinehurst's Mid-South events are the only tournaments on the November schedule for the tournament professionals and a number of them plan to make these championship courses their training ground during a portion of November, before hitting the long trail to Florida, California, Texas and back to the Atlantic Coast.

1. Canadians going south will see the greatest professional golfers playing for high stakes up and down both of the South's coasts, the above picture of (1. to r.) Lawson Little, Paul Runyan, Johnny Revolta, and Henry Picard was taken at the Miami Biltmore Hotel at the time of the \$10,000 tournament.
2. This "catch and bag" was made after dinner in the evening at Charleston S.C. Golfers who like a little fishing or shooting in the off moments will find everything they desire here.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Loran E. Baker of Yarmouth N.S., honeymooning in Bermuda. Both are enthusiastic golfers. Mrs. Baker formerly Miss Babs Creighton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Creighton of Yarmouth was former Maritime Champion and runner-up for that title this year. She played a round at the Belmont Manor Course while in Bermuda.

4. Jules Huot, famous Canadian professional, seen in last season's Nassau Championship playing with Leonard Dobson in the foreground. Huot's home is Quebec, but he yearly leads the Canadian pros into the south. Dick Borthwick stellar Toronto professional, Arthur MacPherson, Montreal, Gordon Brydson Toronto, Charlie Murray of Montreal, Sam Kerr Toronto, Lou Cumming Toronto, and Stan Horne, Canadian professional champion from Ottawa, are among the Canadian stars who seek the southern sun in the off season.

Horton Smith intends to do some resting here after heading a foursome of experts over 30,000 miles of constant tournament and exhibition play during recent months.

"The boys feel," writes Smith, "that if they can get going over the championship courses in Pinehurst they will be ready for any test required during the winter campaign."

Monty may Prove Himself This Winter

Now that John Montague no longer has anything to fear from making public appearances as a golfer his first start against professional competition will be one of the most interesting events in the history of American golf.

Montague's friends, including some of the ace sports writers, have given the man high praise and lauded him in such a Hollywood style that the hand-wrought, recorded deeds of Harry Cooper, Ralph Guldahl, Denny Shute and other champions have been made to appear insignificant in comparison.

It was not Montague's fault that his reputation was glorified beyond that of any professional in golf, but he is now placed in the position of demonstrating that "it's true what they say about Monty." He will give a great thrill to golfers and the tournament pros a real "break" if he plays in at least twelve recognized open events in the next year.

If he deserves to be rated above all other golfers he can prove it, and if he does not merit such a rating, he will be considered a good sportsman by giving the professionals who have slaved to build-up reputations the "hard way", a chance to set the public at ease as to "Who's Who" in big time golf.

One great American golfer who has suffered in comparison because of the Montague "raves" is Harry Cooper, who lacks the sensational features of the Montague career but looks like a million dollars in the record books. Harry never knocked a robin redbreast off a telegraph wire at 100 paces, but he has holed more "birdies" when the cash was on the line than any other golfer.

Ralph Guldahl pulled himself out of poverty lane with a flock of remarkable rounds when official scorers had their pencils in their hands yet this year's Open champion couldn't draw the crowd the way Monty did when he tried his ill-fated Benefit Game with Babe Ruth, Mrs. Anneberg, and Miss Didrickson in Long Island in the beginning of November. In fact, everything considered, there never was an athlete who did so little officially and at the same time was so apparently accepted as the best in his field.

This winter may see the question settled for certain as to Montague's real golfing stature. It will be expected that his will be the hard road for every professional who tees off this winter in any of the southern events which Monty enters will be gunning most particularly for the amateur giant from the West Coast.

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3. GOLFING HONEYMOONERS



4. CANADIAN PROFESSIONALS GO SOUTH

GOLF IS AN OLDER MAN'S GAME

GAME GOES BACK TO THE MEN WHO MADE IT

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

Photo by H. Hasting Webling



A group of veteran golfers who most aptly illustrate the accompanying article. Deep is their appreciation of the opportunities afforded through the grand old Scottish pastime. They are S. L. McKay, Sarnia, George S. Lyon, Toronto, H. P. Baker, Toronto Secretary of the Seniors Association, Jos. D. Ogilvie, Brantford, Thomas Rennie, Rosedale. The picture was taken at the recent Canadian Senior championship in Toronto—a tournament where golf is really played and enjoyed at its best.

OUR W. D. "Bill" Taylor returned recently from a four week trip through the south with a worthy slant on golf. Mr. Taylor hit practically all the major sport centres of the winter holiday watering grounds below the Mason and Dixon line. He greeted us with the assertion that what he had seen in these places proves to him conclusively that golf IS NOT A YOUNG MAN'S GAME.

"Certainly golf has past the stage where anyone thinks of it as belonging to the oldsters in respect to playing ability." This much is granted, Taylor continues, "for through greater muscular agility the younger man can naturally develop a stronger game. Championships today are seldom won by men over thirty-five years of age for this reason.

What seems to be a paradox up to this point is perhaps explained in my observations at the southern golfing centres this fall. For the most part the early arrivals at these smart resorts are men who are anxious for the winter golf season to be under way—successful men of middle age and older. They are the keenest golfers one can imagine. They play the game well, not par, but just as proficiently as do open champions, only in their own scoring range. It is their mature attitude blended with the pure and serious pleasure which golf means to them which recently struck me. Most young men play golf to become expert at the game. Older men want to be good too, but in a different way. They enjoy taking a few dimes from "Old Doc", their pet opponent, or in an especially good match, like to emerge the winner. To them, however, ambition is secondary to their appreciation of fellowship. Golf for them provides a testing ground where prowess is respected, technique sought, and kindred personalities found and cherished.

Golf in the beginning had but one rule. This divided all circumstances sharply into right and wrong. The fact is significant in bringing out the point. Does it not seem apparent that a game originally conceived along such lines was intended for the mature gentleman? One upon whose judgment rested his own fate when any question might arise. Is it not true that the

rule book seldom comes into evidence except when it is important to differentiate between the winner and the loser—or to keep one player from taking advantage of the other. This thought is most disappointing.

Until some ten years ago golf was an old man's game. With headlines and national publicity for greatness at the game, young men began to play. Soon it became generally realized that here was one of the most difficult sports which man had yet devised. Still more did the challenge go out for young men to play the game. The new long distance balls and clubs, the attractive club life, the opportunity to meet the right people—all were attractive to any youth who could hit the ball a bit straighter and further than others. The old man's game slowly was becoming a young man's competitive sport. Genuine to the spirit of the game older men accepted and even welcomed younger men and their pre-eminence at golf. This they will continue to do. Gradually however one is aware that the game is only vaguely concerned with champions. Competitive sport of that kind is but a tiny fraction of what golf means. One realizes then that golf still belongs to the older man. Why? Because golf in its essence is the very thing for which the older man seeks in his sport. Golf must be a gracious game or it drops far down the ladder as a sport. This does not mean that the rules may be waved as "beau gestes" but it does imply that the man to do the respecting of a golf rule be the one who makes the infringement. Once this idea is embraced one has a new outlook toward golf. This is a viewpoint which is much more easily assumed by a maturer mind—one which sees the game objectively and as a source of finding worthwhile friendships and contacts. Golf ferrets out the small man so quickly and shows him for what he is. Probably this is why golf seems to be more of an older man's game. For such men playing the game together means a mild exercise, provides an element of competition, and at the same time forms the common bond of "playing the man."

Cannot this ideal be understood by the younger golfer, you ask? Yes, of course, but not so generally. Every

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The first hole at Southern Pines Country Club. Sand greens will be played there this coming season but will be replaced by grass in the spring. George Dunlap, former U.S. national amateur title holder, seen here chipping, developed his deft touch on these surfaces

UNTIL recently "sand greens," was just a term which described putting surfaces upon which George Dunlap had become proficient and famous; a condition forced upon southern golf links where a fine grass could not be sustained. Generally, northern golfers carry the impression that sand surfaces detracted from the game. Advertising from the south of late years features the clause "All Grass Greens" thus substantiating the idea mentioned above and also indicating that a major problem had been solved. There are two stories in this connection, first the tale of research and experiment by agronomists to discover a grass of fine texture suitable to putting surfaces that could be maintained in southern soil and climate. That they have succeeded in discovering this grass becomes quite obvious as one visits southern courses. They now present verdantly green and amazingly true carpets at which to shoot. Another story which might be of general interest however, is the experience of playing sand greens for the first time and a comparison with conditions to which northern players are familiar.

On a Saturday just about noon time a few weeks ago I was in the office of Mr. Howard Burns, City Treasurer of Southern Pines, North Carolina. He confirmed an appointment to be at the first tee of the Southern Pines Country Club, and replacing the phone asked if I would be interested in completing a four ball match. It was a bright warm day and immediately sensing Mr. Burns' enthusiasm I unhesitatingly accepted. The question was then asked, "Have you ever played Sand Greens?" The question made me really curious and anxious to tee off for I had never done so!

At the Southern Pines Country Club two sizeable practice putting greens had just been dragged by a

SAND GREENS

LEAVE MANY FRIENDS AS THEY GRADUALLY FADE INTO THE PAST

By W. D. TAYLOR

darkie. I dropped a ball and tapped it toward the hole. It ran away evenly and seemed to throw up a little spray behind much like a ball putted on wet grass. The surface looked extremely fast but my putt stopped short leaving a slight but obvious impression along the line it

had travelled. I walked to my ball feeling that my heavy shoes and spikes would ruffle this perfectly smooth surface. Returning to the edge of the green it was noticed that my shoes and spikes had left very little impression, and that the darkie's work had not been particularly ruined. A call from the first tee advised that the game was on and with the usual Alphonse and Gaston exchanges we cracked shots at a white spot in the distance which framed the flag at the bottom of the hill.

The putting surface was eventually reached, and Howard who was still a few feet short of the "green" obviously considered holing the shot. This was impressive, and what's more he almost did. Our side lost two points and we proceeded to the next tee. Having negotiated this first sand surface in two putts satisfaction was the natural impression despite the two point deficit. Our opponents kept us on the wrong side of the point scoring throughout the entire first nine. This situation meant that each time I arrived in the vicinity of the flag a point issue was at stake, and every putt was important. Travelling with a very wobbly set of shots over this delightful layout, and taking keen interest in our match, I arrived at the ninth green before taking time to assemble my sensations. My partner had just evened the match by holing a 40 footer.

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LEFT-HANDED "STOCK" TAKES A RISE

AS JIMMY TODD SCORES 270 AND WINS BRITISH COLUMBIA OPEN



Jimmy Todd, B.C.'s Open champion. The Victoria boy has really achieved a great record for himself this year and he should go on to even greater triumphs with this added confidence. None more deserving of success than the blond left-hander

VICTORIA'S Oak Bay this year was the site of the British Columbia Open championship—a tourney which produces some of the keenest competition and undoubtedly the best scoring of any open event on any Canadian provincial calendar. Par for the course is 69, but this represents a good and legitimate par on any standard. In appreciating the sensationally fine rounds, accounts of which ensue, this fact should be remembered.

As usual a compact, but brilliant field turned out for the crown which was last year won by Russ Case, veteran Vancouver golfing personality. For a number of years now B.C. has seen an amateur rather consistently wearing the Open mantle. This seems rather strange on the surface, but may be rationalized by

the fact that most of the B.C.'s best amateurs play more than do the professionals.

This seventy-two hole tournament is contested on two days which of course means thirty-six a day. Hence the "fireworks" were somewhat crowded together. Undoubtedly the favorites at the outset of this tournament were three professionals and one amateur. They were Stan Leonard, recently turned professional and holder of this year's Pacific Northwest Championship, Freddy Wood, a former champion from Vancouver, and Dunc Sunderland, a veteran leader among professionals of that same city. The favored amateur was Ken Black, Shaughnessey Heights youth, who last year was ranked as Canada's No. 1 amateur golfer. He has held Open and the amateur titles of British Columbia and must be always figured as a pre-tournament selection in any championship played on the Coast.

Friday's two rounds found three players tied for the lead at noon with one-better-than-par 68's. They were Freddie Wood of Vancouver, veteran pro Phil Taylor of the home club, and left-hander Jimmy Todd, Victoria city titlist and B.C. Willington Cup player.

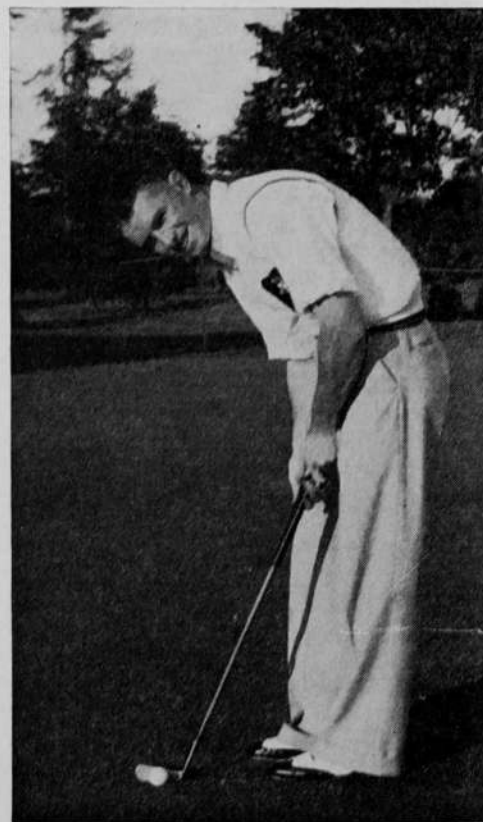
Wood was out in 30 in this round and looked like nothing could stop him, but the last nine saw him lose two shots to par for a 38. Todd just "glued together" two sound 34's for his round. Taylor was 32-36 for his total. Stan Leonard was two strokes back of this, tied with Young Joe Pryke, promising Island professional and Alf Tate of Powell River. The rest of the field was strung out behind. The defending titlist, Case, required 74 shots as he struggled constantly with a most erratic putter.

In the afternoon there were several fine rounds, but two really great ones were supplied by Leonard and Dunc Sunderland. Leonard started with a bad six on the first hole, but lopped a stroke from par at the end of the first nine for a 32. His return journey of 34 was two strokes better than par and gave him a sixty-six and the lead for the day. (Total 136) The second fine round and the lowest of the entire tournament was Sunderland's sixty-five. The stocky Dunc was three over par in the morning with a 72, but started

early in the afternoon round to cut this down. He finished the first nine of the "pre-lunch round" with a pair of two's for an amazing 29! His par 36 on the return journey was a credit after such a breath-taking start. This, however, left him still two strokes behind Leonard. Tied with Sunderland at this point was Jim Todd, the left-hander who this year went to the semi-finals of the Canadian amateur championship at Ottawa and was eventually defeated by Somerville, 4 and 3. He added a par 69 to his morning round and had a like total of 138 for the first day. Phil Taylor kept within hailing distance with a steady 71. Tate who had 70 in the first round slipped to 75 while Joe Pryke, a very likely player, blew to the winds with a piteous 83. Ken Black was 72-70, but this left him six shots behind!

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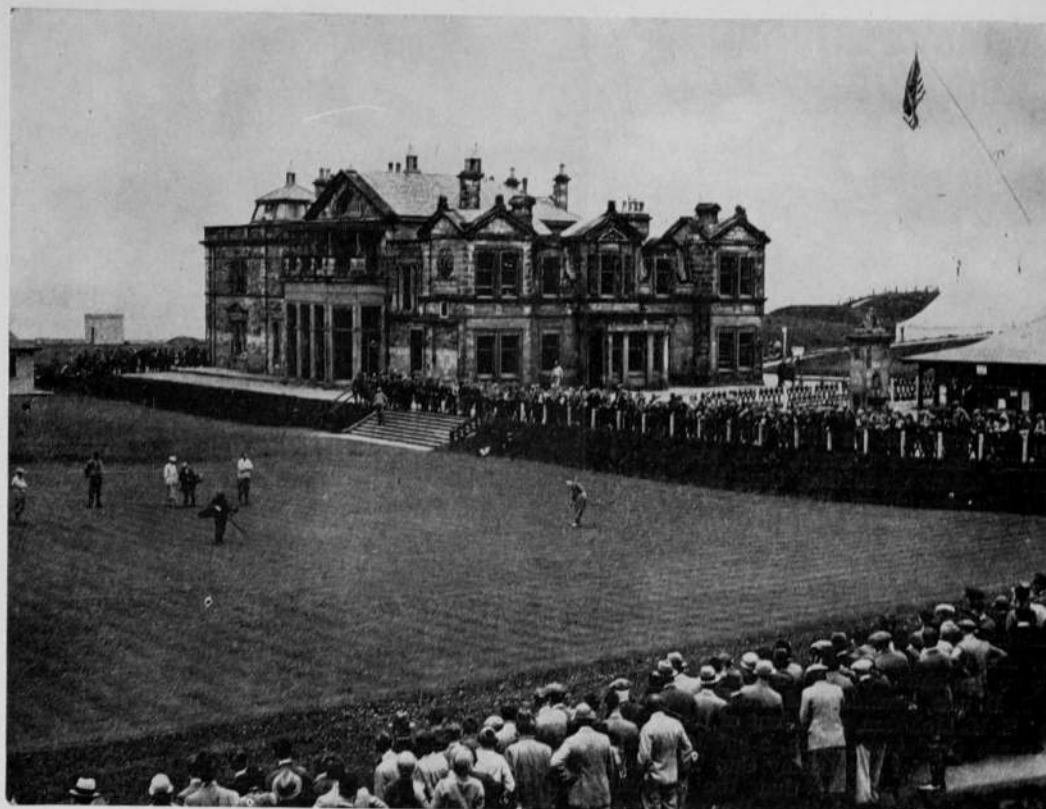
A year ago we believed that Stan Leonard was likely to become Canada's greatest amateur golfer, but this summer he found a jump to professional ranks the move to make and as a result is now beginning a career in the money ranks. He was runner-up in the B.C. Open for the second straight year, winner of the Alberta Open, and the Pacific Northwest Open this season



SCOTS WANTED GOLF

FOR
THEMSELVES

By
BERTIE PAXTON



Here is the citadel of golf—ancient St. Andrews. It was here that golf was guarded for centuries by the Scots as a Scottish pastime which they were content to keep for and to themselves. "Scots knew a good thing when they had it and they had sense enough to keep it to themselves."

IN the days when golf was little known outside of Scotland, the lot of a golf professional was very different from the care-free, gentleman's life enjoyed by that class of men nowadays. Unless he was a club maker or had some other way of earning a living, a professional generally had a hard time. Teaching the game was a poor business in these days and a green keeper's job, of which there were only a few in the country, consisted merely of cutting fresh holes and marking new teeing grounds when they were required. Lawn mowers on the putting greens were unknown; and golfers would have laughed had they seen anyone sweeping a bunker.

In these days it was sometimes asked why cricket club professionals were, as a rule, decently paid and golf professionals were treated so badly. No one knew and nobody cared; and so the golf professional was just allowed to look after himself. Perhaps people thought that no one needed to be a golf professional unless he liked; and if he chose that line of life he had himself to blame.

Competitions for money prizes were few and far between, and the amount at stake seldom offered much inducement. The money competed for at the Open Championship was only twenty pounds and the Winner's share was eight! Had that state of affairs continued, it is not likely that the Open Championship would ever have left Scotland, as the American professionals would never have crossed the Atlantic to compete for such a pitiful prize; and no one in his senses would travel from Australia to St. Andrews on the chance of winning eight pounds.

The rapid spread of golf towards the end of last century is not easy to account for. Golf had been played in Scotland for about three hundred years and never seemed destined to get any further afield. It is true that a few enthusiasts in and around London played the game and there were a few greens elsewhere in Eng-

land but that, for many years, seemed as far as things were likely to go. The Scots appeared quite pleased to keep the game to themselves. In their opinion, golf belonged to Scotland and, if people wanted to play it, Scotland was the place intended by Providence for that purpose.

Many of the old-timers went even further than that. When they saw their favorite East Lothian greens being invaded by new players from Edinburgh, they considered that they were being robbed of their birthright. The idea that anyone had to wait his turn to be off at Gullane roused their anger and made them think sadly of the days that were gone.

It is quite true that when the boom in golf began the Scots took a leading part in it. But they did not start it. If the world at large had waited for that to happen it is likely that they would be waiting yet. If the Scots ever wished to introduce golf to the rest of the world why did they wait three hundred years before making a start? You might just as well ask why the Dutch did not play golf if they were first to invent the game. The truth of the matter is that the Scots knew a good thing when they had it and they had sense enough to keep it to themselves. It speaks volumes for their cleverness that they succeeded in doing this to their heart's content during all these years.

But when Vardon and Taylor came on the scene this was all changed. During the decade previous to that event, the Championship was often won by players little known at the time and long since forgotten. But now the Championship Cup began to make frequent visits to England and, before long, it came to be an annual event, as golf courses were multiplying all over that Country and new players in hundreds were starting the game.

In addition to this the Amateur Championship was now in full swing and again, it was England that took

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LESLEY CUP SEES RE-NEWED POLICY

UNDER a newly solidified understanding concerning the playing of the 1937 Lesley Cup Matches a ten man Quebec team emerged victorious for the first time during the eight years which Quebec has taken part in these International goodwill matches.

In 1905 these Matches were begun to bring together representative players from the various sections of Eastern United States in the interest of understanding and fellowship. The medium of friendly golf matches was considered ideal for this purpose. In 1929 Quebec, representing Eastern Canada, was invited to send a team. Since that time the Lesley Cup Matches have grown at times to mean too apparently a competitive meeting.

With the idea of returning to the original ideals behind Lesley Cup this year effort was made on the part of the present trustees to find the true meaning of the cup and to abide by it in this year's, and future matches. Under the leadership of R. J. Dawes, president of the P. Q. G. A. and E. H. Moltham, president of the Pennsylvania Golf Association, a special meeting was held of the Lesley Cup Trustees. As the cup provides that the current presidents of the Quebec, Pennsylvania, Metropolitan and Massachusetts Association be considered as trustees, E. B. Badger of Massachusetts, and Eddie Driggs of New York also attended this special meeting held at the Pine Valley Club, in Camden, N. J.

It was decided to introduce a sliding range of handicaps for inviting contestants from the various districts. This removed the emphasis from the desire to obtain solely playing strength and brought together representative players in each class.

As a result Quebec won the "honor" — not a "triumph". Satisfaction was expressed at the outcome by those visiting Canada. All were more than pleased with their visit to the beautiful Laval Club in Montreal. Fellowship was the keynote of the matches with a keen competitive spirit augmenting to make the two day tournament a gala epic in Lesley Cup history.

The most satisfying part of the effort which went into the re-making of the tournament was the understanding of the aim on the part of contestants, press, and public. The following are the point totals for the two days of singles and doubles play. Quebec 55; Massachusetts 45; Metropolitan 44; and Pennsylvania 36.

MRS. NELSON AGAIN PRESIDENT OF QUEBEC C.L.G.U.

At the annual meeting of the Quebec Branch of the Canadian Ladies Golf Union, Mrs. H. I. Nelson of Montreal was again elected to her position as president. Mrs. Nelson, a most capable leader for a number of years in Quebec executive golfing circles, received solid support of the Quebec ladies and presided at and through the meeting which took place at the Mount Royal Hotel.

At this meeting reports of committees were made. These showed that four players stood out in the competitive season.



R. J. Dawes, president of the Province of Quebec golf association. Mr. Dawes one of the most active executives to take the chair was largely responsible for the Lesley Cup re-organization this year. This event was pronounced a great success as the Quebec team won the point scoring honors for the first time.

Miss Nora Hankin was the leading medalist and generally the most consistent tournament player in the province, although Mrs. A. J. D. Pearce of Beaconsfield won the provincial crown as she eliminated Miss Molly Hankin in the finals of this event. Miss Nora and Miss Molly are sisters, the former belonging to Rosemere while Molly is a member of Kanawaki. The former was the medalist in the Canadian Close championship at Winni-

Mrs. H. I. Nelson, Islesmere member, who was again recently elected to the presidency of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Ladies Golf Union



peg. Mrs. Harold Soper of Royal Montreal was outstanding in her captaining of the victorious Quebec Interprovincial team at Winnipeg. She also went to the semi-finals of the Open Championship at the same time. Other members of the team which won the second Quebec victory were Miss Nora Hankin, Mrs. Pearce, and Miss Evelyn Mills of Ottawa. This squad was chosen as a result of the test matches which were played all through the year under the supervision of Mrs. H. R. Pickens of Montreal. The team won by the great margin of 19 strokes.

Other reports pertaining to the Quebec C. L. G. U. showed the organization to have enjoyed one of its best seasons. Chairmen of the committees and those who assisted throughout the year were commended by the president.

CARRICK FAMILY VICTORIOUS

Toronto's great golfing family, the Carricks, won the now-famous Father and Three Son tourney, this year played at the Chaudiere Club in Ottawa. The competition was of the keenest sort as the winners closed a successful bid over the defending champions, the Corrigan's of Ottawa. This was accomplished only after an extra hole had been played.

There were seven teams in this tourney for the N. A. Timmins Trophy's third annual playing.

Star of the day was Don Carrick, twice a former Canadian amateur titlist. Despite the fall cold the methodical Don posted a 77 to lead all other contestants. Leading the Corrigan aggregation was son Frank whose golf prowess has been outstanding in Canada the past few years. However Frank's total of 80 was a high one for the Quebec Willingdon Cup player and as a result only the fine play of his brother Stan (who shot an 83) and (Father) A. E. Corrigan (88) earned the defending champions a tie. Jim Corrigan took 108. This total was 359 and matched exactly with the Carricks. Brother J. A. Carrick played well for an 84 while Alex posted a 92 and J. J. Carrick required 106.

This was not the only close contest for this title as Montreal's Fenwick family composed of A. G. Fenwick (96) Ted (86), Bill (87) and Digby (91) were only one stroke behind with a 360 aggregate score. Again it was a case of the star member of this team playing rather higher than his usual form as Ted Fenwick, the Summerlea club champion for the past two years, and several times a winner in Quebec provincial events, took 86 shots.

Other families entered were: The Rankins, Montreal, totalling 383; The Christmases Montreal with 414; The Timmins Montreal, 419; and the Crombies of Montreal with 426.

At the extra hole which was played to decide the winners three members of the Corrigan squad three putted. Both groups had representation in the cedar trees on right and left of the fairway, but Frank, Stan, and Jim Corrigan all took an extra putt and lost the hole 22 to 20. This was not before Alex Carrick had a near-costly sojourn into the trees. All in all it was a great event and boasted as contestants no less personages than J. I. Rankin R.C.G.A. president, Don Carrick twice Canadian champion, Bermuda amateur champion, Ted Fenwick, and Willingdon Cupper Frank Corrigan.

COTTON WALKS ALONE TO GREATNESS

**CRITICS SAY HE "CAN'T TAKE IT"—
BUT HE SEEMS TO SURVIVE**

A SHORT time ago appearing in the British GOLF MONTHLY under the title "Cotton Can't take it" there followed a short piece contrasting the present British Open titlist with the foremost Americans. "Cotton," the article stated, "can't take it the way the Americans can." This observation was made following the Open Champion's rest cure on the Continent." The article goes on to point out that the American professionals travel ten times the distance that the British players cover and do ten times as much actual campaigning. Also for the most part this play is completed under climatic conditions infinitely more severe. The case of that famous foursome of Harry Cooper, Horton Smith, Jimmy Thompson, and Lawson Little is cited. These fellows play the calendar 'round in exhibitions and tournaments. They give mass lessons before coal-miners, play over frozen ground, through deluges (i.e. 1937 Canadian Open), terrific heat, mountain courses, arid plain courses, wildernesses of trees, and still, as Horton Smith wrote, "unless we drop in our tracks we plan to keep going."

True the U.S. players certainly have reason for strong contention that they are great in point of view of stamina and adaptability. Certainly they reap their rewards from these factors for they have, generally speaking, pushed the British professional into the background in recent years probably by this very extra "toughness" and required versatility—that is, as a class. It seems to us however that GOLF MONTHLY leans more than a trifle backwards in the vaunted British sporting attitude when the title of even a short piece does such injustice to their greatest player, Cotton. We doubt that the editor meant this heading to give the impression it left, but at any rate it should be pointed out that Henry Cotton today is the highest regarded British player alive. He is a current legendary figure. Probably Cotton in America would draw the greatest galleries ever attracted in this country since Vardon and Ray toured. Only John Montague would rank in "gate appeal" with the twice British titlist. Why? Simply because in the face of the best American play this dapper, personality-plus, socialite, professional has been able to turn back, almost single-handed, the American impression that the British are no longer great golfers. (this with apologies to the gallant Whitcombes, Allis, Rees, King, Adams, and a few others).

Last summer when the American "powerhouse" Ryder Cup team won the cup off native soil for the first time, the loyal British followers were left fairly abject. The keenest British enthusiasts were "down-in-the-mouth." The last vestiges of British golfing self-respect had "Gone with the Wind" and the inroads of ten "parmad" Yankees.

Just when the pendulum was hitting a new low the impeccable Mr. Cotton appeared and walked out in a snarling rain-storm to rescue the Open crown of Britain just as he had done two years before.

Please note that Cotton won in a rain-storm which washed all the Americans into the bunkers. Perhaps he is not a marathon player, but who's to say he can't take it? How absurd. Henry Cotton came back to England

Henry Cotton. He fails to meet some of Britain's ideas about sport. This does not make him less of a figure as he coolly takes the criticism which follows and goes on to greater heights. He is the first Britain who has completely caught the imaginative fancy of North American golfers in many years



from his Belgium club two years ago with a private masseur. He trained like a ballet dancer; he acted somewhat like a prima donna; he had even the show-loving Americans talking; then he won the Open championship! Cotton may have not been conventionally British—but he produced! That is, he out-Americanized the Americans. Even Hagen in his hey-day was never as suave as the public school golf professional who charges twelve dollars for a fifteen minute lesson, has a chauffeur, wears morning clothes, has a modernistic shop with chrome fittings,—and now takes a rest on the Continent after winning a championship. Cotton is a socialite in his own inherited right. He is something of a rebel by nature.

Recently a dinner was to be tendered him in acclaim of his achievements. Shortly before this event Cotton withdrew from a tournament while it was in session. So badly did the British take this that the dinner had to be cancelled because there were so few acceptances. Said Cotton, "The galleries still follow me. I play golf for gain and have the right to cut my loses when and as I see fit. At any rate one cannot please everyone and I seem to have friends aplenty wherever I go!"

The British are not a people to forgive what they consider a breach of etiquette in sportsmanship, but unless Cotton is a much worse fellow than he seems, it would appear that the English golfing press is not very lenient to the man who pulled British golf up by the boot-straps!

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THE A B C OF TURF CULTURE

Fertilization of Greens and Related Practices

By O. J. NOER

MANURE compost in the topdressing, and an occasional dressing of bone meal, comprised greens fertilization in olden days. Sulphate of ammonia was the first concentrated fertilizer to receive serious consideration. Its use started about fifteen years ago and gathered momentum until a climax was reached in 1928. Following that disastrous year, sulphate of ammonia was not entirely abandoned, but quantities were reduced materially, other fertilizers received justified consideration, and lime was restored to favor.

Today leaf sturdiness is emphasized more than vivid green color; and turf density is considered more important than soil acidity in weed control.

NITROGEN KEY TO STURDY GRASS: Manipulation of nitrogen is the key to sturdy turf, for it is the growth producing element. In excess, nitrogen causes development of soft, succulent grass, which is ready prey to disease and insects. Contrary to general belief, these evil effects are not overcome entirely by so-called balancing with phosphate and potash.

The opposite extreme, namely complete abandonment of nitrogen fertilization, does not avoid midsummer difficulties, for without adequate nitrogen, turf deteriorates and serious clover and weed invasion then follows.

The secret of sturdy turf is to confine major nitrogen feeding to spring and early fall, and to decrease gradually the spring rate as summer approaches. Summer rates should barely maintain growth and color. Likewise, in extreme northern sections, fall feeding should be completed by mid-September at the latest, so grass can harden-off before winter.

All greens do not need nitrogen at the same rate. In shady spots growth is naturally less robust so less nitrogen is needed. Vegetative bents, which tend to fluff, require less nitrogen than the seeded bents.

KIND OF NITROGEN: Since nitrogen in nitrate form is not recommended for fine turf, choice of a nitrogenous fertilizer is limited to the organics and the various compounds of ammonia.

The true organics include such materials as bone meal, Milorganite, cottonseed meal, blood, tankage, etc. Their use on greens is justified to insure a more continuous and uniform rate of growth. This occurs because soil processes gradually release the nitrogen over extended periods. Materials which contain only a small amount of water soluble organic nitrogen, and release the insoluble nitrogen slowly are best. In this respect, Milorganite and cottonseed meal are superior to the higher nitrogen containing tankages and dried blood.

Ammonium sulphate and the various ammonium phosphates are the principal commercial sources of ammonia nitrogen. Being water soluble, they deepen color almost immediately, but effects are not long lasting. Both tend to suppress clover, but if used continuously, ammonia compounds eventually increase soil acidity and then lose their efficiency. This can be overcome by the moderate use of lime.

NEED FOR PHOSPHORUS AND POTASSIUM: Removal of clippings tends to reduce the soil supply of available nutrients, particularly phosphorus and potassium, so replenishment of these elements is more

essential on greens than on fairways. Where needed, applications of phosphate or potash fertilizer can be confined to two a year, one in early spring and the other in early fall. When the topdress-

ing contains manure or spent mushroom soil, additional potassium is seldom needed because it is abundant in both materials.

SUGGESTED FERTILIZER PROGRAM: Due to the many factors involved, it is impossible to propose a rigid program of green's fertilization. However, the following scheme has been very successful on many greens.

INDICATED RATES ARE POUNDS PER 1000 SQUARE FEET:

In early spring and in early September, greens receive 8 to 15 pounds of 20% superphosphate. When potassium is needed also, 50% muriate of potash is applied at 3 to 4 pounds, along with the phosphate.

Both organic and inorganic forms of nitrogen are used. Organics (such as Milorganite) are applied in early spring and early fall at 15 to 30 pounds. When needed, an additional application at half this rate is made in late May or early June. If topdressing contains appreciable manure, the lower rate is approached, otherwise the full quantity is used. To start growth in early spring from 1 to 3 pounds sulphate of ammonia may be used also. Midsummer feeding consists of ammonium sulphate at light rates only, approximately 1 to 3 pounds.

FERTILIZATION OF NEW GREENS: Best practice is to use 15 to 25 pounds superphosphate, and 20 to 50 pounds organic fertilizer (such as Milorganite) per 1000 sq. ft. Both should be applied prior to seeding and worked into the surface soil. This will insure rapid coverage with uniform turf. Heavy rates of soluble fertilizer should be avoided.

FERTILIZATION BEFORE SODDING GREENS: Apply superphosphate under the sod, but always wait until sod is laid before applying nitrogen, otherwise root injury may occur. With this modification of procedure, rates recommended for new greens can be used.

GREENS SOMETIMES NEED LIME: Although lime is often needed, indiscriminate liming is not good practice. Unless tests show marked acidity, general liming should await trial application on limited test areas.

Lime is best applied in late fall or early spring. It is safe to use ground limestone up to 50 pounds or more per 1000 sq. ft. but hydrated lime beyond 20 pounds per 1000 sq. ft. is unwise at any one time. Even then it should be watered-in to prevent burning. Allow 10 to 14 days to elapse between use of lime and application of any fertilizer containing ammonia compounds.

WATER PRACTICES IMPORTANT: Troubles from overwatering usually occur in midsummer. Very often golfers are responsible for this reprehensible practice. When a green refuses to hold a pitched ball, they know by experience that the trouble can be overcome by more generous use of water. In most instances, the underlying cause is too heavy soil. Rather than more generous watering, the permanent cure is to build a suitable layer of soil by topdressing.

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SOUTHERN GOLF NEWS

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Last year at this time it was Sam Snead who held the spotlight of the southern courses as he came from somewhere in oblivion to streak into the professional constellation like a comet. Snead, the West Virginian, is still good copy, but he is real and most golfers have seen the confident youngster. Now Montague is to be placed on exhibit and golfers who are in the winter playlands in Florida and on the West Coast will certainly travel miles to find out for themselves just what makes the erstwhile mystery man "click".

The South Honors Mrs. Page, U.S. Champion

Mrs. Estelle Lawson, Page, U.S. woman's national golf champion is the daughter of a talented mother who was voted Chapel Hill's most valuable citizen. At a dinner in the North Carolina University town, to honor Mrs. Page, many speakers brought out the fact that the champion inherited from her parents superior qualities of athletic skill and temperament.

Dr. Frank Graham, President of the University of North Carolina said:

"Estelle gathers into her person the rhythm, grace and mastery of her father and the fire, energy and determination of her mother."

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cellent swimmer, a beautiful dancer and is no ordinary golf player. Dr. Lawson, the father who taught Mrs. Page how to play golf, was at one time a big league pitcher and has been closely identified with athletics all his life. He is a crack gymnast and is a lithe and graceful as a deer. Dr. Lawson is head of the Department of Physical Education at the University of North Carolina.

"Doc" Lawson states that "timing is the thing in all sports, golf, I believe, most of all."

Donald Ross of Pinehurst, where Mrs. Page won the North and South woman's championship paid a tribute to Mrs. Page's sound game and sportsmanship.

WINTER VACATION

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offering the winter visitor more for less than ever before.

A winter vacation in the South can be ideal for the golfer at almost any time in the off season. The Carolinas and Virginias in the early fall and late spring; Georgia in the early winter and early spring; Florida, Bermuda, and the islands of the Gulf and the Carribean when the icy blasts are at their worst. That represents roughly the way the season divides itself for perfect golfing weather.

More about expense for your golfing expedition in the South this winter. Vacation cost in this part of the world is a matter of *shopping* for what you want . . . just as it is elsewhere. One should write and enquire thoroughly from travel agencies. The choice is a matter which requires study from all viewpoints.

Webster defines a "vacation" as "a limited period given for rest and recreation". This winter will again see a great number of Canadian golfers putting the exact interpretation on this word in that the "rest and recreation" enjoyed at that time will be the most appreciated and worthwhile.

Indeed while the idea of taking part of one's summer vacation in the winter is not new by any means it is a grand one based on good sense, economy, and for the golfer—well, need we say?

Dates

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28 March 4 Men's Championship of Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Fla.

March

1-5 Florida East Coast Women's Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

16-20 National Amateur-Pro Best-ball Match Play Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

8-11 Eighteenth Annual Seniors Tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

23-25 36th Annual North and South Open, Pinehurst, N.C.

28-31 36th Annual North and South Women's Invitation tournament, Pinehurst, N.C.

March 31-April 2 Annual Master's Tournament at Augusta, Ga.

April

4-9 38th Annual North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N.C.

19-22 Second Annual Four Ball Championship Pinehurst, N.C.

June

United States Open Championship, Cherry Hills C.C. Denver Colorado. (August-Sept.)

United States Amateur Championship, Oakmont C.C., Pittsburg, Pa.

British Dates

April, 23, English County Championship, Moortown.

April 25-30 English Amateur Championship, Moortown.

May 13-14 L.G.U. Internationals, Burnham and Berrow.

May 16 British Ladies Open Amateur Championship, Burnham and Berrow.

May 23 British Open Amateur Championship, Troon.

July 4 British Open Championship, Royal Cinque Ports, Deal.

DUKE of KENT "PLAYS HIMSELF IN"

The Duke of Kent recently "played himself in" as Captain of The Royal & Ancient at historic St. Andrews, Scotland, considered the world's greatest golfing honour. Unfortunately His Royal Highness, who is really a very good golfer, was a bit flustered and badly topped his drive at the first tee, which was retrieved 60 yards or so down the course by a caddy who was rewarded with the customary guinea (\$5.00). There was a notable attendance of leading golfers and townsfolk among whom was Mr. W. Grace who has unbroken family connection with the R & A for 150 years in a secretarial or treasurer's capacity—certainly a unique record.

MRS. HORNE'S STIRRING WIN

THE following account was recently received in connection with Mrs. Roy Horne's victory in the 1937 Alberta Women's championship. Mrs. Horne was the Canadian Close titlist in 1935 in Vancouver. She has held her own provincial crown several times before, but from this letter we feel safe to say that this year's win from the veteran Calgary player, Mrs. Train Gray, was her greatest.

The letter reads:

As you no doubt know, Mrs. Horne did not play during 1936, due to illness. In February of this year, she had a major operation and was under the knife for two hours and thirty-five minutes. The doctors and nurses all told her that she would be unable to play golf for at least a year. About two weeks before the Provincial Tournament, which was held at Red Deer, the first week in July, she began to get the "golfing bug," and sure enough entered the tournament without having played a single match game since she won the Closed Tournament at Victoria in September, 1935.

At Red Deer she got through the 18 hole matches quite easily, playing some very fine games, with most of them ending around the 13th and 14th holes. She finished the first 18 holes of the final with an 81 and was four up. She started out well in the afternoon round, but about the 23rd hole the gallery could see her strength leaving her. By the time she hit the 25th hole, she found the going tough, and her strength left her to such an extent that it is hard to understand how she kept going to the 31st hole where the match ended. It was quite a strain even for the gallery, as each stroke for the last six holes looked like it would be the last one. She lost the 27th, 28th and 29th holes in succession, and just when everyone thought it was all over, Mrs. Horne surprised the gallery by birdie-ing the long 30th, and then had the good fortune to lay her tee shot five feet from the pin on the short 31st. Even on this hole, with Mrs. Horne five feet from the pin and Mrs. Gray laying two and still away, it seemed impossible for her to navigate the short steep hill in front of this green and complete the game. She made it somehow, and Mrs. Gray missed her putt, conceded the hole for the second straight birdie and the match.



Mrs. Roy Horne of Calgary who won her Alberta title this year after a most serious illness and under most trying difficulties. She was Canadian Close titlist in 1935

CONCLUDING

This month we bring to a close "The A B C of Turf Maintenance Series"

By O. J. Noer
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TURF CULTURE

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Both quantity of water used and time of sprinkling are important. If water can be squeezed from soil pressed between the fingers several hours after watering, the evidence clearly points to overwatering. In this connection greens in shade need less water than those out in the open. There are sound reasons for advocating early morning sprinkling. With night watering grass remains damp throughout the night, a condition which favors fungus diseases. Early morning watering actually dries the grass by destroying droplets of dew and thereby tends to lessen disease.

Periodic thorough watering is better than light sprinkling daily, but if roots are extremely shallow, the axiom does not always apply in very hot weather. By mid-afternoon, because of serious wilting, turf turns blue and burns in foot prints. Immediate light syringing to restore soil moisture, prevents extensive turf loss.

In summer, handwatering may be necessary on heavily contoured greens to prevent loss on elevations from insufficient moisture, and to overcome the damage from too much water in low spots. Water can be directed to high points, and surface run-off will take care of edpressions.

On elevated greens, outside banks and slopes should be kept moist at all times. Otherwise it is not easy to hold grass along the outside edge of the closely cut greens area. Some use a battery of cricket sprinklers in the daytime for this purpose.

Occasionally soil becomes powder dry in localized areas. Turf first takes on a bluish, metallic color, and finally turns brown. Sprinkling is of no avail, because dry soil does not absorb applied water. Deep forking followed by several thorough drenchings is the proper treatment.

SUN SCALD: In this type of injury grass collapses rather suddenly. It is accompanied by foul smeling soil, and a green scum of algae may overspread the area. Scum is the result and not the cause of sun scald, as some think. Algae are present in all soils, but they need sunlight, so on greens their development is checked unless grass thins sufficiently to expose soil surfaces.

A water-logged soil is the real cause of sun scald, although excessive nitrogen accentuates turf injury. Spiking and forking to accelerate surface evaporation are it is possible to check the algae by spray-the first essentials to recovery. Sometimes ing with hydrated lime at light rates. Fertilization is warranted only after new roots begin to form.

Despite the fact that Washington and Metropolitan bents are among the best hot weaheer grasses, troubles are not uncommon. The cause is not always clearly understood. Conditions at the time of injury resemble those producing sun-scald, but the actual cause is somewhat different. When these grasses are allowed to develop a deep fluffy mat of grass, applied topdressing buries leaves and stems instead of making contact with the soil. Fermentation of these buried layers of highly decomposable vegetable matter causes turf loss. To avert trouble, development of a deep mat must be avoided. This involves thorough crossraking, followed by close cutting in the spring, as Likewise, the use of fornt rollers on greens well as occasional brushing in summer. mowers should be avoided.

LEFT-HANDED STOCK

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Case put on a spurt to score a 70, but this was not the "hot" round he needed to make up for the morning's 74.

On the second and last day, most people would have given odds that Leonard was off to his third Open win this year (he had just added the Alberta Open crown to his P.N.W. title before playing the B.C. tourney). However, just as last year when Leonard was strokes under par and still nosed out by the inspired Russ Case, Stan was destined to go on playing great golf only to find another amateur, a former Willingdon Cup team-mate, down in front of him.

The third round saw Leonard open the gap over Wood whose 71 in that "chukker" left him two behind. Phil Taylor managed to produce a par 69 and was also just two back of Sunderland who had continued his contempt for par with a brilliant "pressure" round of 68 to climb into the lead one shot ahead of Leonard. Ken Black posted a fine 67 to trail by four strokes. Ernie Tate had a like round and was five in the rear. In the rush, Jimmy Todd's steady 70 was almost overlooked, but the tall blondish Victorian was just a shot back of Leonard with his effort . . . in other words two behind Sunderland the leader!

With the field bunched in this manner this last round meant the tournament. Here is the way the boys lined up at that point:

Sunderland	205
Leonard	206
Todd	206
Taylor	208
Wood	208
Black	209

Sunderland's great touch left him almost at once as the last round began. He drifted tragically over par hole to reach the turn, "going out," five over regulation figures. This eliminated him and turned the spotlight on the threesome of Todd, Leonard, and Taylor.

These three were all playing together which intensified the gallery interest. In fact, only Freddie Wood remained outside this match as a possibility.

"Going out" Leonard set a torrid pace with a sterling 32. This placed him three shots ahead of Taylor who was taking a one over par 34 at the same time. Meanwhile Todd's 33 dropped him one stroke behind Leonard who by this time held undisputed lead. On that last nine a "dog-



Phil Taylor, Oak Bay Pro, placed third in 1937 British Columbia Open.

fight" developed between Todd and Leonard as the two roared into the stretch. Strangely it was the brilliant and dependable Stan who weakened and Todd, the modest boy whose greatest fault in the past has been self-underestimation, produced a stellar three-under par last nine. Leonard went two over par for a 38 and took over runner-up honors three strokes behind the determined Victorian. Taylor finished soundly with a 35 for a 277 total thus taking third place.

Leonard's downfall—an out-of-bounds hooked tee shot at the eleventh cost him the lead. Despite this he was once again tied with Todd at the sixteenth, Leonard in our opinion would be one of Canada's greatest without his hooking tendency in the pinches. The habit doesn't crop up often, but is always most costly with the wiry Hasting

professional. Leonard encountered trouble again at the seventeenth this time through a pushed drive which cost him a six and the title, this time definitely!

While all this was going on the defending titlist had finished the tournament as a formality with two 76's for a 296 total. This gave Case eleventh place. Ken Black was 281 for sixth place. This was five shots ahead of his Dad, Dave Black of Shaughnessey. Dave was seventh.

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SAND GREENS

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On a bench at the 10th tee I reviewed my experiences. Howard and his friends had continued to give evidence that their putts and chips from almost any position were intended to find the cup, and a great many of them did. All seemed satisfied with the results obtained in this department as we all seemed to receive our deserved reward. This was a Saturday afternoon, and although the course was quite crowded the sand surfaces did not need special attention nor were they affected by this steady play. The section in the immediate vicinity of the cup had been watered several hours previously which kept the scoring zone in consistent and excellent condition. There was no evidence of sand blowing about as the fairways were bordered by the districts famous, tall, long-leaved pines. I had immediately become aware that a pitch and run technique was required and the roll on these shots seemed almost identical to a similar shot played to one of our closely trimmed northern championship greens. Though their foundation is almost as firm as an ent-out-cas tennis court, a little more surface sand makes it possible to hit them with a long shot and still not run too far beyond. My friends informed, however, that it was not possible to stop at the flag with a long pitch shot no matter how much back spin. The golf architects, of course, have used a different technique to protect the pins. The surfaces are set on shelves, on knolls or behind hills, making it necessary to place one's approaches accurately. A minimum of bunkers are used in the vicinity of the greens allowing more opportunities for run up chips. On such courses great emphasis is placed on this department. The actual sand surfaces are less than half the size of our Canadian greens, and are quite flat, usually with a slight general tilt. Due to their size they are generally round with the pin kept close to the centre. They are absolutely consistent and it is possible to "tune" one's shots to them in a short time. On the greens the speed is actually a happy medium between our sometimes baked slippery surfaces and our long fuzzy carpets.

It is possible that this next bit of information is not sufficiently exceptional to relate to Ripley, but actually my total number of putts on this first nine holes was just exactly eleven. Needless to say my reaction was most favourable, and though I had been particularly successful it was obvious that sand

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SCOTS WANTED GOLF

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the head in the matter. The Royal Liverpool inaugurated the competition and Hoylake was the course over which it was played. Moreover, for some years, the cup stayed more frequently in England than anywhere else and the Scots began to realize that they were being beaten at their own game.

Some years later it was Vardon and Ray and some other Englishment who toured the States and did so much to spread the game there; and, at a later date, when a party of amateurs visited South Africa to popularise golf there, the foursome consisted of three Englishmen and an Irishman! And yet, in spite of these ludicrous facts. St. Andrews is still the centre of the golfing world and the Royal and Ancient's position as the leading club is still unchallenged.

OLDER MAN'S GAME

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young man is a potential champion. Cups and honors mean so much more to him. Such honors cannot be easily disregarded or seen as only transitory things in the eyes of the younger man. As a result some of the best phases of golf suffer in the wake of youthful zeal. This can hardly be criticized for it is natural. We point out again however that the maturer man most generally can see golf not as an end in itself, but as a grand medium for two of the greatest human pleasures. First, the self-satisfaction of "playing the game," second, enjoying the privilege of company with fellow men who know how to do this also!



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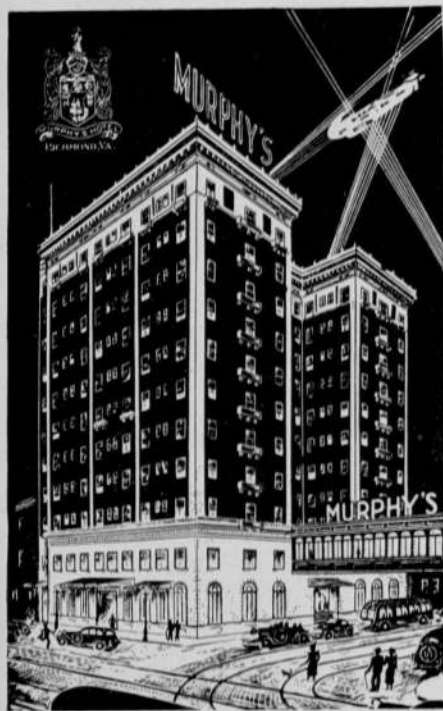
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From the President

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It is our personal opinion that two tournaments would be preferable, but unless a method of making the Open a real "Open" is discovered Canada's lady golfers will probably have only one tournament next season. Our suggestion is that venue and publicity are the keynotes to success in attracting a stronger Open field . . . this with an accent on the latter item. Canada has a National title with which to lure players. In the United States any national title is respected and sought. Also the matter of placing the Canadian Open on the calendar at the right time of the season should prove important.

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SAND GREENS

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greens were much easier to solve than the rolling bent grass greens.

On the second nine I was told that the Country Club was the only one of eight courses in that district which had not switched to grass greens, and that next spring these would also to be torn up in favour of grass.

Just then another long one dropped for a birdie at the seventeenth to end the match. It was a great day.

During the evening while discussing this subject with some of Pinehurst's veterans, and at the same time displaying the Torpedo Putter, it was obvious that all had fond memories of their rounds during sand green days. Soon only their memory will remain, but as they fade from popularity it seems right to state they must always be considered an asset and not a detriment to the progress of golf in the south.

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