

# THROUGH THE GREEN

## Canada vs. the United States

There is a picture hanging in "Golf House", showing men with handlebar mustaches who played in a team match between Canada and the United States at Toronto in 1898.

On the United States side were Robert Bage Kerr, Foxhall P. Keene, C. B. MacDonald, H. J. Whigham, G. G. Hubbard, H. M. Harriman, D. R. Forgan, A. M. Coats, J. F. Curtis, George D. Fowle and Jasper Lynch. MacDonald was the first USGA Amateur Champion, Whigham was the second and Kerr was Secretary of the USGA.

For Canada there were J. Percy Taylor, Vere Brown, George T. Brown, F. G. H. Pattison, Dr. F. C. Hood, W. A. H. Kerr, George S. Lyon, A. W. Smith, W. H. Blake, J. Stuart Gillespie, Stewart Gordon and Colonel G. A. Sweny. Gordon was Secretary and Colonel Sweny President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

On Friday, September 7, a few days before the start of this year's USGA Amateur Championship at Saucun Valley, Teams from Canada and the United States will meet again. It will be



C. Ross Somerville

an informal contest, an abbreviated version of the Walker Cup Match. The teams will play four foursomes at 18 holes in the morning and eight singles at 18 holes in the afternoon. The Walker Cup Match is played over two days, all matches at 36 holes.

The scoring system will be the same; each match won will count one point, a halved match will count no points.

The USGA has invited members of the

1951 Walker Cup Team to represent our side but a player is not expected to make the trip unless he would make it anyway, by reason of having qualified for the Amateur. If he doesn't qualify but still wishes to appear for the match, he will be welcomed.

C. Ross (Sandy) Somerville, who has won the Canadian Amateur six times and won the USGA Amateur in 1932, will captain the Canadian Team.

## The Smith, a Mighty Woman She

In the Merion Golf Club's women's club championship at Ardmore, Pa., this year, Miss Josephine Smith won the first flight; Miss Evelyn Smith won the second; Miss Betsy Smith won the fourth and Mrs. Marvin W. Smith won the fifth. Despite the terrific handicap of not being a Smith, Mrs. Harold Pender won the third flight.

## A Golf "Discovery"

Excepting only the very proficient, golfers are constantly dreaming of a "secret" or discovery which will suddenly lift them from the valleys of the duffers to the peaks of the expert. There is a "secret", but most of us do not want to share it. It is arduous, grueling practice, concentration and attention to detail.

Occasionally someone does find something that helps, though, and Hugh McDermott, writing in *BRITISH GOLF MONTHLY*, passes on what he calls his "discovery".

McDermott tells how his left hand glove split open and became useless while he was playing not long ago. He had worn a glove for about ten years and he continues: "... My hand felt naked without it. It was a very worried McDermott who grasped the driver and hit the ball. To my amazement, I hit that ball a long, long way."

Then, he relates, he hit a superb 5

iron shot, much longer than he had been hitting.

McDermott says he felt a new lease on life, re-united with his club grip. "There was an intimacy of hand and grip which was like the handshake of two old friends."

Well, not to make it a long story, he says the feeling continued, that he hit the ball with great confidence and putted exceptionally and has since played a strong, attacking game. He reports that his left hand is losing that "sissy" look and urges everyone to have a round without that glove. After all, he points out, you can always go back to it.

### British Open to Faulkner

Max Faulkner, son of a professional and formerly assistant to Henry Cotton, emerged as Champion with a score of 71-70-70-74-285 in the British Open at Portrush, Ireland. Antonio Cerda, of Argentina, pushed Faulkner with 74-72-71-70-287 but failed to overtake him, as did Charley Ward, who closed with a 68 for 290.

The winner will be seen as a member of the British Ryder Cup Team at Pinehurst, N. C., in November. He played on the 1947 team at Portland, Ore., where Lloyd Mangrum defeated him, and on the 1949 side at Ganton, Eng., where Dutch Harrison defeated him.

Bobby Locke, of South Africa, winner in 1950, finished in a tie for sixth at 293. Frank Stranahan, of Toledo, was low amateur with 295, but the event conflicted with the PGA at Oakmont and not one prominent professional from the United States competed for the historic Championship.

Not so the Canadian Open at Toronto. Jim Ferrier finished with 69-67 for 273 and first money. Fred Hawkins, El Paso, Texas, was second with 275. The first six and 11 of the first 12 were from the United States.

### Golf for Service Men

Members of the armed services may now play Los Angeles municipal golf courses free on week days, and for half fee on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The City Recreation and Park Commis-

sion gave the proposal unanimous support last month.

The courses opened to the armed forces are the 18-hole Wilson and Harding courses, the nine-hole Roosevelt and the nine-hole Coolidge pitch-and-putt courses in Griffith Park; the 18-hole course and the nine-hole pitch-and-putt course in Rancho Park, and the 18-hole pitch-and-putt course in Holmby Park.

Since servicemen are not required to wear uniforms on leave, they must present identification cards showing they are on active duty to qualify for these privileges.

### Golf for Women—1890

We have always advocated a liberal extension of the right of golfing to women. Not many years ago their position was most degraded. We therefore gladly welcomed the establishment of ladies' links, which have now been generously provided for them on most of the larger greens.

Ladies' links should be laid out on the model, though on a smaller scale, of the "long round"; containing some short putting holes, some longer holes, admitting of a drive or two of 70 or 80 yards as the average limit of a drive advisedly; not because we doubt a lady's power to make a longer drive, but because that cannot well be done without raising the club above the shoulder. Now, we do not presume to dictate, but we must observe that the posture and gestures requisite for a full swing are not particularly graceful when the player is clad in female dress.

LORD WELLWOOD (1890)  
IN PRAISE OF GOLF

### "Miss Higgins"

How on earth any one of us (in the 90's) ever managed to hit a ball, or get along at all, in the outrageous garments with which fashion decreed we were to cover ourselves, is one of the great unsolved mysteries of that or any age . . . I can remember when the sleeves were so voluminous that we always had to have an elastic strap around the left arm, or we should never have seen the ball at all. "Miss Higgins" (named after the American golfer) was indispensable on account of the width of the skirts. "Miss Higgins"

was an elastic band, which was slipped round the knees when the player was addressing her ball, and was the most useful as well as the most unsightly of the many inventions to counteract the vagaries and inconsistencies of *la mode*.

The golfing girl of today should indeed be grateful that she need not play golf in a sailor hat, a high stiff collar, a voluminous skirt and petticoats, a motor-veil or a wide skirt with leather binding.

MABEL E. STRINGER  
IN PRAISE OF GOLF

### Average Score, 1½

The Los Angeles Country Club claims a world record on its 120-yard No. 15 North Course hole last June 10. A four-ball match played the hole in a total of six strokes.

Mortimer Kline and C. John Lloyd were playing Major Peckham and Elbert Hartwick. Mr. Kline pitched his tee shot into the cup for a hole in one. Mr. Lloyd promptly duplicated it. Mr. Peckham and Mr. Hartwick then hit beautiful shots and each holed out in two.

### How to Break 100- -?

Mike Weiss, author of the latest golf book to come to hand, starts with a question: "Why another book on golf?" It's a good question, and he gives a good answer: That nearly everything written in that vein is designed for atomic power, super golf. Mike's book, 100 HANDY HINTS ON HOW TO BREAK 100, is for the dub.

It contains some sensible advice to the duffer on using his head; some tips, a number of which seem queer (such as aiming at traps in order to stay out of them), and some amusing as well as revealing anecdotes.

The book is published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., who include with it a money back offer if you don't shoot under 100 in 30 days—and no questions asked.

### Evans Scholar

Robert H. Leler, an Evans Scholars alumnus, has been named to the executive staff of the Atomic Energy Commission, further proof of the soundness and success of the caddie scholarship program. Mr. Leler leaves the vice-presidency

## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



Mrs. W. G. Fraser

By MISS BEVERLY HANSON  
1950 Women's Amateur Champion—Now a Professional

She really didn't want to play in the tournament—it was only to please friends, among them her childhood golf companion, Bobby Jones, that she returned after a 23-year absence to her home town of Atlanta to compete in the 1950 USGA Women's Amateur Championship.

As she stepped to the first tee for the opening round, this Ottawa housewife and mother of a grown daughter found her opponent as unfamiliar to her as all the other contestants—25 years out of competition will do that! The housewife lost the first hole to Miss Betty MacKinnon of Texas, but quickly squared the match on the third hole and then the duel began as the two halved hole after hole until finally they approached the 18th all even.

The Canadian visitor needed two shots to reach the green on this par 3 while Miss MacKinnon's ball lay just off the edge in one. The Texan chipped within three feet, leaving a treacherous, slippery putt for a par and possible win. After a half-hearted try at sinking her putt for a 3, the housewife marched over to the Texas girl's ball and picked it up, conceding the hole and the match.

A deep hush fell over the gallery, followed by warm applause as the significance of the scene struck them. Within seconds the press surged in, asking why had she given such a tough putt when it meant the match.

Mrs. W. G. Fraser, the former Alexa Stirling, three-time winner of this Championship and three-time runner-up, raised her head and said simply: "I've had my day; why stand in the way of youth?"

of a pharmacial company for his new position. The former caddie from Bryn Mawr, of the Chicago district, is proving himself among the upper echelon of young executives in the nation. He is president of the Evans Scholars Alumni Association.

Seven more Evans Scholars received diplomas in June. They were Aelred Geis, who was graduated Summa Cum Laude at Michigan State; Frank Tolan, first Evans Scholar graduated under the Allis Caddie Fund of the Wisconsin State Golf Association, at Wisconsin; Richard Wood, David Jackson, William Eaton, William Maloney and William Johnson, all at Northwestern.

### Improving with Age

Making his first bid in the United States Seniors Golf Association Championship a successful one, Tom Robbins, of Winged Foot, finished with three successive birdies and won the title with 73-67-140. Mr. Robbins, a Texan who lived in Chicago before moving east, is 58 and seems to improve with age. His triumph in the Seniors followed victory



Prescott S. Bush



Tom Robbins

in an invitation event at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.

Mr. Robbins needed two of those birdies. Prescott S. Bush, USGA President in 1935, had finished with 76-66-142. Mr. Bush is a proficient golfer but never before had a broken 70 in competition. This time he scored a 66—with a ball out of bounds.

### Braid's Estate

When James Braid, five times British Open Champion, died last November after a long and honorable professional

career, he left what is said to be the largest estate ever bequeathed by a British pro, £29,297 (a pound is worth about \$2.80.) Considering that the prize money in his playing days was trifling and that until 30 he was a club-maker for the Army and Navy Stores, his business acumen was remarkable.

Ted Ray's estate of £27,000 was reported to be the previous high for a British pro. Those fortunes doubtless will be dwarfed by those which some present United States pros will leave. On the other hand, what the old pros made wasn't merely money; it bought something in those days.

### It's Good to Know the Score

Scorecards are useful things. Primarily, they're designed for entering the score a player makes on each hole.

The Hendersonville Country Club, in North Carolina, finds another use for its card. The card unfolds into a size about seven by ten inches and on the back are suggestions on Golf Etiquette, taken from a booklet, "Points on Golf," written by the club professional, William H. Etheridge, in 1940.

He reminds players of such points as making sure those ahead are out of range before playing, letting other matches through when playing slowly, getting off the green before figuring scores, keeping one's self-control despite missed shots, and getting and learning the Rules of Golf. It's a good scorecard.

### A Champion Passes

In his own field, Carl F. Kauffmann, of Pittsburgh, had a record comparative to that Ben Hogan has made in the Open recently, even comparative to those of the Amateur stalwarts like Bob Jones, Jerry Travers and Walter Travis. Carl Kauffmann won the Amateur Public Links Championship three times running, from 1927 through 1929.

Not soon will that tournament see a man to match the record of Mr. Kauffmann, who died last month in Pittsburgh of a heart ailment, at the age of 52.