

# The Girls' Junior Is Growing Up

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Three years ago, Miss Frances Stebbins, then Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee, and I were on a train bound for Pebble Beach for the Women's Amateur Championship. I inquired into the possibilities of holding a Girls' Junior Championship. She suggested that we bring it up in our meeting at Pebble Beach. The committee was unanimously for it and the following year the USGA held its first Girls' Junior.

The third Girls' Junior Championship has just been played, August 13-17, at the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest, Ill. This year the young champions came from 12 different states, from the West Coast to Pennsylvania. Twelve of these girls had handicaps of 6 or under, which make them eligible to compete with their older sisters in the Women's Amateur Championship.

## Miss McIntire Medalist

Thirty-two girls were entered but only 30 finally teed off. Barbara McIntire, Toledo, Ohio, was medalist with 76. She shot a brilliant 35 on the second nine, although finishing in a downpour. The Championship flight was closed with 96.

In the first round of match play all the eight low qualifiers won their matches.

Wednesday morning we awakened to find most of Illinois under water, and the rain still coming down. By 2 P.M. it had stopped. There were still lakes here and there and many of the traps were filled with water. In spite of this, the girls all played well and showed their usual fine sportsmanship, never complaining.

## An Exciting Final

In the semifinals, Barbara McIntire defeated Charlene Cross, Winchester, Ky., 4 and 3, while Arlene Brooks, Pasadena, Cal., won, 1 up, from Kathryn Wright, San Diego, Cal. This left two 16-year-olds in the final round.

The final was most exciting. During the first nine, Barbara held a slight ad-

## JUST BEFORE THE FINAL



The finalists in the Girls' Junior Championship with Mrs. Charles Dennehy, Chairman of the USGA Girls' Junior Committee, in center, holding the Vare Trophy. Left is Miss Arlene Brooks, Pasadena, Cal., who defeated Miss Barbara McIntire, Toledo, Ohio, right, 1 up.

vantage over her little California rival. Arlene squared the match at the tenth and then forged ahead until she was 2 up and 3 to go. Then Barbara rallied, took the next two holes and went to the 18th tee all even.

On the final green, Barbara was about a foot away from the hole for a sure 5, with Arlene's ball about 30 feet from the hole in three. Undaunted, Arlene stepped quickly up to the ball and knocked it into the hole. For the third time in a row she had shown her courage and calmness by winning on the 18th green, and this time it meant the championship.