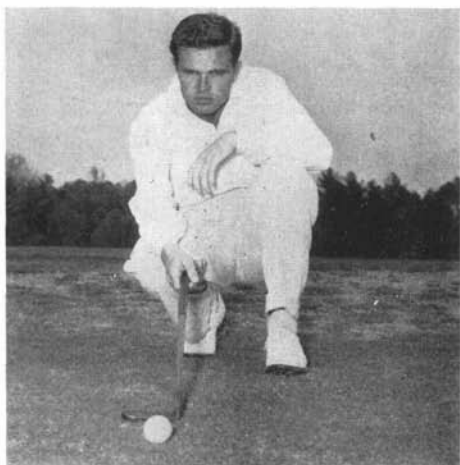

THROUGH THE GREEN

Harvie Ward's Victory

The British Amateur Championship has been won for the twelfth time, and the fifth time in the last six years, by an American, and the golfers of America are proud of Harvie Ward.

More than forty Americans partici-



Harvie Ward

ated in the Championship at Prestwick, and the reports indicate that they comported themselves not only with skill but with a good grace which can win more friends than victories can. In these times, that is extremely important.

Three years have now passed since Max McCready won the Championship for Britain, in 1949, and Frank Stranahan, Dick Chapman and Ward have followed him in succession.

Next year, the leading British amateurs will visit this country for the Walker Cup Match at the Kittansett Club, in Marion, Mass., and several probably will compete in the Amateur Championship at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. It wouldn't diminish the

interest in international golf one little bit if a Briton should take his revenge there and we wish them luck.

No less noteworthy was Dick Chapman's victory in the French Amateur Championship after he had lost his British title. Dick beat our own Champion, Billy Maxwell, in the final of the French Championship.

To Contestants

If you are eligible to compete in the Amateur Public Links Championship or if you subsequently became eligible to compete in the Junior Amateur or Amateur Championships, take special note of the new deadlines for registering at the site of the Championship. All deadlines fall earlier this year. They are:

Amateur Public Links: Friday, July 4, at 5 P.M.

Junior Amateur: Monday, July 21, at 10 A.M.

Amateur: Friday, August 15, at 5 P.M.

Every player who is eligible to compete must register at the site of the Championship not later than these times or inform the USGA Executive Secretary, at the site, of a later time of arrival. If he fails to do so, his place in the field may be forfeited and reassigned. Any qualifier who finds he will be unable to compete should notify the USGA of that fact as quickly as possible.

The deadlines are established in fairness to alternates who desire to play and who can do so if an eligible player withdraws and if they are informed by the USGA of the withdrawal in time to reach the site of the Championship.

The St. Andrews Scholarship

When Francis Ouimet was chosen Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf

Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, the Massachusetts Golf Association immediately cast about for a suitable means of acknowledging the honor. The Association recognized that the Captain would not be particularly receptive to any kind of public demonstration, so it decided to award in his honor a year's scholarship at a Massachusetts college or university to a student selected by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club approved the plan and has selected Colin K. Campbell, whose father is professional at the Wethersfield Country Club, in Wethersfield, Conn., to receive the scholarship. Campbell will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the coming school year to seek a master's degree in electronics engineering. He previously attended MIT during the summer of 1951 and has been employed by the United Nations in New York.

The St. Andrews Scholarship is in addition to the scholarships provided by the MGA through the Francis Ouimet Caddie Scholarship Fund, which is now in its fourth year. During the first three years of operation, scholarships totaling \$16,655 have been awarded to forty-six young men, and twenty-eight boys won scholarships through open competition among caddies last year alone. Thirteen of these attended Boston College, four Holy Cross and the others selected Harvard, MIT, Bowdoin, Tufts, Bates, Northeastern, Massachusetts, St. Anselm and St. Clements.

Golf Illustrated Says:

"What a pleasure it was to see Mr. Francis Ouimet at Sunningdale playing for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club against the Artisans, and what a fine tribute to the latter body. The Great Man of Golf has proved he is no figurehead at St. Andrews, and his tenure of office has without doubt firmly cemented Anglo-American golf friendship. That has never been greater than it is today, and Francis Ouimet has played an important part in this pleasant state of affairs."

Girls' Junior Championship

In order to permit contestants in the Girls' Junior Championship to compete in the Women's Amateur Championship the following week, the plan of play has been slightly modified in that the final will be held one day earlier than originally scheduled.

The qualifying round will be played on Monday, August 18, as originally scheduled, at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, in Pebble Beach, Cal. However, both the second and semi-final rounds will take place on Wednesday, August 20, so that the final can be played on Thursday, August 21. According to the original plan, only one round was to have been played on each day, and the final would have been held on Friday, August 22.

The Women's Amateur Championship will start on Monday, August 25, at the Waverley Country Club, in Portland, Ore.

The Real Danger

In the course of a fanning bee, someone asked Jimmy Thomson how long a particular hole was.

"I never worry about how long they are," Jimmy quipped. "I just worry about how wide they are."

Another Voice

One of our pleasures is helping people with their problems, and on occasions we have the added pleasure of incidentally helping people with non-golfing problems. Lawn problems, for instance.

PAGEANT magazine takes note of this in an article in its July issue by Murray Teigh Bloom entitled "Only Amateurs Have Lawn Trouble." Mr. Bloom points out that:

"The most neglected, swindled and flim-flamed Americans are some 15,000, 000 families—including my own—who have ventured into a peculiar kind of farming business. Between us we have nearly 2,000,000 cultivated acres on which we spend about 2½ billion dollars every year on seed, fertilizer, miracle machines, wonder gadgets and how-to books.

"In our innocence it has never occurred

to us to ask Uncle Sam to guarantee our crop, pay us for plowing under some of our split-acreage, advance loans on growing plants or give us tariff protection.

"As a result the federal government spends less on research on our basic crop than it probably does on the mating habits of frogs and grasshoppers . . .

"A country that produced TV, the atom bomb and the safety razor surely can produce a strong, permanent grass. But who's trying?

"Fortunately for us some smart people are trying.

"America's golf-course superintendents must have good turf for their fairways. From the vast experience and research data accumulated by the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, the 15,000,000 American lawn growers can now gain the full, honest facts of lawn-life. And thanks to the efforts of Dr. Fred V. Grau, director of the Green Section, and a few other bold, diligent turf researchers all over the country, we now have two of the most important and hardiest grasses ever developed in the U.S. for lawn use, Merion bluegrass and Meyer zoysia . . . Grau doesn't get any subsidy from the federal government to do his turf research work. In fact, the United States Golf Association pays several thousands a year for its use of government facilities at Beltsville."

E. B. Leisenring Passes

We record with much regret the passing of Edward B. Leisenring, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Leisenring was a member of the USGA Executive Committee from 1944 through 1948 and served variously as Chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee and Chairman of the Amateur Status and Conduct Committee.

Under Mr. Leisenring's chairmanship, the Rules were completely revised after the war and a new USGA code was published in 1947.

Mr. Leisenring had been active in Pennsylvania golf affairs, having served as President of the Pennsylvania Golf Association.

James B. Thomas

Golf has lost a good friend in the passing of James B. Thomas, of Elmhurst, N. Y.

Mr. Thomas was for many years Assistant Secretary of the United States Seniors' Golf Association.

A Word from Thackeray

James W. Walker, of the USGA Executive Committee, is a man of many interests, and one of them is uncovering passages appropriate to golf in the works of the literary masters.

At the bon voyage luncheon for the Curtis Cup Team last spring, he read this passage from "The End of the Play," by Thackeray, and the advice remains valid:

*Come wealth or want, come good or ill,
Let young and old accept their part,
And bow before the Awful Will,
And bear it with an honest heart.
Who misses or who wins the prize
Go, lose or conquer as you can;
But if you fail, or if you rise,
Be each, pray God, a gentleman!*

The Partner

Overheard in the locker room:

"You're always talking about your good shots, but I have to live with your bad ones!"

Bermuda vs. America

There was a quiet little international competition in our part of the country recently, in the best tradition of the game. A team of eight Bermuda golfers, including Lt. Gen. Sir Alexander Hood, G.B.E., K.C.B., the Governor, visited at the invitation of Erwin S. Barrie, of Greenwich, Conn., the golfer and painter, and engaged an informal American team in a three-day match at the Pine Valley Golf Club and the Greenwich Country Club. The Americans won, 20 to 16, and promptly were invited to return the visit in the autumn.

Detroit's Annual Report

The Green Section Report in the 1951 Annual Report of the Detroit District Golf Association is worth anyone's time

to study, especially if there is interest in what goes on in golf-course maintenance. This report is the result of a survey among 39 member clubs, 21 of which replied to such questions as: What kind of fertilizer do you use? Results from sodium arsenite? How often do you aerify? How often do you mow? What type of research are you doing? Will your club cooperate with USGA, DDGA or State College?

The Secretary of DDGA is Burt R. Shurly, Jr., 44 Michigan Avenue, Detroit 26, Mich.

Roy Munger

Roy Munger would have thoroughly enjoyed the Open Championship. Father of Jack R. Munger, one of the Northwood Club officials who made the competition the success it was, Roy Munger was himself a long-time patron of sports, and particularly of golf, in Dallas. He loved golf because it is a sportsman's game, and he himself was a true sportsman who will live long in memory.

Business Side of Golf

Golf continues to be the big business of the athletic goods industry, according to the Census Report for the 1951 Year compiled by Ernst & Ernst for the Athletic Goods Manufacturers Association. The factory selling price, including excise tax, of all golf equipment sold was \$46,971,306, or approximately 40 per cent of all athletic goods sold. Baseball and softball equipment was the second-largest item, at \$26,067,383, and athletic shoes, presumably including golf shoes, was third, at \$12,103,461.

The principal sales category in golf equipment was golf clubs. Manufacturers sold 4,030,331 clubs for \$24,008,575, and 2,920,340 dozen balls for \$18,356,346.

Five Years of "Golf World"

Bob Harlow's weekly news magazine, GOLF WORLD, celebrated its fifth birthday during the Open Championship by distributing Volume 6, Number 1 on June 13, and we wish at this point to pay proper respect to our elders. This USGA JOURNAL, you see, comes toddling along with Volume 5, Number 3.

It is very easy to pay respect to GOLF WORLD, for its coverage of the news aspects of the game is without parallel and the editor has given to it, in addition, the homey quality of a country weekly which circulates among friends. We congratulate Bob Harlow on the success he has earned and achieved, and we congratulate, too, his nearly 9,000 subscribers for their continued support of a good thing.

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