

conclusion of play from Prime Minister Frost, of Ontario. C. Ross Somerville refereed the top match in which Jerry Knechtel, of Kitchener, defeated Perky Cullinane, of Washington. On the way home, the Washington boys visited "Golf House" and made a complete tour of the Museum and Library.

Buffalo Golfers Endure

Two years ago, we asked if there was anything to beat W. Hamilton Gardner's feat of winning the championship of the Country Club of Buffalo over a span of thirty-five years. No one answered.

We still know of nothing to beat it, but we know of something to tie it. Last season Paul Hyde defeated Gardner in the final of the same championship to win exactly thirty-five years after *his* first victory.

The Fessenden Fund

The Western Golf Association has taken another, and inevitable, step in its caddie welfare program. Through its Evans Scholars Foundation, it has been helping to provide college educations for needy and deserving former caddies. Now it is establishing the Fessenden Memorial Fund to help some of these former caddies carry out post-graduate work in preparation for specialized professions. The new Fund honors the late Maynard G. Fessenden, a former President of the WGA. It is expected that half a dozen boys may benefit from it this academic year.

When James Won

The Amateur Championship of fifty years ago was marked by three distinctive features.

Louis N. James, of Chicago, the winner, was one of the youngest Champions we have had. He was only 19 and had been playing golf only three years. (Robert A. Gardner later also won at 19.)

His victory wrested the Championship from the East, in the person of Eben M.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

The following is a Decision issued recently by the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland:

R & A 52-60
R. 31-2

Q: In a recent county championship in which I was playing, 36 holes stroke play, my ball came to rest in the heather touching a skylark's nest containing four young birds. To have played my stroke would have meant smashing the nest and destroying the young birds, as the nest was in front of my ball in the line of play. Human nature does not permit of such a thing, and fortunately my golf that day had bearing on ultimate results. I picked up and dropped two club-lengths behind in the heather but did not count any penalty strokes. I pointed out the circumstances to my fellow-competitor, who saw the lie. I am fully aware of the unplayable-ball Rule but considered the circumstances as not coming within this rule. My ball was very much playable, in fact in a good lie, far better than I got from the drop. What is the correct action in these circumstances?

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A: The Rules of Golf do not legislate specifically for the circumstances you describe. The Rules of Golf Committee are of opinion that the nest should be regarded as an immovable obstruction and the ball dropped under Rule 31-2.

Byers, in culmination of a strong inter-sectional rivalry.

The final, at the Glen View Club, was about as wet as any final has ever been.

Despite the elements, James played his morning round in 84 and was 2 up. He went to the turn in 44 after lunch to pick up another hole and won, 4 and 2, with a ten-yard putt for a 2 on the thirty-fourth green.