

GOLF GOSSIP

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A well known golf professional was asked recently the reason for "beginner's luck" on the links. While his immediate answer is probably not to be taken too seriously, he has undoubtedly hit home for many cases.

"The trouble with many players just starting the game is too much advice," he said. "Golf is a game of skill. Every stroke must be timed and the length of each stroke must be calculated. The beginner is dazzled with the complexity of the game and bewildered with the unknown. And how solicitous his friends are! Tips come hard and fast. Every player of his acquaintance starts to give advice, little secrets of the game.

"The first round is usually pretty poor; the second eighteen is a little better. Then the game improves, until the 'friends' commence their work. Five or six better methods of holding the club, or teeing a ball, or slicing remedies pour forth. With this huge stock of knowledge the novice sets forth. As one new tip fails, he tries another and another and another. Soon he has lost the little precision which he might have gained by changing every few strokes. His game will stay poor then, unless one set of tips proves worth while.

"My advice to the beginner is to start out with a player who knows a little more about the game than the average player and to stick to the suggestions given him by the first teacher, until a man whom he knows to be dependable comes along with more instruction. This constant changing has been the ruin of many a good player's game and has delayed many a novice for months in his progress. A club professional, if available, should be employed for the first few rounds, but any good player who knows the game will do."

Skokie members competed in the qualifying round of the Four Towns cup last Saturday. S. L. Williams, in the Glencoe Match, was low Qualifier with a card of 84-11-73. Several players finished with net cards under this mark, but started with a larger handicap. D. S. Stilling, Wilmette, turned in 96-25-71 and J. C. Honing, Winnetka, was marked down for 91-20-71.

The first round will be played this week.

Interest in the National Open to be held at Skokie July 5-15 is growing each day. Several officials and visiting professionals have played over the course and have pronounced it to be in excellent shape. Phil Gaudin, professional, assures the golf world that the appearance of Brown Spot in small patches has been cared for and that the course is none the worse, but improving daily with ideal weather. Glencoe residents who can care for visiting players and guests are asked to notify the club as early as possible in order that arrangements may be completed.

R. H. McElroy finished first in Class A in the North Shore club event last week, square against par with a handicap of nine strokes. Other survivors will continue this week. The course is reported in fine shape with increasing attendance on every occasion.

Harry Kennett, professional at the new Glencoe links, is working hard on the greens and intends to have the layout tuned up in a short time. Good attendance is reported here, as on all other local grounds.

The second round of the Hoyt cup will be staged at Indian Hill this week, in a handicap event Saturday Roger Sherman turned in low gross and low net, 80-9-71. W. E. Stokes came second with 92-20-72. The usual women's play comes Wednesday.

The Woman's Eastern Golf association championships, at Rye, New York, and the Metropolitan amateurs, at Lakewood, N. J., were the two most important golf events of the week. Western advertising golfer's association held its June tournament at Flossmoor on Tuesday.

Even ocean travel can be mixed with golf these days. Liners to the Orient have top deck greens, and, to assure the players that the balls will not roll into the deep blue, strings are cleverly attached to the spheres.

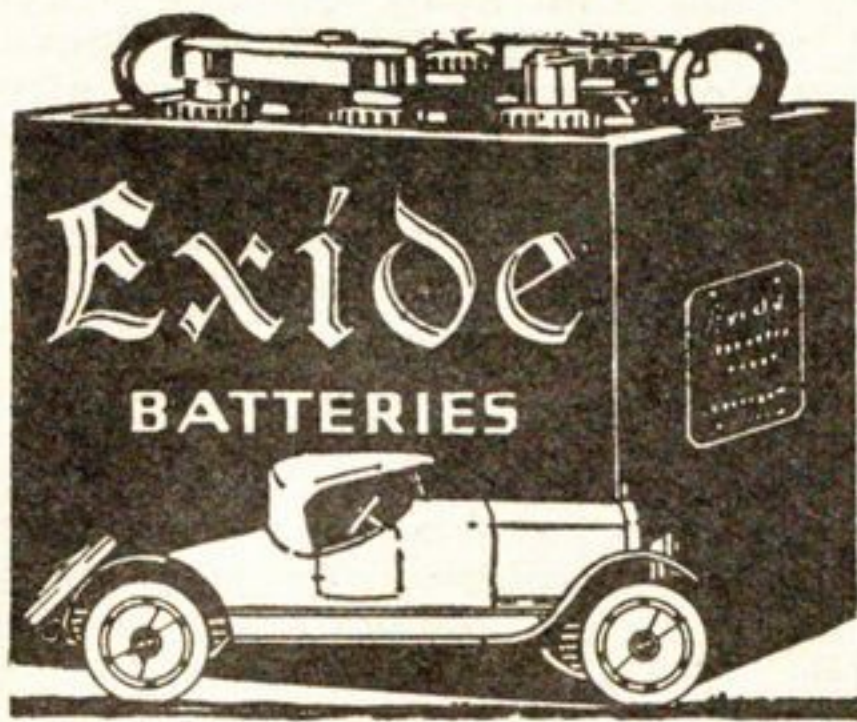
Students at Northwestern university are worse than ground squirrels these

days when it comes to digging holes in the sod. Every grassy spot near the men's quadrangle has been turned into a putting green and passersby have to keep their heads up to avoid pellets from the clubs of students who practice driving from the observatory to the water works. Many claim that they are able to steady their shots by practicing in patented cages which the athletic department furnished this spring. The Evanston community course offers an opportunity for a large number of student golfers to play between study hours.

Students Give Exhibit of Art and Science Products

The Art and Home Economics departments at New Trier High school gave an exhibit and open house for the friends of the school last Friday afternoon.

Girl members of the Domecon club served refreshments in the Domestic Science laboratories. The Art department displayed a large number of paintings, water colors and etchings, while the Home Economics department showed many costumes and hats made by the girls.



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