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## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

**BUERGE PROPOSES CLUB-THROWING TOURNEY**

Most of you may not know it, but Hal P. Buerge, advertising manager of The Eccentric, verifiably is on fire with a tremendous idea. A devotee of amateur sports all his life, he officially rates the rights to referee high school basketball and football games in Michigan. Buerge also goes in for golf. Sometimes, as he will frankly admit, golf goes in for him, too.

Which is why Mister Buerge may launch what he is pleased to call The National Club-Throwers Tournament—thus providing a legitimate opportunity for all people who "take it out on their golf club" to do their stuff.

Buerge claims he is not the only golfer who ever wrapped a club around a tree, threw it on the ground and stomped on it, broke a shaft over his knee, or flung an erstwhile beloved club far into some lake or the course.

**PERFORMING WHICH** mayhem on one's golf equipment, Hal argues, is just a natural outlet for venting one's emotions while playing golf. Many reasons are advanced by him as to the cause of such emotions.

"I can take and dish out the average 'needing' that goes on among friends in a foursome," he spotted this week, "but when I am approaching my fifth birdie and third eagle, and about to cop some huge bonus, I just can't stand any or animated interference with my keen concentration at the moment."

"That is when I lose my grip on the game," but not on the club, and it is then that I resort to an inner barbarism that spawns destruction, and soon I'm one club less in my kit."

**BECAUSE THIS** Birmingham area (Oakland Hills and Birmingham Country Club) has been the scene of National Open and PGA Championship tournaments, Buerge believes that Springdale Park (owned by the City) should be the local spot for the proposed National Club-Throwers Tournament.

Springdale is ideally set up for such a championship. Buerge goes on: "Mister Buerge. There are plenty of trees on the course to wrap clubs around. Also a little lake to throw clubs into... and a fair Club-Thrower can even throw one over to the nearby Grand Trunk railroad tracks, if he wants special destructive treatment for a club."

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**MAYBE** we can develop championship clubs for them to throw, or give them plate glass windows through which they can toss rocks... I can think of a thousand ways to carry out my notions of providing an outlet for mankind's barbarian and destructive instincts.

"I long have firmly believed that we don't have to go to war to release idiosyncratic tensions and frenzy; war really is too expensive, and too often we never learn the methods of opposing players and we get hurt."

Who knows, for instance how much wife-beating will be cut down if we held Club-Throwers Tournaments? It raved on over his mind, cut off by a thousand thoughts that make me more compatible between husbands and wives, with my divorces scattered through my mind. I think I've got hold of a good idea myself... all I need is encouragement to get the thing underway."

**THAT'S HOW** Mister Buerge feels these days... for just a few days ago he wound his favorite golf club around a tree because of over-excitement from a dub-shot.

"I'm pretty good at this thing now and might just as well win some medals and cups when I'm doing it," he concluded.

## Second PGA Qualifying Round Today



JIM FERRIER, CLAUDE HARMON, DR. CARY MIDDLECOFF

One practices putting while others study course layout (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Starting Times For Qualifiers

The Professional Golfers Association's 35th annual tournament will go into its second day today when, somehow, despite the mad hustle at Birmingham Country Club, 135 starters will file the second 18 hole qualifying round.

This is the last day the pros will have to meet the 65 low scores to qualify for Friday's match play. Jimmy Turnesa, defending champion, automatically becomes the 64th player to enter match play.

- Starting times for Thursday are:
- 8:15 a.m. Charles Johnson, Maroon, Iowa.
  - 8:21 a.m. Jim Scott, Lakeland, Ind.
  - 8:23 a.m. Leon Pondera, Van Wert, Ohio.
  - 8:23 a.m. August Nordone, Jewettville, N. Y.
  - 8:23 a.m. Tony Marlowe, Madison, Wis.
  - 8:27 a.m. Warren Orlick, Orchard Lake, Mich.
  - 8:31 a.m. Joe Sodd, St. Paul, Minn.
  - 8:31 a.m. Mike Gadober, Olympia, Wash.
  - 8:31 a.m. Victor Chetler, Jr., New Kensington, Pa.
  - 8:39 a.m. Reggie Myler, Elizabethtown, N. C.
  - 8:39 a.m. Norman Hayes, Lancaster, S. C.
  - 8:41 a.m. Vernon Smith, San Antonio, Texas.
  - 8:47 a.m. Mike Turmes, White Plains, N. Y.
  - 8:47 a.m. Victor Richardson, Los Angeles, Calif.
  - 8:47 a.m. Mike Dutz, Groves Pointe Farms, Mich.
  - 8:53 a.m. Ed Puroel, Clayton, Mo.
  - 8:53 a.m. Edw. Herch, Fairfax, Calif.
  - 8:53 a.m. Walter Burkemo, Franklin, Mich.
  - 8:53 a.m. Eddie Kirk, Flint, Mich.
  - 8:53 a.m. Eddie Thompson, San Antonio, Texas.
  - 8:53 a.m. M. L. Laine, Berkeley, Calif.
  - 9:11 a.m. Dutch Harrison, Lakewood, Ohio.
  - 9:11 a.m. Gene Schauer, Georgetown, N. Y.
  - 9:11 a.m. Ed Kohl, Hartford, Conn.
  - 9:19 a.m. Max Evans, Detroit, Mich.
  - 9:19 a.m. Lester Kennedy, Pawtucket, R. I.
  - 9:27 a.m. John Miller, Elkton City, Md.
  - 9:27 a.m. Tony Hanna, Cincinnati, Ohio.
  - 9:27 a.m. Bob Barbero, Desh, N. J.
  - 9:27 a.m. Tony Jelenak, Westhampton Beach, N. Y.
  - 9:43 a.m. Fred Haas, Jr., New Orleans, La.
  - 9:43 a.m. Larry Olson, Tulsa, Okla.
  - 9:43 a.m. Tomron, Md.
  - 9:51 a.m. Stan Duda, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.
  - 9:51 a.m. Henry Adams, Alton, Ohio.
  - 9:51 a.m. Roy Wallin, Duquesne, Conn. 11.
  - 9:59 a.m. Lew Worsham, Oakmont, Pa.
  - 9:59 a.m. Jimmy Hise, Covington, Ill.
  - 9:59 a.m. Jackson Bradler, Chicago, Ill.
  - 10:07 a.m. Frank Combs, Pittsford, N. Y.
  - 10:07 a.m. Labron E. Harris, Stillwater, Okla.
  - 10:07 a.m. Jim Turmes, Bala-Cee, Pa.
  - 10:07 a.m. Herby, Weston, Mass.
  - 10:23 a.m. Thurman Edwards, Winston Salem, N. C.
  - 10:23 a.m. Bruce Hamilton, South St. Paul, Minn.
  - 10:23 a.m. Virgil L. Shreve, San Francisco, Calif.
  - 10:31 a.m. Henry Hanson, Pontiac, Mich.
  - 10:31 a.m. Edna Brizer, Saginaw, Mich.
  - 10:31 a.m. Bud Torki, Leeds, Mass.
  - 10:39 a.m. Paul Walker, Kansas City, Mo.
  - 10:39 a.m. Marshall Springer, Pooka, Colo.
  - 10:39 a.m. Charles Lepr, Haddonfield, N. J.
  - 10:47 a.m. Bob Hamilton, Evansville, Ind.
  - 10:47 a.m. George Fazio, Cranston, R. I.
  - 10:47 a.m. Vic Ghent, Inwood, L. I., N. Y.
  - 10:47 a.m. Stephen Leszaki, Glen Head, L. I., N. Y.
  - 10:47 a.m. Matt Zadalis, Omaha, Neb.
  - 10:47 a.m. Edw. Herch, Birmingham, Mich.
  - 10:47 a.m. Bob Bond, Cleveland, Ohio.
  - 10:47 a.m. Joe Greer, Yakima, Wash.
  - 10:47 a.m. Fred Anson, Rye, N. Y.
  - 10:47 a.m. 1951 runner-up, Franklin Hill, Wally Burkemo; twice runner-up Chick Harbert, Oakland Hills; Al Watrous, granddaddy of Michigan golf; former circuit player Henry Ransom, now pro at Pine Lake; Larry Butts, formerly of Bloomfield Hills and now at Washtenaw; Eldon Hritz, Saginaw; and home pro Ray "Double Ace" Mearns.

## Harper, Snead Early Leaders

Chandler Harper blazed around the first 18 hole round Wednesday morning with a 68, followed by Sam Snead with a 69, as results were totaled for the opening qualifying rounds.

Five players were hunched with 70s. They were Al Smith, Martie Furgol, Jim Ferrer, Claude Harmon, and Jack Shields, Dr. Cary Middlecoff and Chick Harbert shot 71s. Charles Bassler came in with a 72 and Jimmy Clark, Charles Doser, Lawson Little and Toby Lyons carded 73.

Harper had a tremendous day on the greens carding 12 one-putt greens. Questioned after his opening 68 round, Harper credited a putter modeled after a Scottish blacksmith's putter for his success. Harper needed the sharp putting, finding the fairways narrow and suffering a double-bogey on the sixth.

By DOUGLAS GORDON

Ben Hogan is missing from the list of contestants who will attempt to maneuver Birmingham Country Club this week in a "winning way" but the field is studded with stars starting their northern swing through the circuit.

Many of them are former winners of the "big one" such as Sam Snead, Cary Middlecoff, Denny Shute, Gene Sarazen, Chandler Harper and Jim Ferrer, the transplanted Australian who won the title at Plum Hollow Country Club in 1947 defeating Chick Harbert.

Other famous stars are Lawson Little, Jack Burke Jr., Freddie Haas, who fired a 62 last week, former U. S. Open champ Jimmy Boros, "Tommy" "Thunder" Bolt, Lew "The Chin" Worsham, and Ed "Porky" Oliver.

Some think it is one of the best courses the PGA has played on. Opinions vary as to who will be at an advantage on the layout, the long hitter or the short-but-straight hitter. Walter Burkemo thinks the long slugger will have the advantage because the course is fairly short and even though the player would place his long shot in the rough it would be a short iron to the green.

Chandler Harper, former champion, believes the accurate player would be at an advantage also because of the comparative shortness of the course.

THE HOME STATE has added seven more golfers because some out-staters could not make it. General feeling among the pros is that Birmingham is a fine course.

## City To Send Representatives To Gas Hearing

Birmingham will send representatives to the Michigan Public Service Commission's hearing in Lansing July 29 on a proposed code to regulate safety measures for public utilities rendering gas to adopt a code to protect the public servant or living near gas transmission lines.

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Two severe gas explosions in the Birmingham area within the past four years have furthered the commission's attempts to regulate the operation of gas companies.

The first of these tragedies occurred December 11, 1949, when a gas explosion at the Mother and Son Antique shop, North Woodward, killed five persons and seriously injured a sixth. The second accident claimed two lives at Farm's Sporting Goods, Royal Oak, on March 6, 1952.

FRIDAY MORNING the low 63 players and defending champion Jim Turnesa start the grueling match play over the tricky and often deceiving Birmingham course. The first two days' matches are 18-hole contests where anything could happen. An unknown could get "hot" over this short distance and knock out one of the big time boys.

Starting Sunday, the matches are extended to 36 holes which is a true test of golfing ability. The best man usually comes out on top in these matches. Wednesday and two very tired but determined players matching strokes and wits to see who will be crowned the 1953 PGA champion.

## 1st Off-Street Parking Hearing Set for July 27

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Whether Birmingham takes official action to solve its parking problems—or further hesitates—may be determined at the July 27 public hearing before the city commission regarding an off street parking amendment to the zoning ordinance. Commissioners Monday night set that date to hear arguments for or against the proposal.

If adopted, it would require all new and expanded businesses to provide a square foot of parking space for each square foot of store or office space devoted primarily to public use.

Provisions of the ordinance could be met in four ways, from individual action to cooperative efforts privately or in some program approved by the city.

At least one major city group has indicated its opposition to the ordinance as presently drafted by the plan board and recommended to the city commission.

THIS IS the Chamber of Commerce and particularly its business section committee.

Victor Koeb, the committee's chairman, told commissioners Monday night that his group would be prepared at the July 27 hearing to argue for modification of the ordinance.

"There are a good number of reasons why we think it is unworkable, and we will be prepared at the hearing to tell why," he said.

Commissioners asked Koeb if he couldn't have the objections written out and submitted in advance of the hearing.

Koeb said it would be done.

THE JULY 27 hearing will be the first time any proposed off-street parking ordinance for the

## How to Pay for Maple Widening Bothers City

In hopes of continuing the widening of West Maple next year, Birmingham city commissioners Monday night initiated a study regarding financing of the improvement.

Two questions await commission decision. One is whether the city should float a bond issue to pay for the 44 foot wide paving or create a special assessment district involving property owners abutting the city's easement attery.

Another question would be whether a bond issue would be created, one from Linden to Glenhurst, the second from Glenhurst to Cranbrook.

Commissioner Lance C. Minor urged the city to study a bond issue financing procedure stating that the widening at the new bridge was paid for by bond issue and suggesting that the only fair way to pay the costs would be continue this program.

Other commissioners questioned whether a bond issue would jeopardize other improvements set for the capital improvement fund and asked city officials to check the advisability of the bond issue means of financing.

per cent of the costs of the improvement within the city limits.

Should an assessment program be determined upon to pay for the improvement, two assessment districts would be created, one from Linden to Glenhurst, the second from Glenhurst to Cranbrook.

The city seeks to widen West Maple from Linden to Cranbrook. Under the recommended method of payment for this improvement, the city is considering sharing 25 per cent of all costs of widening the present 20 foot width to 29 feet and all costs up to the 44 foot width with the exception of business and non-residential frontages.

THE OAKLAND County road commission has agreed to share 40

A YEAR and a half ago the city commission instructed the plan board to make a fresh start on a parking ordinance, and the July 27 hearing will be on the basis of the plan board's new recommendations.

It makes no suggestion for location. (See PARKING, Page 2)

## Severe Rain and Windstorm Damages Many Trees, Utility Wires

In the midst of the rain and wind storm Thursday afternoon crews from the Birmingham city forestry department were out starting to clean up the damage caused by high winds which knocked many trees over and tore limbs from hundreds of others and disrupted traffic and public utilities.

The Detroit Edison Company reported three telephone poles broken, 52 high voltage wires down, 52 service wires out of commission and 200 spans of wire dragged to the ground by falling trees and limbs. All wires were replaced by Saturday morning and service was resumed.

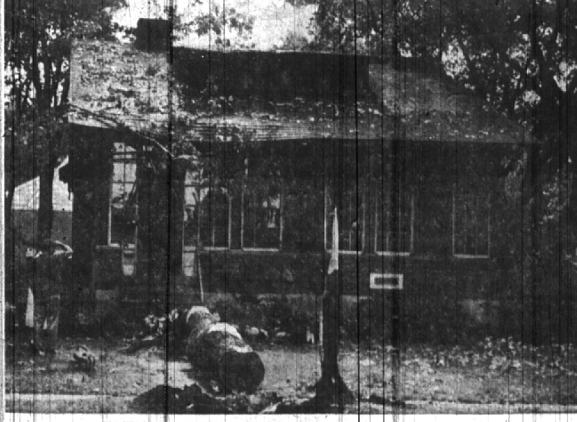
MICHIGAN BELL Telephone Company said it had about 300 spans of trouble scattered throughout the Birmingham area. Most of the trouble was caused by trees

and branches breaking the wire extending from the pole to the house. All phones were back in service by Saturday night.

"It is the worst storm I have seen in my 19 years service in this area," said Paul Gravit, assistant to the district manager of the Detroit Edison Company.

There was no damage by fire in Birmingham. The Fire Department sounded the general alarm to call volunteers who were sent out to stand guard over fallen wires and fences that had live wires laying across them, according to Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith.

HUNDREDS of trees were damaged by the storm. The Moline



HOUSE RATES SECOND BEST IN BOUT WITH TREES Occupants ruefully examine crushed porch roof (Eccentric Staff Photos)



LITTERED LAWNS WERE COMMON SIGHT THURSDAY Tree felled by wind at F. B. Kurtz home on Brown street.

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A pair of Nebraska oldsters married 30 years after he proposed to her. Seems she changed her mind. Women will do that, you know!

Artists advertising for models who wanted to earn "pin money"

**WHO CARES?**

had no answers. What use would an artist's model have for pins anyway.

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