

FARMINGTON

THRU ... BIFOCALS

By FRED DELANO

JUST AS SOME EARLY BIRDS already have done most of next fall's Christmas shopping, another crop of nuts took to the fairways as soon as the snow melted, victims of an incurable bug which warps the mind into a belief that golf is why God created the outdoors.

You and I know they're right, or at least I do. Sometimes I'm not so sure about you.

Man and boy, I've been hacking at the little nugget for about 40 years now, from gorgeous Pebble Beach hard by the rolling Pacific to Pleasant Valley's tortuous hills down the "Mass Pike" a piece from Boston, and I'm opening at the bit for Farmington's courses to be championed officially.

You can count 'em on one hand, there being only five, and they're all in the township.

Two of them are splendidly private clubs. But if you are privileged to play all five, somewhere en route you will find an adequate test waiting to match your own skill, or lack thereof. This goes for dubs and pros alike.

They add up to a total of 81 holes stretching up and down some 26,467 yards of township terrain. A par shooter is supposed to be able to play the combined route in 365 blows, but few will get you six that no one actually has done it.

IT'S THE HEAD-TO-HEAD competition that provides the fun and excitement in this silly game of socking a defenseless ball and then going after it to chuck it again and again, and two "90" shooters can get just as much enjoyment from it as a pair of scratch handicappers. That's the secret of golf's popularity.

Farmington doesn't have a municipal championship tournament for either men or women, but there's no reason why the event shouldn't be started.

Jack Cotton, the capable director of athletics for both high schools, agrees that a tourney could be put together without too much strain. He thinks there's enough interest in the area to justify the effort.

All it needs is an energetic organization to put the show on the road.

The Jaycees do the next best thing by staging an annual tournament for teenage golfers, and maybe it should fall to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission to expand the idea to include adults of both sexes.

THE FARMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB, a private layout like Franklin Hills, has been the site of several state championship tourneys in the past. This 6,514-yard Open proved its status when not a single Michigan Open player in either 1961 or 1962 could better par of 288 for the 72-hole route.

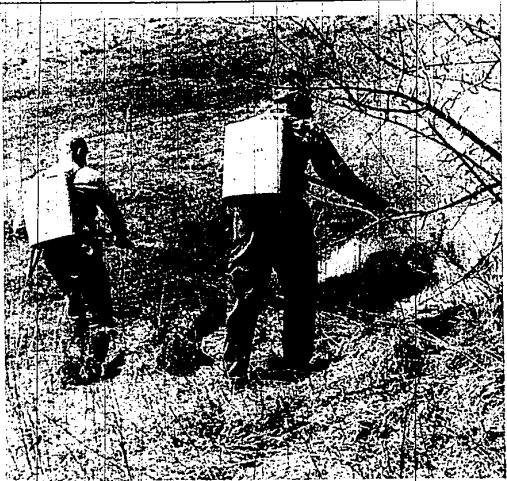
Franklin Hills, running 6,465 yards, also puts a par of 72 for the normal 18, and the famed Walter Burkemo, former national PGA champion holds the record over that beautiful acreage with a sparkling 65.

Farmington's three public courses are Glen Oaks, Independence Green and San Marino. Glen Oaks measures a trying 6,250 yards, with a par of 69, and if you ever heard a deceptive figure, that's it. For most of the faithful, the Glen Oaks terrain makes the course much tougher than that.

Independence Green also has 18 holes, but 16 of these are par-threes. The whole layout measures only 3,425 yards, with a par of 56, but you can't beat it for quick fun.

San Marino is a nine-hole configuration, with a par of 36 for its 3,270 yards. That's a good test anywhere.

Now, please, Mr. Weatherman, be a good guy and let us get going without a ny more of those ridiculous spring snowstorms. Too many of us have worn the living room rug thin with putting practice to let it be wasted.



BLAMED ON CARELESSNESS — Twenty-seven grass and brush fires in Farmington Township during the first 10 days of April ravaged more than 500 acres, and Fire Chief George Hume says the dangerous dry spell is far from over. The firefighters shown here are pictured as they fought a blaze on Halstead Rd. Hume blamed most outbreaks on carelessness of residents in burning rubbish in high winds, and for often leaving such fires unattended.

Fined \$100 In Fatality

George E. Hamilton, 18, of 31930 Highview, Farmington Township, was fined \$100 in West Bloomfield Township Justice Court this week after the original charge against him was reduced from negligent homicide to reckless driving. Hamilton pleaded guilty to the reduced charge and the fine was levied by Justice Christian Powell.

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Local News Items

MARIE LONG
GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. William Lutz, formerly of Orchard Lake Rd., have sold their home and moved into the Floral Park Subdivision on Floral St.

A 1948 class reunion of Farmington Senior High graduates is planned for July 27. Anyone who can help locate several of the former students of their families would be greatly appreciated.

You may phone Mrs. Virginia (Leat) Harris, GR 6-1353, or Mrs. Marge (Young) Dwyer, GR 4-9282.

MR. AND MRS. Frazer Wadestorer, of Drake Rd., spent two weeks in Tampa, Fla. and visited the Busch Gardens and rode on the motorail. They also drove over to Clearwater where they visited Johnny and Ruth Knight, formerly of Drake Rd.



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Floral Park News

E. H. PHILLIPS
GR. 4-6575

There was a birthday party Saturday, March 23, for Mr. William Clifford, in his home, 23024 Violet.

There were nine couples helping in the celebration. Besides Mrs. Clifford, from Floral Park there were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leammerhirt, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Nicol, James Delaney and Mrs. Clifford's mother, Mrs. Weber Levi. Each guest had a name tag, with a

humorous saying on it and all danced and visited.

Gary Brock, son of Mrs. Edna Brock, of 22746 Lilac, has been home on furlough for the past two weeks. His term of service in the Armed Forces terminates next October, so he will finish the balance of it at

For Hood, Tex. He is due to leave for Texas around April 20. His brother Larry, who is serving in Vietnam, prefers it here to Germany, where he was formerly stationed.

The Phillips, of 22779 Lilac, entertained guests the weekend of March 31.

Edwin B. Orlesky, Attorney 2314 Grand River Avenue Farmington

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN THE COUNTY OF GAWLAND

SHIRLEY E. BARRY, Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM BARAY, Defendant.

ORDER TO ANSWER

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court held in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, this 25th day of March, A.D. 1968.

Present: Honorable's Farrell E. Roberts, Circuit Judge.

A Complaint having been filed in this cause for absolute Divorce and Affidavit having been made as to the non-residence of the defendant, William Baray.

It is hereby Ordered and Adjudged that the defendant, William Baray, shall answer or file such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 30th day of June, 1968. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Estoppel for the relief sought in the Complaint.

It is Further Ordered and Adjudged that service by publication is authorized according to the statute so long as the

FARRELL E. ROBERTS
Circuit Judge

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