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FRANCE TO DEVALUE MONEY

Demaret Leads Golfers At Halfway Mark

Calm Texan Cards 131 To Top Field

Locke, Mangrum Tie For Second Honors With 134s

By ARNOTT DUNCAN

SMILING Jimmy Demaret, the colorful Texan playing out of Ojai, Calif., grabbed a three-stroke lead on the field at the halfway point of the $10,000 Phoenix Open at the Phoenix Country Club yesterday.

Unruffled by the gallery or his own miscues, Demaret, whose golf is as brilliant as his rainbow raiment, added a 66 yesterday to his 65 of the first day for a total of 131 after 36 holes.

THE LOW 60 golfers — those with 146 or better—finish up with 36 holes today with the firing opening at 8:30 a. m. The low half of the field tees off on No. 1 with the upper bracket scorers banging them from No. 10.

Bobby Locke, the Johannesburg, South Africa, master, who was tied with Demaret and Jim Ferrier the first day at 65, had a little trouble with his irons yesterday and wound up with a 69 and a total of 134, where he was tied for second with the popular Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago. Mangrum coupled yesterday's 68 with Friday's 66.

E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, Little Rock, Ark., who captured the Richmond Open last week, was all alone at 135 and two golfers—Roberto de Vicenzo of Buenos Aires and Leland (Duke) Gibson of Kansas City—came in at 136. De Vicenzo concocted a 65 yesterday to tie with Lew Worsham, Oakmont, Pa., for the day's lowest score.

WORSHAM, THAT National Open champion who barely qualified the first day with a miserable 76, wound up at 141.

Ben Hogan, the pint-sized par buster from Hershey, Pa., who won the Phoenix Open the last two years, added a 70 to his opening 68 and wound in a tie with six others at 138—seven strokes off the hot pace set by Demaret.

Two professionals posted 137s. They were George Schneiter, the tournament chairman for the Professional Golfers Association who plays a little golf on the side, and Johnny Palmer, Baden, N. C., who dropped out of his first-day spot of second with a 66 by adding a 71 yesterday.

Frank Stranahan, Toledo, O., amateur, strengthened his grip on the simon-pure lead by slipping in with 138, adding a 69 to Thursday's 69. Others tied with him and Hogan were Sam Snead, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., who is having putter trouble, Skip Alexander,

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MacNider Talks Over Pacific Fighting



Years of sweltering combat in the Pacific were recounted yesterday at the third annual reunion of the Bushmasters Association at Hotel Adams. Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider, second from right, who commanded the 158th Regimental Combat Team during the war, recalled the rugged campaigns with, left to right, Albert R. Lopez, Tucson; Sidney L. Hobgood, Phoenix, and David W. Sine, Clarksdale. — (Republic Staff Photo.)

Ex-Sergeant To Head Famed Bushmasters

By GLENN TAYLOR

VETERANS of what Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider called "one of the greatest regiments that ever marched out under the colors of the United States" yesterday elected a former enlisted man commander of the Bushmaster Association for 1948.

He is Sid Cochran of Phoenix, one-time technical sergeant with the famed Bushmasters, officially known as the 158th Regimental Combat Team.

The election climaxed the association's third annual meeting in the Roundup room of Hotel Adams. A dance last night at the Shrine Auditorium concluded the one-day session. About 160 members registered.

COCHRAN succeeds Col. Wilson B. Wood of Phoenix. Other new officers are Henry Merchant, jr., of Tucson, senior vice-commander; R. Clyde Caffey of Flagstaff, junior vice-commander; Morton Solot of Tucson, finance officer; and Raymond White of Wickenburg, sergeant-at-arms.

Four former commanders of the 158th, originally the 158th Infantry Regiment of the Arizona National Guard, addressed the gathering yesterday. They included General MacNider of Mason City, Ia., one-time national commander of the American Legion; Maj. Gen. A. M. Tuthill, adjutant general of Arizona who commanded the 158th in World War I; Col. E. O. (Pop) Sandlin, now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Col. J. Prugh Herndon of Tucson, under whose direction the National Guard unit was inducted into federal service.

Pointing out that the prewar pay standard for Arizona National

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Gunman Shoots Yuma Deputy

(Exclusive Republic Dispatch)

YUMA, Jan. 24—Every available peace officer in the Yuma area was mobilized late tonight in an intensive manhunt for the unidentified assailant who shot and seriously wounded Sylvester Villa, a deputy sheriff.

Villa was shot through the stomach. His condition was believed critical.

The shooting occurred about 10 p. m. a mile southeast of town as Villa and two other deputies searched on foot for a man who had robbed a house a short time before.

All highways in the Yuma area were blockaded and all buses and trains ordered stopped and searched in an effort to find the gunman.

Engineer Runs Stork Special

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Mont., Jan. 24 — (AP) — Vernon Ransier, engineer, rushed his wife 40 miles to a Townsend hospital in his railway locomotive. A daughter was born.

A few hours later, it was full speed ahead again, this time with Mrs. Ernest Ransier, the engineer's sister-in-law, also a railroader's wife. A daughter was born.

Now Ransier calls his White Sulphur Springs-Yellowstone National Park run "The Stork Route."

Quake Rocks South Pacific

MANILA, Jan. 25 (Sunday) (AP) — At least 12 persons were reported killed today in an earthquake which struck Iloilo, capital of Panay island, 285 miles southwest of Manila.

Fragmentary radio messages received here said the bell tower of Jaro cathedral toppled on the 12.

(By International News Service)

Seismographs throughout the world yesterday recorded earthshocks described as "among the most severe on record" and placed the center of the temblors in the South Pacific.

At the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, siesmologists reported the temblors were "the biggest since the disastrous 1946 Japanese earthquake."

A similar report came from Fordham University in New York. There Father Joseph Lynch said two shocks had been recorded that ranked in severity with those recorded during the California 'quake in 1906 and the terrific Tokyo earthquake of 1923.

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Oil Firm's Pressure On U.S. Related

Solon Says Company Planted Director In High Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—(UP)—Sen. Owen Brewster, Republican of Maine, today charged an oil company "planted" a $37,000-a-year director in the state department in 1941 to influence the government's policy on Arabian oil.

Brewster said Max W. Thornburg, special assistant to the undersecretary of state from 1941 to 1943, was guilty of "the most reprehensible conduct" by working for lend-lease aid to Saudi Arabia so his company could obtain oil rights. Thornburg was a director of Standard Oil Company of California. He no longer is connected with the firm.

Harold L. Ickes, former secretary of interior, and wartime government petroleum administrator, said Thornburg's actions were "shocking."

BOTH OF THEM agreed Thornburg appeared to have put his business interests ahead of those of the government.

Ickes had testified that Standard Oil Company of California and Texas Company—parent concerns of Aramco—tried to get him to urge lend-lease aid for Saudi Arabia so American companies could beat the British to the oil fields. Ickes said he refused.

Thornburg's wartime government service entered into a hearing by Brewster's senate war investigating committee into wartime government purchases of Arabian oil.

THE COMMITTEE is looking into charges that the government twice rejected chances to get Arabian oil at slightly above cost if Saudi Arabia were given lend lease aid, and later signed contracts to buy the oil at more than double the original offer.

Ickes said he had nothing to do with it because it was a "purely military" transaction over which his petroleum administration had

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Crash Injury Proves Fatal

MRS. RALPH E. NOLLNER, 56 years old, 1822 North 15th avenue, died yesterday morning of injuries suffered January 17 in an automobile crash two miles west of Liberty on Highway 80.

It was the 17th fatality resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Arizona since January 1.

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She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Ralph E. Nollner, 55, and had been unconscious in St. Joseph's Hospital since the accident. Nollner's machine and a truck driven by W. M. Hitt, 46, Buckeye, collided when Hitt turned in front of the Nollner car.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. tomorrow from Memory Chapel at A. L. Moore and Sons Mortuary with the Very Rev. James W. F. Carman, dean of Trinity Cathedral, officiating. Private cremation will follow at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Small Arizona Post Offices Are Assailed As Inadequate

Republic's Washington Bureau
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—Arizona's small town post offices are travesties on the word, according to a survey completed today by William Langer, Republican, South Dakota, chairman of the senate civil service committee.

Among replies to a questionnaire sent out by the senate committee were complaints from the postmasters at Claypool and Tolleson, deploring the conditions and the equipment with which they must work.

JUNE S. HAYMOND, postmaster at Claypool since 1924, wrote the senator that she is still using equipment which she bought personally when she started on the job. The parcel post window is so small that she has to open the door to the supposedly sealed part of the office every time she delivers a package. The building, which she adds "is nothing to be proud of" costs the postoffice department $10 a month and is not even equipped with a toilet.

She concluded with a statement that the office is so busy she does not have one moment to call her own within the schedule of the day.

EDWARD SCHMIDT, postmaster at Tolleson, said that the government had failed to furnish him

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Cold Sweeps To Gulf; Blizzard Grips East

(By Associated Press)

WINTER LASHED out with its hardest climatic punches in the central, eastern and southern sections of the nation Saturday, striking with subzero cold, blizzards and sleet.

The triple assault of cold, snow and ice battered the South. The mercury dropped to five below zero at the Vicksburg, Miss., airport. Snow fell in New Orleans, La., and at Cullomburg, Ala., 86 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Ice films slicked most highways. A blanket of snow covered the northern part of the region, extending into Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Temperatures fell to zero or near zero from Kentucky southward to Central Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

Two separate blizzards pounded Pennsylvania and blizzard conditions, with a drifting 10 to 15 inch snowfall, were forecast for weather buffeted New York City. The snow, which started falling in New York shortly before noon, came on the heels of that city's coldest weather of the season—five above. Roaring northwest winds of near gale force were expected to dump 12 or more inches of fresh snow on already snow-banked New England.

A BLIZZARD that disrupted bus schedules and grounded planes struck Central and Southern Ohio with 6½ inches of snow in some areas, and snowplows bucked drifting snow in Southeastern Indiana. A coating of ice made driving hazardous throughout Southern Indiana.

Parts of the Midwest still shivered in the season's worst cold wave which forecasters said was responsible for the snow or bliz-

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Snow Cuts Crowd At Arizona Dance

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—Snowbound though it was, the Arizona Society of Washington held its first annual dance in the past 10 years at the Hotel Lafayette here tonight. Attendance was greatly reduced by weather, but a jovial crowd braved the tempest to enjoy the frolic.

Lost Landing Craft Found; Crew Is Safe

HONOLULU, Jan. 24—(UP)—A missing landing craft with two men aboard — alive and well — were found today by an L-5 search plane 30 miles southwest of Barbers Point near Pearl Harbor.

The men are T/5 John Jones and Pfc. Jimmy Baker. Their hometowns were not immediately available. The landing craft was still under her own power and was being escorted back to Oahu by a B-17.

Objections By Britain Put Aside

Cabinet Votes Bill For Free Gold, Currency Mart

PARIS, Jan. 24 — (INS) — The French cabinet brushed aside British objections today and adopted a projected bill regulating creation of a free gold and foreign currency market in France.

A cabinet spokesman, Pierre Abelin, said that a new dollar-franc parity also will be announced "in a matter of hours."

Unofficial speculation is that the new "export franc" will be pegged at 216 or more to the dollar compared to the domestic 120.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, British chancellor of the exchequer, conferred for hours last night and today with French leaders in Paris in an effort to stave off the French devaluation and free market plan, or at least to find a means of protecting the pound sterling.

The fiscal struggle between the two nations took precedence over the newly-announced plan of a "Western union" of European nations to combat the Soviet eastern bloc.

Political observers viewed the week-long Anglo - French controversy as basically a conflict between a Socialist Britain and a disillusioned France struggling to return to the free enterprise system.

DETAILS of the free currency market plan will be submitted to parliament Monday. Its passage is expected as part of a vital effort to attract into the open the hidden French money reserves and aid the French export and stabilization program.

Officials of the government and the Anglo-American embassies de-

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Milk Supply Called Ample

Higher Health Standards For Dairies Sighted

TUCSON, Jan. 24—(AP) — The scarcity of milk that plagued Phoenix, Tucson and most of Southern Arizona for so long is gone, Dr. George W. Barr, head of the department of agriculture economics at the University of Arizona, said today.

In an agricultural bulletin released by the university, Dr. Barr says that the state's milk production in 1947 and at the present time has seldom, if ever, been exceeded.

Dr. Barr does not predict an immediate lowering in the price of dairy commodities for the consumer. However, no price increases are in sight. "One thing that causes increases is scarcity," he says. "There is now no scarcity in Arizona."

DR. BARR expects dairies will have to meet higher health standards.

"Looking into the months ahead, grade A dairymen may an-

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Clubs Raided By Vice Squad

EARL O'CLAIR, chief of police, and the vice squad, Al Matousek, Ernest Sauer and Don Rust, raided the Domino Club, 1732 East Van Buren street, and Bob's Smoke Shop, Sixth and Madison streets, last night.

A poker game was broken up and four men were jailed for gambling. At the smoke shop nine juveniles, three of them girls, were turned over to juvenile authorities; and a 39-year-old ex-convict was arrested for violating his parole.

He had been sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Florence for a slaying in 1927.

Colorful Shotmaker Ahead



Jimmy Demaret, dynamic Texan, yesterday jumped into a three-stroke lead at the halfway point in the $10,000 Phoenix Open golf meet. Demaret added a brilliant 66 to his 65 of the first round for a total of 131 for 36 holes.—(Republic Staff Photo.)

Crowd Greets Phoenix Open Leader At 18th Green



Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., congratulates his playing partner, Jimmy Demaret, as Demaret finished his second par-shattering round and took the lead in the Phoenix Open golf meet. The picture shows an admiring crowd around the home green waiting to greet Demaret. The Texan barely missed an eagle on the 18th hole, but wound up with a birdie.—(Republic Staff Photo by Jerry McLain.)

Pair Tied For Second



Bobby Locke of South Africa, left, and Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago, right, tied for second place with totals of 134 at the end of the second round of the Phoenix Open yesterday. Locke turned in a 69 yesterday, and Mangrum 68.—(Republic Staff Photo.)