

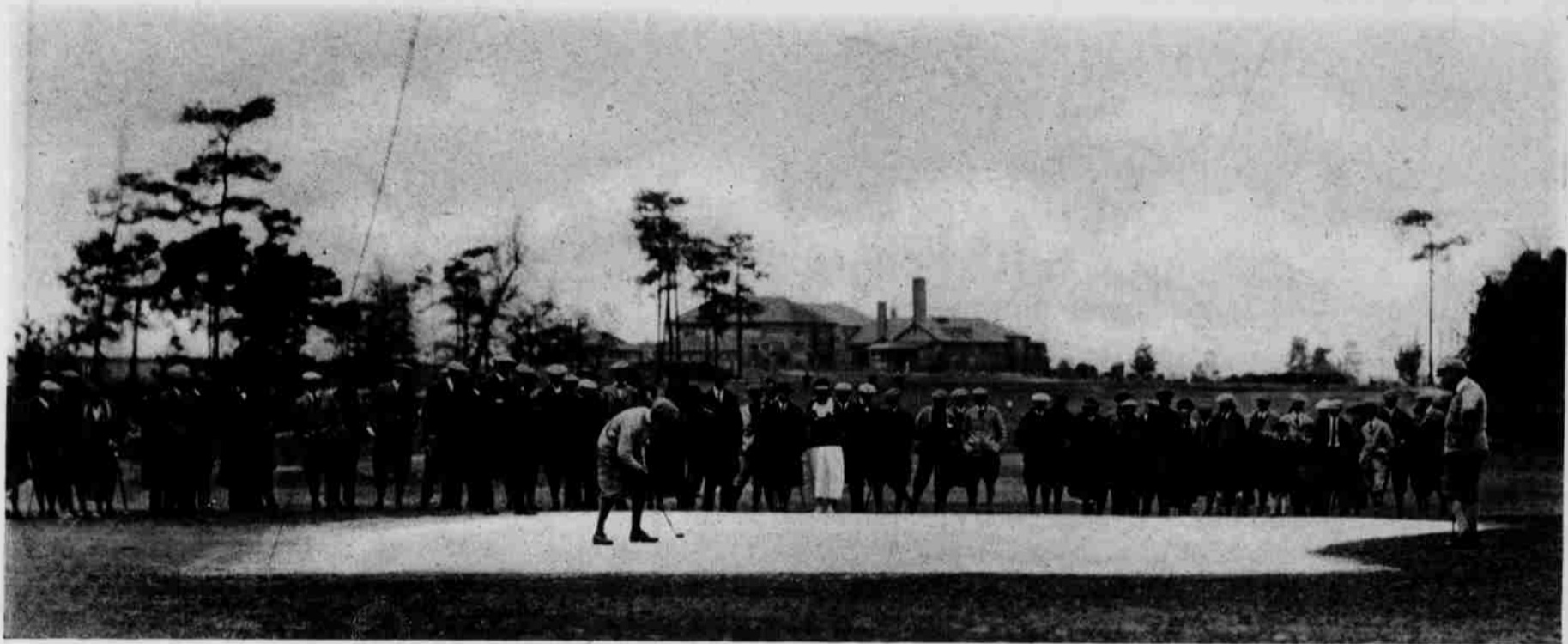
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THE FIRST DIVISION FINAL BETWEEN DONALD PARSON, WINNER, AND B. P. MERRIMAN IN THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT IN WHICH MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED GOLFERS TOOK PART

## Nineteenth Annual Spring Tournament

(By SANDY McNIBLICK)

THE majority of golf tournaments in Philadelphia are played in June and September and last three days. Though there are plenty of golfers in the town, and interest in the links game is at fever heat most of the time, a tournament there is considered more than popular if it draws more than 200 entries. The qualifying round there is usually eighteen holes medal play, and the matches are at eighteen holes. Most of the tournaments there have four, or possibly five, sixteens of match play.

But in Pinehurst all is different. Especially in the Spring golf tournament here for amateurs. The 19th annual event of this sort was played during the past week. It lasted from Monday to Saturday, but the conversation about it promises to rally around for keeps. It was played on two different golf courses, No. 2 and No. 3 here, most of it.

Though the tournament was played in the month that's always rather sultry up home, March, when golf there is played mostly in the locker-rooms, this tournament at Pinehurst drew an entry list of more than 300. Somebody might tell you the exact number of entries. The day before we were told there were 340 entries. Wrote that one for the newspaper up home. The next day, somebody said there were 327 entries but that only 321 played. The third day we were told confidentially that this tourney had 333 entries, the same as last year. But none of the counts went above 340 or any below 321, so you'll have to guess how many entries there were. We couldn't. Our theory was that 300 was a whopping flock of golfers to enter a lone, amateur golf tournament, and that's what we told the links' fans at home.

Up home there's a tournament every year, which both amateurs and ladies play in. These folks pair up, have to be from the same

club in the district, and play alternate socks at the same golf ball. Last year the entry list was something over 340, but 340 amateur men golfers in one Philadelphia tourney—not yet.

In the Spring tournament here there was a 36-hole qualifying round on two different courses. Last year in the Philadelphia amateur championship, played at Pine Valley, there was a 36-hole qualifying round, all the same day, but all the other tournaments there just have 18-hole medal rounds to qualify, and that seems to be plenty.

Before the Spring tourney qualifying round was over, we counted nearly 70 entries, at that time, who were over neat 110's for each eighteen hole round—a grand total of 220 or more golf strokes, and over 115 who had golfed each course in the qualifying round in more golf shots than 100 each day.

This count was doubtless faulty as our own addition faculty is a bit faulty, for 36-hole golf, after we pass the 240 mark. Might have missed some high scores.

C. B. Fownes, of Pittsburgh, won the qualifying medal with rounds of 77 for No. 2 and 78 for the No. 3 course, and Donald Parson, of Youngstown, a member of Pinehurst's Winter colony and winner of various tournaments here this season, triumphed over the big field at match play and came through victoriously as the winner of the first division trophy.

Parson qualified eight strokes behind the medalist, but came through strong in the match play rounds and after disposing of J. D. Standish, Jr., J. D. Chapman and T. Russell Brown in the first three rounds he advanced to meet B. P. Merriman in the finals whom he defeated by the comfortable margin of 5 and 4.

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