

WESTERN DEPARTMENT

By "WESTWARD Ho!"

Attracted by the annual "Call of the South," golfers of the Chicago district and from the clubs bordering on the Mississippi River are preparing to pass a few weeks or months in Dixie Land and Southern California. Every winter finds more and more Western players in the South and this season promises to smash all records. Some of the leading golfers of Chicago annually find time to spend some time over the famous links in the various winter resorts. Prominent among them is Mr. R. H. McElwee, the Onwentsia veteran. Mr. McElwee has won many trophies in Florida and plans on gathering a few more this year. Another Chicagoan



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who is figuring on travelling southward is Mr. Warren K. Wood of Homewood, best remembered as the youth who gave National Champion Jerome Travers a hard battle in the championship at Euclid, Cleveland, a couple of seasons ago. He finds Pinehurst to his liking, as does also Mr. Nate Moore, a prominent member of the Onwentsia and Lake Geneva Clubs. Secretary E. A. Engler, of the Western Golf Association and a member of Glen View, generally drives off the tees at Belleair, as do many other Chicago players of note. Southern California is a Mecca to others. Mr. C. L. Hunter and his son, Paul, twice winners of the classic Pater-Filius trophy at Midlothian, have gone to Pasadena, where Paul last season captured the Southern Californian championship. This lad is one of the real comers of the game and made a big hit among the veterans at St. Andrews, Scotland, recently.

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Members of the Women's Western Golf Association held their annual meeting recently and re-elected Mrs. W. L. DeWolf, of Onwentsia, president. Under her regime the past year the Association has added eight new clubs to its membership and is in a flourishing condition. Mrs. W. F. Anderson of Hinsdale, a new women's western champion, was selected vice-president, and Miss Julia Hunt of

Glen View secretary. The organization voted to increase the Chicago members on the board of directors by the addition of two more. The women have lowered the bar at their open tournaments and hereafter any woman can play in them no matter from which club she is a member. This means, in all probability, larger fields in the events held next season.

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Golfers of the West are taking particular interest in the coming meeting of the Western Golf Association, which will be held here in Chicago in January. A nominating committee, comprising Messrs. E. W. Hertig of the Minnikahda Club, Minneapolis, chairman; F. S. Burton of Euclid, Cleveland, and F. M. Witherspoon of Skokie, Chicago, has been appointed and will prepare the slate of officers for the coming year. Several names have been mentioned prominently for president. Among those from whom the new executive is likely to be chosen are Messrs. E. A. Engler of Glen View, the present secretary; Hobart Chatfield-Chatfield Taylor of Onwentsia, Silas H. Strawn of Midlothian, E. F. Carry, president of Exmoor and A. R. Gates of Calumet. Mr. Gates has been president for two years and has proven himself an able executive. He is said to be averse to being nominated for the third time.

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The scene of the next Western Amateur Championship will be select-

ed and Homewood Country Club in Chicago is anxious to secure the event. Homewood was awarded the tournament two years ago, but was forced to relinquish it owing to the destruction of its clubhouse by fire. Now that Homewood has a new structure, one of the best in the country, it feels that it should receive the award. The Minnikahda Country Club of Minneapolis is also in the field, making a bid at last year's meeting, as did also the Kent Country Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Chicago will be represented by several golfers at the meeting of the United States Golf Association in the East, and some players of prominence from the Mississippi valley will also attend, including "Happy Jack" Cady of Rock Island Arsenal Club. There is a strong feeling in the West that one of its representatives should be honored by the presidency.

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Several clubs in and about Chicago will keep open during the winter season, and the dyed-in-the-wool golfers anticipate some lively going over the snow. Exmoor has made plans to keep up the sport and Edgewater will follow the same plan it laid down last season. Calumet is always a good "winter golf" club. Members of Westward Ho will follow the "gude auld" ball over the drifts as usual.

