



Miriam Burns (Horn) Tyson

(1904-1951)

Local Legend and National Champion

At the age of 16, young **Miriam Burns** won the first of her many golf championships. In an era when all golfers played from the same tees, she set numerous course records throughout the Kansas City area, often battling fellow Hall of Fame honoree Opal Hill in city, regional and national tournaments. The young Ms. Burns honed her game under the guidance of Milburn Head Professional Harry Robb Sr.

She won seven Kansas City Women's Match Play titles between 1920 and 1929, won the Trans-Miss championship in 1927 and the Women's Western Amateur in 1923 and 1930.

Traveling the country, winning tournaments from California to New York, the by-then-married and divorced **Mrs. Horn** drew national attention to Kansas City, especially during her successful march to the 1927 Women's US Amateur Championship where she defeated renowned amateur Maureen Orcutt (5&4) in the final.

Mrs. Horn was the first USGA Women's Champion from west of the Mississippi River and something of a celebrity, often followed by large galleries wanting to see what sportswriter O.B. Keeler called the "IT Girl" of women's golf.

In 1930, at the age of 26, she retired from competitive golf. After traveling the world with her second husband George **Tyson**, Miriam died of pneumonia at the age of 47 in Kansas City.

