

# CHARLES C. WORTHINGTON DIES

## Inventor and Golf Pioneer

**C**HARLES CAMPBELL WORTHINGTON died in his 91st year at his winter home, Washington, D. C., on October 21, 1944.

He was born in Brooklyn, in 1854. In 1840, his father invented the first direct-acting steam pump, which launched the vast Worthington Pump and Machinery Corp.

Upon his father's death in 1880 Mr. Worthington took over the affairs of the organization. He contributed hundreds of important developments in pumps, compressors and other machines. He operated plants in England, Germany, Austria and France. Practically every large city in the world depended upon his pumps for water supply. Mr. Worthington's Co. won many honors at expositions but his greatest achievement was during the Egyptian Sudan Insurrection when the British Army was faced with the loss of their cause unless water could be delivered across a 200-mile desert. Considered a hopeless task, Worthington solved the problem and was cited for Knighthood.

In 1899 he sold his interests in Henry R. Worthington to a newly organized corporation and served as its president until he resigned in 1900. The automobile age was then in its infancy and he organized the Worthington Automobile Company, which built and introduced several types of domestic and foreign pleasure cars.

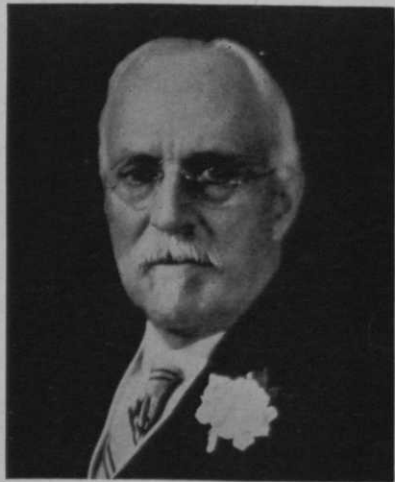
A great sportsman, the call of the "outdoors" lured him to Buckwood Park, near Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., where he brought deer and many other forms of wild life to his 5,000 acre enclosure. It was here that he designed and built Buckwood Inn as a summer resort. Surrounding it he constructed the Shawnee CC with its famous golf course, host to many renowned amateurs and professional golfers.

Worthington knew golf—long before the game was brought to this country he played in Scotland when the feather ball was used and brought some back to this country. On his estate at Irvington-on-Hudson he built six holes and collaborated in the organization of one of the first golf clubs on these shores at St. Andrews, Mt. Hope, N. Y. Later he helped develop Ardsley GC at Ardsley, N. Y.

About this time Worthington took the game of golf to Delaware Water Gap, near his mountain retreat of Buckwood Park. He supervised the design and construction of nine holes for Caldono GC

and followed this by laying out nine holes on his private grounds at Shawnee. His last contribution to the game was his championship course for the Shawnee CC.

Maintenance of these golf courses was ever uppermost in his mind. Originally on his private course he used sheep. A Scotsman, with his herd and dogs, was imported for this purpose. The test was not the answer to this problem so he



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turned his ideas toward mechanical methods, which brought about the first commercially successful gang mower, a grouping of 3, 5, 7 or 9 lawn units. They met with immediate response and these machines which he started pioneering in 1914 are now to be found all over the world where large acreage of lawn and golf fairways exist. He founded the Shawnee Mower Co. which later became the Worthington Mower Co. Their mowers are being used in maintaining the air fields of the Armed Forces.

Mr. Worthington's interest in the game of golf was further manifested by being the first to bring together and help organize the Professional Golfers' Association. In 1912 he invited a group of professionals to be his guests at Buckwood Inn. It was at this meeting that the PGA had its beginning.

Three daughters and two sons survive. One son, Edward H. Worthington, and one grandson, Ross Sawtelle, are executives of the Worthington Mower Co.