Tom O'Hara, Old Caddie-master, Dies at Denver

Tom O'Hara, for more than 50 years a caddie-master, died at Denver, Colo. May 17.

Football has its character-building coaches, baseball has its idols, boxing has a few who may have influenced some kids' lives for the better, and golf, due to the caddie angle, has a number of professionals and amateurs who have been properly conscious of their responsibility as good examples to the youngsters.

But of all the characters we've met in sports who've done a great job for lads who came under their supervision Tom O'Hara certainly was among the top men. He was a fine contribution to the development of strong, clean, smart character among American kids, even though Tom's service was limited by his duties to the boys of the club he served.

The big party of sports notables that Attorney Gen. Tom Clark staged at Washington last month to launch a drive against juvenile delinquency was—although the celebrities didn't know it—a circus demonstration of what little old Tom had been doing successfully for 50 years. As a straightener-outer of bewildered or tough caddies and a fellow who helped the smart and willing kids make faster progress Tom O'Hara was a star equal to, and possibly better than, Vardon, Jones, Hagen and Nelson in their department of the game.

And what's wrong with us in golf that we wait until Tom is holed-out 6 ft. deep before we recognize the greatness of his achievement?

Washington State College Considers Turf School

Dean E. G. Schafer, State College of Washington at Pullman is considering a greenkeeping short course for the school. State golf course and other turf needs and programs of greenkeeping short courses are being studied to launch the Washington school on a platform of valuable immediate service.

Fred V. Grau, director, Green Section USGA, and other national authorities have extended to Dean Shafer fullest cooperation in establishing a course that will bring to Pacific northwest greenkeepers and clubs the type of benefits short courses to the east are providing.

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