Learns from the Kids

A favorite trick of Pelcher's is to have his youngsters study the swings of other Juniors and have them pick out the flaws in them. It's uncanny, he says, how quickly they can detect what is wrong with another kid's swing. "The pro," he adds, "can learn a great deal by selecting a half dozen youngsters to conduct lessons among the Juniors and follow them around and note just what corrections they recommend.

"And while we're on the subject of learning from others," Pelcher continues, "a pro who takes the attitude that he can't learn a great deal from watching the good players at his club is starting on the road down. That, after all, is the way a home pro should further his education since he really doesn't get much opportunity of seeing the great players in action."

Plenty of Club Competition

Thanks to the promotion work Pete Pelcher has done in his 14 years at Davenport CC, it is a very competition-conscious institution. Every year four big match play tournaments are staged for the 200 male members and the same number of events are held for the 100 women players. Davenport CC also belongs to a five club league made up of 16-man teams. The entire roster is changed for each match in league play so that practically the entire membership gets a chance to play in this competition.

Besides these so-called major events, there are numerous lesser competitions at Davenport CC. One of the most popular over the years has been a weekly mixed two-ball affair which starts around three o'clock and is climaxed by a buffet dinner. This is one that most members don't want to miss. So popular has it become, in fact, that it is being converted to a four-ball this year so that more persons will be encouraged to get into the act.

The club tournament season is climaxed by a Pro Trophy dinner at the end of the season at which Pelcher is host to the members, a large percentage of whom have qualified for some kind of an award in the silverware dept.

Evans Birthday Dinner

Western Golf Assn. will pay tribute to Charles (Chick) Evans, Jr., at a testimonial dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, July 18th. It is in observation of Chick's 70th birthday. Proceeds of the affair will be used to establish a special reserve fund for the Evans Scholarship Foundation.