



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bertucci in Florida

ELMER BERTUCCI RETIRES FROM OLD ELM CLUB

Elmer Bertucci, younger brother of Joe, was associated with Old Elm Club for 47 years. He is 73 years young now, was born in Modena Province, Italy, January 30, 1886. In his early youth he earned his living as a blacksmith in his native Italy and North Africa. On the side he was an accomplished Accordion player.

He came to America in 1907. For several years he worked in coal mines in Colorado and Illinois. In 1910 he moved to the North Shore and went to work at Exmoor under Stewart Gardner. In 1912 he moved over to Old Elm to assist in laying the foundation for the Club House, then to course maintenance as Greensman, Foreman and Superintendent until his retirement last year.

Elmer is enjoying his retirement. He keeps active, keeping a beautiful lawn, raising flowers and vegetables at his home in Highwood. Last winter he enjoyed his trip to Florida with Mama. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Son Albert succeeded him at Old Elm.

Good health Elmer, come to our meetings whenever you can.

LAKE DEARIE NAMED AT MEDINAH

On March 11th, 1959 a very special event took place at Medinah Country Club on Course #3. Standing on the third tee facing the new lake which runs in front of the tee and to the right along the new 16th green were Art Heist, Chairman of the Grounds Committee; Jim Morris, Vice Chairman; John Crews, former Chairman; and Gerald Dearie, Grounds and Green Superintendent. This lake is the result of the dream of all these men, originally created in the mind of Mr. Dearie. On first glance one may think this is only a dream for beautifying the course, with little or no practical purpose. Actually the lake performs several functions, it creates a cross water hazard for the third hole and it creates a parallel water hazard for the 16th hole as it runs well over 100 yards along the right side of the new 16th fairway. Along with these functions of play, the lake is a reservoir for the drainage system in the ground and involves many holes, the third, fourth, fifth, seventh, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and six-

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teenth. Prior to its creation this water drained into the marshy ground to the right of the third tee which left the ground wet and a great place for breeding mosquitoes. In making this lake Mr. Dearie used the wonderful topsoil in the marsh, which had rolled off the hills and with it formed the new second green and the new sixteenth green. This lake is tied in with the big lake with a pass under the service road behind the second green, fresh water can be pumped into the lake assuring a clean, healthy condition.

As befitting the occasion, the senior member of the group, John Crews, was given the honor of striking the first shot from this tee to open the season and the new hole. With great deliberation and concentration he struck the ball - just then Art Heist cried, "We hereby name this lake, LAKE DEARIE, and it shall be so called, henceforth." His efforts have greatly increased the playing value of the holes involved, beautified the course and raised the prestige of an already great golf course. It will always be called LAKE DEARIE in memory of a man who created a spot of beauty at Medinah.

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