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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To some of us a golf course is a place of employment. To many others it is a place of enjoyment. To a fortunate few a golf course has a more profound and almost reverent significance.

One morning last week at about 7:45 A.M. I noticed that a large expensive automobile was being driven very slowly up the driveway and through the parking lot of our club. At that time I thought to myself that it was a little early for golfers to be arriving. Otherwise, it was an insignificant event. About ten minutes later I saw the car leave. That's strange, I thought.

The next morning the same thing occurred. Now my curiosity was aroused. A thin, gaunt looking gentleman drove his car slowly through the parking lot and into the rough adjacent to #1 fairway. I recognized him as an exceptionally fine gentleman who has been a member at our club for many years. When he reached the fairway, he stopped the car and sat looking out over the golf course. Apparently he was appreciating the sight of the early morning sun and shadows across the rolling terrain. Perhaps he was recalling many wonderful days that he had enjoyed this golf course.

I was respectful of his silent thoughts because I knew that he had less than sixty days to live. A golf course gained a final admiration from a man about to die.

Donald Gerber, President

"WONDERFUL LADY" — PENS POEM TO GOLF

From the City of Long Beach, California and the desk of Mr. B. K. Jones, Director of Golf we received the following poem. It was presented to Mr. Jones by Jane Carsten, "a wonderful lady past sixty years old who plays golf three or four times a week." — Western Office of USGA —

Remember the days of yesteryear  
When greens were made of sand  
And fairways framed with thorny rough?

Today, there are few, who would understand.  
And on and on, through the course of time  
there were better courses made;  
And I've found diversity and charm  
on the ones that I have played.

But picture a course as fair as ours,  
covered with carpets of green;  
From the brow of the hill to the last fairway  
it's as lovely a sight as eyes have seen.

Yet, there are some, who will sing their gripes  
— perhaps not meant to be —  
But these are a few of the ones I've heard  
from the first to the eighteenth tee:  
"I could have made a better drive  
but the tee was slick and wet".

He could not believe he moved his head  
when the ball and club-head met.  
"My second shot would have made the green  
but a tree was in my way."  
The next he dubbed, and tore the turf  
and let the pieces lay.

We face new problems day by day  
and none are quite the same —  
So it's not the course where weakness lies,  
but the way we play the game.

And as I look o'er the lush fairways  
where thousands of feet have trod,  
I will say aloud . . . "is there one of us  
who could do a better job?"

Jane Carsten  
Recreation Park Golf Course

THE HUMOR DEPARTMENT

by Brown Mc Patch

A golf course superintendent hospitalized for minor surgery came out of the anesthesia after the operation and asked, "How come all the shades on the windows are pulled down?"

"The house across the street is on fire", the nurse explained, "and we did not want you to wake up thinking the operation was a failure".

"Experience is a good teacher but a queer old soul . . . she gives the test first, THEN explains the lesson."  
— Wesleyan Methodist

Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in the community.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Voykin are the proud parents of a baby girl born the 22nd of August. The father reports that he is doing fine.

They named her Cathaline Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burdett announce that they now have a baby girl born on Labor day, September 3rd.

John Coghill of Silver Lake Country Club is building a new Short nine holes. The par for the course will be 29. It looks like a real test of the short game. The construction is being done by Ray Didier. The greens are very large and well trapped. The tees are all over 4,000 square feet. John is planning for an opening date in August of next year.