

The sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the entire Raymond Davis family due to the death of Ray. Raymond was a retired golf course superintendent formerly at Medinah C.C. and North Shore C.C. He supervised the building and maintenance work at Arlington Park Towers golf course. He also was a past president of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, and a member of the golf course Superintendents Association. He passed away at the age of 71.

The sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Al Purvey family of McHenry, Ill. Mr. Purvey passed away on August 24th, 1975. He was an AA member of the G.C.S.A.A. and of the M.A.G.C.S. Al was the golf course superintendent at McHenry Country Club for 48 years prior to his retirement 15 years ago. He was active at McHenry C.C. until the day of his death.

THE PROOF OF A GOLFER

by Edgar Guest

The proof of the pudding is the eating they say,
 But the proof of a golfer is not
 The number of strokes he takes in a day
 Or the skill he puts into a shot.
 There is more to the game than the score which you
 make

Here's a truth which all golfers endorse:
 You don't prove your worth by the shots which you
 make;

But the care which you take of the course.

A golfer is more than a ball-driving brute
 He is more than a mug-hunting czar.
 To be known as a golfer, you don't have to shoot,
 The course of your home club in par.
 But you do have to love every blade of the grass,
 Every inch of the fairway and greens.
 If you don't take care of the course as you pass;
 You're not what "a good golfer" means.

Just watch a good golfer some day when you're out,
 And note what he does as he plays,
 He never goes on leaving divots about,
 'till the grass is put back, there he stays.
 Observe him in traps as he stands for his shot,
 Then note when the ball has been played,
 He never unthinkingly turns from the spot,
 'till he's covered the footprints he made.

You may brag of your scores and may boast of your
 skill,

You may think as a golfer you're good;
 But if footprints you make, in traps you don't fill,
 You don't love the game as you should.
 For your attitude unto the sport you enjoy,
 Isn't proven by brilliance or force;
 The proof of a golfer—now get this my boy,
 Is the care that you take of the course.

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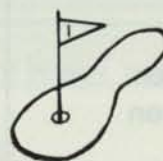
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