

EDITORIAL

Just recently I had the great pleasure of being a part of what is known as "Little City Day" at our club. This is a charity pro-am in which the proceeds go to The Little City Foundation, a children's hospital in Palatine.

The entire day was enjoyed by all who participated, and at the time it seemed just like another pro-am. There was a lot of greeting of old and new friends among the participants who contributed to the event. There were very nice prizes on display, a lavish buffet, a cocktail hour, and of course, a nice dinner.

The whole purpose of the pro-am didn't really hit me until the chairman of the tournament gave his after dinner speech. This is what inspired me to write this article. He went on to explain what "Little City" was all about, and related many instances of which children have been helped by the donations to this fine foundation. The jolly people who participated suddenly had a very serious look on their faces, and a general warm feeling was felt by all. There were even a few tears from some of the gentlemen associated with The Little City Foundation. I know there were lumps in many throats, especially in the ones who have visited "Little City", and have actually seen the fine job which is being conducted.

This experience set me thinking of all the wonderful things the little white ball has created. I just recently read an article in **The Bull Sheet** by an anonymous which stated that golf has been the most important factor in shaping his life and personality. I read another article the month before by a supt. expressing his love for the green and the blue. Yes, golf has contributed so much not only to the shaping of men's lives, but also to the shaping of many fine foundations, organizations, and most important, many friendships.

I would like to close with something said to me by the chairman of "Little City Day". It reads:

"The wealth of man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, and which he is loved and blessed by".

In my case, such is the world of golf and all of its properties.

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The sympathy of the M.A.G.C.S. is extended to the Montgomery family, due to the death of Keith E. He was the superintendent at Kishwaukee C. C. for many years. He passed away on August 23, 1976.

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