

The Greenkeeper Is a Lady!

By WILLIAM GULSHEN

SHEFFIELD is typical of those small towns along the highways of Illinois, its blocks of one-story shops and stores reminding one of the old street drop curtains of Bijou theater days. And like so many cases of the theater, the real human interest stories occur backstage. Listen to this:

It was past noon and we were hungry. The restaurant looked all right so we stopped in. The conversation inside covered a wide range of subjects but golf seemed to get the biggest break. As we waited for our food we learned of what the home folks considered quite some golf course. We had our clubs in the car and were entirely on the loose, so why not?

Club Is Beauty Spot

We followed the road to its end about a mile out of town and there was the sign "Coal Creek Country Club." We turned in through a few hundred yards of wooded lane, rumbled over a rustic bridge across Coal Creek and here it was; really a beauty spot. As we crossed that bridge I had a feeling I had somehow given everyday things a slip, so serene and peaceful was our setting.

We drove on to the clubhouse, where we were met by a pretty little miss or matron, I didn't know which, who took our green-fee. We called for a caddie but there was only one on hand at the time, a pleasant, efficient kid of about twelve. He carried for me and showed us the way around.

The first hole is 375 yards, straight away over two low rolling hills with a clump of trees and traps out there on the left about 200 yards and a border fence along the right side of the fairway—no place at all for a slice. Fortunately, our drives were down the middle and on top of the second hill and we hit the green in two. And what a green it was. It was fast and true but with plenty of firm bent on a base to stop a decent pitch where it lit. The green was entirely free of blemish and without a scar of brown or dollar patch. It was well trapped

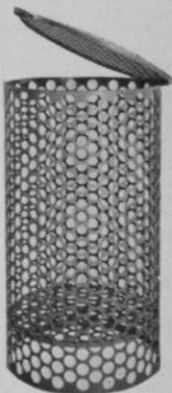
May, 1941

HEAVY GAUGE WASTE CONTAINERS and REFUSE BURNERS

Special QUALITY
Special PRICE

A Golf Club special, fabricated of high quality steel, approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick, which is a by-product of other manufacture and, therefore, priced far below its actual worth. Seams are securely welded. Will outlast several ordinary containers.

Write for
illustrated
literature and
wholesale prices.



The
Harrington & King
PERFORATING CO.

5649 Fillmore Street, Chicago, Illinois

STREAMLINE
Your
"PRO-LINE"
CLUBS

**A Feature
ONLY "Pros"
can offer**



Note the distinctive Tear-Drop Design and the famous Heddon Power-Shoulder.

Available in best Clubs of the best-known makers.

Heddon
"SPEED-SWING"
SHAFTS
"The Shaft of Steel with the Sweetest Feel"

Exclusively Yours **JAMES HEDDON'S SONS**
STEEL GOLF SHAFT DIVISION - BOWLING, MICH.

A Fast Self-Seller for the Golf Shop!

**"HED-RITE"
for Golfers . . .**

★ Answer this ad today. Get illustrated circular and pro prices on this new HED-RITE for Golfers. Recently announced, it promises to become the biggest golf sensation in many a year.

Ball shows white when head is right—finted when not. Designed to help players keep their eye on the ball!



U. S. Patent No. 2,045,399

Make your own test. Find out how players eagerly buy Hed-Rite for Golfers, . . . and why.

It's simple. Hed-Rite directs the golfer to assume correct head position. You'll recognize its merit at a glance, for it helps maintain *balance-in-motion* for a "grooved" stroke. Packed for pros in colorful self-explanatory display box. Get full details now. No obligation.

CHICAGO EYE SHIELD CO.

2314 WARREN BOULEVARD

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



"Proved in the Field"

- SAFE
- EFFECTIVE
- ECONOMICAL

MULTI-ELEMENT

SUPER MINERALITE

A positive control for both brownpatch and disturbed or unbalanced nutritional conditions that encourage brownpatch attack.

100 pounds	.....	\$110.00
50 "	.....	60.00
25 "	.....	32.50
10 "	.....	13.00
5 "	.....	6.50

MAXIMUM requirements for the most serious, active brownpatch attacks—4 ounces per 1,000 square feet. (2 ounces or 3 ounces for average attack).

If your dealer can't supply you, order direct. Or write Don Young, 68th and Indian Lane, Kansas City, Mo.

AGRICULTURAL INSECTICIDE CO., Inc.
BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

behind and along the sides with excellent sand in the traps. The entire setup bore evidence of expert care.

The next hole runs uphill, with a fence along the right, at right angles to number one. This fence along the right seemed reverse to what we usually found. But here we found another green just as good as the first—and so were the remaining ones. Their perfect condition and the course as a whole reflected almost affectionate attention by its keeper.

As we commented on the layout our caddie told us that "Mom said it was laid out by a lefthander with a bad slice." We spoke our appreciation of the course and the caddie explained it all by what "Mom" said." We finally found who "Mom" was. She was none other than the little lady who took our green-fee, and she was the caddie's mother. Her's was quite a story.

A year ago this past winter her husband, Adolph Knudsen, died. He had been club caretaker and greenkeeper for more than a dozen years. The entire member-



Mrs. Swainson cuts a new hole on one of Coal Creek's well-kept greens.

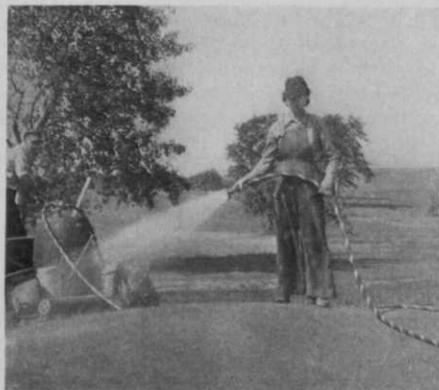
ship had entrusted every care of the course and clubhouse to him until no one else knew anything about it. When he died it was felt the club would suffer because he had brought it through many crises up to the perfection that attracted golfers from many miles around. The modest dues and small membership of the club, together with the multiplicity of duties, required someone with a special interest in the place. Who could take his place?

While the board of governors and most of the membership were mulling over this question, Laura Knudsen (now Mrs. Swainson, as explained later), the caretaker's widow, had a lot bigger question to settle. How was she going to care for her three children of whom Leslie, our cad-

die, was the oldest, and little Beth, then just a year old, was the youngest. Pretty little Rosalie was nine. Mrs. Knudsen, then only twenty-nine, married at seventeen, had never done any kind of work other than care for her home and family. This club had been her home for years.

She took inventory of her chances and decided she knew more about her husband's work than anything else, as an extra-domestic occupation. So she asked for the job. The board members were so much at sea they grabbed the idea and signed her.

With the first break of spring, Laura Knudsen got into overalls and started her job. She painted furniture, repaired fences and stiles, cleaned up the winter's dirt, put up screens and awnings, got pumps and water lines in shape. In short, she got ready for the new golf



No wonder Coal Creek's greens are so attractive! season. She not only surprised the entire membership with her knowledge of her job but she surprised herself as well. Adolph, her husband, had lived his job so intensely that Laura found she had lived it, too. He had kept a diary of his work that was a running account of every green, shrub and bench, but she rarely has to refer to it. She knows her job and certainly does it.

Robert Bruce Harris

**GOLF
& Landscape Architect**

664 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Phone: Whitehall 6530

CADDIE BADGES—We have a number of designs in metal. Circular on request. The C. H. Hanson Company, 303 W. Erie St., Chicago, Ill.

May, 1941

WHAT'S THIS! A "BEAUTY PARLOR" FOR GREENS?



**Why not,
Mr. Greenkeeper?**

You've spent enough to make them beautiful. Surely it's worth 21c per 1,000 square feet of turf to keep them that way.

As economically as that, SPECIAL SEMESAN gives turf the special care of two organic mercuries—effectively preventing or controlling both large brown patch and dollar spot.

Now's the time to start regular treatment. Order SPECIAL SEMESAN today from your supply house. Five lbs., \$7.00; 25 lbs., \$32.50; 100 lbs., \$125.00. Write for free Turf Disease Pamphlet.

BAYER - SEMESAN COMPANY

INCORPORATED

MANUFACTURERS OF SPECIAL SEMESAN,
REGULAR SEMESAN AND NU-GREEN
DU PONT BLDG., WILMINGTON, DEL.



- "Tru-View" fast color wool and cotton Flags
- "Quality" seamless steel and wood Flag Poles
- "Aluminum" yardage, Tee, Green, Direction, Regulation and Entrance Signs and Markers
- "One-Piece" Aluminum and Iron Putting Cups
- "Cuts-True" Hole Cutters — Divot and Turf Repairers
- Cup Setter and Extractor
- "Agrometer" Soil Tester
- "Six Ball" Washer . . . Ball Rack and Ball Retriever

Write today for a copy of Bulletin C-41 which gives complete information and prices.

Standard Manufacturing Company
Cedar Falls, Iowa

GOLF HEADQUARTERS

Golf Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Publishers, and others who serve the golf trade find that it pays in dollars and cents, to locate their offices and display rooms in the LYTON BUILDING . . . a modern 18-story structure located at State Street and Jackson Boulevard, in the heart of Chicago's loop.

A list of LYTON BUILDING tenants looks like "Who's Who in Golf" because here you will find names famous wherever golf is played . . . P.G.A. . . . WILSON . . . BURKE . . . KROYDON . . . YOUNG . . . ATLANTIC PRODUCTS . . . NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION . . . JACKMAN SPORTSWEAR . . . and many others who are "cashing in" on the extra drawing power and the extra business volume resulting from this strategic location, the golf trade buying headquarters of the world.

The LYTON BUILDING is one of the finest office buildings in Chicago's retail shopping district. Standards of occupancy and building maintenance are of the highest. A limited number of desirable spaces are now available on the upper floors . . . with unobstructed light and air . . . at rentals that are exceptionally attractive.

THE LYTON BUILDING

Golf's Most Famous Address

14 E. JACKSON BLVD.

CHICAGO

ONE OF THE FEW FAMOUS HOTELS IN AMERICA



★
You'll enjoy the Bellevue, its famous food, its genuineness and gracious hospitality. Moderate rates, always.

BELLEVUE-STRATFORD
PHILADELPHIA

CLAUDE H. BENNETT, General Manager

Greenkeepers Club of New England met at Ponkapoag GC, Canton, Mass., May 5. Dr. John Monteith, Jr., was a featured speaker. Examination and discussion of the experimental green established at Ponkapoag two years ago was another high point of the program.

At a carnival at the club last fall she proved herself the best carpenter in the place and built stands and shelves. She has an assistant, as did her husband, but his experience in work is very limited and she's the boss.

1941 finds Laura at work at her second year of greenkeeping at Coal Creek, but 1941 also finds her answering to another name. She married a Mr. Swainson early this year, but she has determined not to let that interfere unduly with her greenkeeping duties at the club.

Here's Her Schedule

They tell us an early morning call finds her mowing out on the fairways or the house grounds or topdressing a green or mixing compost or running a test on a suspicious green or repairing a fence or washing club towels (that's a new one for a greenkeeper), or serving soft drinks or frying a hamburger or being nice to her own or somebody else's children or assuring some duffer golfer it was not his fault that he had three shots out of bounds. There are quite a few jobs incidental to even a small, well-run country club. So you can see her days are full of duties, to say the least.

Like all good greenkeepers she is religious in her care of her greens. After the golfers clear out Mrs. Swainson takes to watering greens, letting them soak until midnight, or later, in the dry season. This is a strenuous program for a little 128-lb. woman, but it is one that keeps her happy, for she glories in her job well done.

She has a maid to care for her house and small children. Her schedule moves with the greatest precision. Coal Creek CC is being handled by an expert, as everyone will know for years to come.



KLEN-ZIP REMARKABLE NEW CLEANER FOR GOLF BALLS

Newest chemical for removing dirt, grime and stains. Colorless, odorless. Does not get rancid, foul or slimy. No injury to hands or clothing. No soap, alkali or acid. Write for literature and free testing sample.

McCLAIN BROTHERS COMPANY, Canton, Ohio