



The accompanying series of photos taken at Taconic GC, Williamstown, Mass., cover a span of 22 years and show the beauty a tree planting program started in 1928 has brought to an otherwise barren looking countryside. The top two photos on the adjoining page show the 15th hole at Taconic before the program was well under way and as it is today. The two bottom views taken 22 years apart show the 17th hole. The views above are taken from the clubhouse, the one at the left in 1928 and the one at the right in 1950.

TACONIC — Before and After — TREES

From Dick Baxter of Taconic GC, Williamstown, Mass., comes the most interesting series of photographs GOLF-DOM has published in its 25 years.

The photographs are of Taconic in 1928 before its tree planting campaign was begun, and of Taconic when the trees were richly leaved in 1950. In 22 years magic was wrought by landscaping and barren-looking country was made a glorious sight. Seldom has the story of golf's contribution to community beautification been better told than by these pictures, although quite a few of the men in the business of golf can tell of dumps converted into charming areas by foresight and the work of nature, golf architects and builders and the course superintendents who keep patiently and skillfully at work.

Taconic's "before and after" testimony of the value of treatment by trees may convince many clubs of the wisdom of getting started on a tree program. The factors of golf and landscape architecture may be fortunately and wisely balanced in planning the location and choice of trees but there's another essential element to be considered and that's the expense of nursing the trees along and maintaining them. It's not a heavy item in the budget but it does mean money. The Taconic budget isn't tree-heavy but the charm of the course that trees have added is beyond valuation in dollars.

The work at Taconic, the Williams College golf course, was begun with 10,000 young pines secured from the state nursery at very small cost. Each year from 200 to 300 of the trees were transplanted. Only the trees that were going well on Taconic property were moved and used from the club's nursery to the allotted sites.

Farrell's New Book Treats the Week-End Golfer

If I Were in Your Golf Shoes — by Johnny Farrell — Price \$2 — 90 pages, 18 photographs — Published by Henry Holt & Co., 257 Fourth Av., New York 10 — Johnny's done a first class simple job for cutting some strokes off the score of the week-end golfer who comes out and tries every experiment but can't get away from original sin and winds up trying to wash out his score at the bar. No wonder pros wish they could do business in their shops and at the lesson tee that would come anyway near the volume of business done at club bars.

The tone of Johnny's compact book was dictated by his own experience with pupils at Baltusrol and at the New York Athletic club in winter and by response to his highly successful television show. The book is chatty, emphasizes sound tips rather than going into detail and gives the reader all he can remember and use.