



New home of the Evans Scholars Foundation and Western Golf Association in Golf, Ill.

Western GA-Evans Scholars Headquarters Dedicated

MORE than 400 men and women prominent in American golf attended the dedication of new Western Golf Assn. and Evans Scholars Foundation headquarters at Golf, Ill., on May 20.

Brief dedication ceremonies, in perfect weather, marked an historic stage in the tremendous progress of the idea that Chick Evans had when he turned over income from golf instruction records to establishment of caddy scholarships. Chick would not take money because of the amateur status angle involved and

would have backed away from the deal until he had the caddy scholarship hunch, which received official benediction.

The Evans idea has grown to be the biggest truly amateur educational help in sports and now presents a program of caddy inspiration and help which includes scholarships honoring many of Chick's golfing comrades, with a nationwide program following and being quite closely coordinated with the WGA pattern.

For some years the Evans scholarship operation was pretty much a routine matter but began to get vigorous and expert financial guidance and support when the late Ted Butz took hold. Then along came Maynard G. (Scotty) Fessenden, who is with Butz in the Green Pastures, and the dynamic Fessenden started extended fund-raising for the Evans scholarships with the bag tag deal. Fessenden is memorialized in one of the executive rooms in the new headquarters, a handsome office furnished by Scotty's pals in the WGA and the Bob O'Link GC, which he also headed.

Modest Team of Working "Brass"

Jerry Bowes gave the fund raising the benefit of his successful experience and connections in big business to accelerate the program which was continued by Gordie Kummer, Stan McGiveran and the present WGA president, Jim O'Keefe.



The old carriage that once hauled golfers from the Golf station to the Glenview Club is taken out of the barn to transport Chick Evans (L) and Ned Allis, and behind them, Jock Hutchison (L) and Jim Standish.

It's possibly unjust, but not dangerous, to omit the name of any WGA official in even outlining the story of the Evans scholarship advance after Butz and Fessenden opened the throttle. But this is a deal in which none of the brass is hungry to take bows. It's a job done with intense and genuine sincerity for the kids.

The man who drew all the loose ends together, then put on the bites that resulted in the WGA and the Evans Scholars Foundation moving into their beautiful, utilitarian (and incidentally expense-saving) quarters is Carleton Blunt, chairman of the trustees of the Evans Scholars Foundation. Blunt conducted the building and furnishing program so not a nickel comes—or will come—out of the scholarship funds for building construction or operation.

With a sweet sigh of relief at the successful completion of the job of paying for a \$100,000 building before the doors officially opened, Blunt and his charming wife put on a cocktail party and a dinner dance at the Glenview Club to bring the two days of formalities and golf to a merry finale.

The building will not only serve as headquarters for the nation's biggest caddie-scholarship program which this year is sending 204 caddies to college, but includes the offices of the Village of Golf. Of Georgian design, the building has 3,500 sq. ft. of office space, plus ample grounds and basement space.

The history of the Village of Golf was re-lived prior to the dedication ceremonies when the Olympian-Hiawatha streamliner made an unscheduled stop at the Golf station to unload WGA officials and guests.

It was during the early 1900's that the



WGA Pres. James L. O'Keefe presents Evans Scholars Foundation chairman of trustees, Carleton Blunt, a plaque on which is inscribed tribute to Blunt's work in producing the new headquarters building.

crack train of that day would make a special stop at the same station to allow the Milwaukee Road's president, H. E. Byram, to get to or from his golf at the nearby Glen View Golf & Polo Club.

In arranging for his stop, Byram would tell his secretary "I am going to golf today." Thus, engineers, dispatchers, conductors and other employees of the railroad came to know the stop as "Golf," and the name was retained by the village when it was incorporated in 1925.

Passengers in the Surrey

Another back-track on history was provided for the dedication when four of the nation's leading golf greats—Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr., Jock Hutchinson, E. P. "Ned" Allis and James D. Standish,



Harold Moore opens ceremonies dedicating new Western Golf Assn. and Evans Scholars Foundation headquarters. A section of the building is in the background.

Jr.,—climbed into a horse-drawn carriage for the short trip to the WGA headquarters, even as old-time golfers used the same means of transportation to reach the Glen View Club.

The foursome, which was met at the train by presidents of the four Evans Scholars chapter houses, represented such golfing distinctions as the first golfer to ever win the USGA Open and Amateur titles in the same year, Evans in 1916; the first American to win the British Open title, Hutchinson in 1921; the 10-times State Champion of Wisconsin, Allis, and a four-time Michigan State Champion and a former president of the USGA, Standish.

Harold A. Moore, WGA vice president and chairman of the dedication committee, presided over the ceremonies which officially dedicated the building. Speakers included Harold Fink, the first caddie to receive a scholarship when the program was introduced in 1930; Roland Zagnoli, University of Michigan senior; James L. O'Keefe, president of WGA, and Carleton Blunt.

In addition, J. Edward King, vp of National Golf Fund, Inc., and of Time-Life

Magazines, presented a donation in the amount of \$13,140 to the Evans Scholars Foundation as the National Golf Fund contribution for 1954.

Contributions to the building fund were received from 170 supporters, whose names were placed on the Evans Scholars Honor Roll and displayed in the foyer of the new building. The basic contribution was received from the Theodore C. Butz Foundation in memory of the former WGA president and Evans Scholars Foundation trustee.

The new building includes spacious quarters for the WGA office staff; a large directors' room where hang the oil portraits of Charles Evans, Jr., Theodore C. Butz, Carleton Blunt; two executive offices; a large filing and mailing room; a kitchenette; the office of the Village of Golf, and a large octagonal, marble foyer, with built-in trophy cases in four walls.

Equipment for the building was donated by various groups, including that for the workroom by the Chicago District Women's Golf Assn.; for the kitchenette by the Illinois Women's Golf Association, and for one of the executive offices by Fessenden's friends.

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