

Annoyed by blistering, peeling, fading? . . .

Let's Get to the **BOTTOM** of Good Pool Painting

By **KENNETH SCHILLER**

YOU'VE just painted your club's swimming pool. Members "Oh" and "Ah" and slap you on the back. "Wonderful job. Looks simply great!"

But will the members be as enthusiastic next month? Will the paint still be glossy, colorful, an invitation to swimming? Or, will your pool look like last year's circus poster — paint faded, blistering, coming off in ribbons and sheets?

Where the wrong paint is used, or the right paint improperly applied, everybody is unhappy. To prevent unhappiness and bring your members the real pleasure of swimming, here are some important tips that will steer you toward a successful pool painting job.

First, let's get to the bottom of good pool painting practice. We mean "the bottom" quite literally. Good painting starts here. Without proper surface preparation, the finest pool paint in the world won't produce the results you expect. Here, briefly, is how to avoid being disappointed with your pool:

1. Don't let a contractor finish a new concrete pool with a cement wash. This temporary finish may make the pool look clean, but it's a prime source of paint failure. Wash is structurally weak and later will fall away, taking your good pool paint with it.

2. If your pool is to be constructed of

concrete, and still is in the planning stage, keep these things in mind when you talk to your architect: (a) Concrete surface hardeners interfere with paint bonding; (b) Metallic waterproofing agents rust, and discolor paint; (c) A steel trowel finish makes the surface too slick for proper paint bonding — use a wood float finish.

3. Don't let a contractor finish off a metal pool with any primer except that recommended by the manufacturer whose paint you intend using. To do otherwise may cause bonding failure. The pool paint won't stick or eventually will peel off.

4. Whether your pool is new or old, it must be washed before it can be successfully painted. There is only one exception: the new steel pool. New steel pools should be sandblasted, then painted at once. Why must a pool be washed? Even though it looks perfectly clean, there will be at least a thin film of dirt, form oil (on new concrete pools), body oil, algae, or grease. These substances stand between the pool and the paint. Paint adheres to surface substance. If this substance is foreign matter, there will be trouble. So, no matter how clean your pool looks, wash it and let it dry thoroughly before painting.

5. The surface must be dry. If it isn't, the moisture trapped beneath the paint will give trouble. When the hot sun shines on the pool, the moisture will expand and cause the paint to blister. That is the first step in peeling.

By following these major cautions you will save time, expense and disappointment. For additional help write the Inertol Co., 480-2 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N. J. for a copy of "Handbook on Painting Swimming Pools No. 700-G." It tells how to prepare the surfaces of concrete and metal pools for best paint jobs; how

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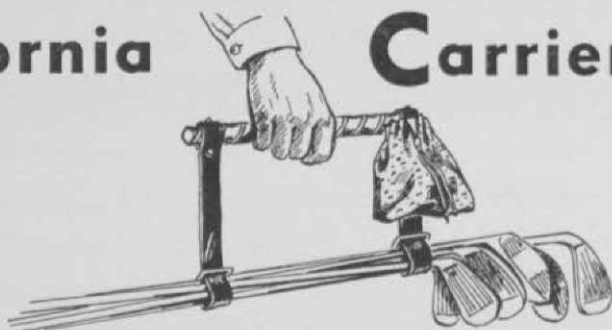
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How can you be sure you have a good paint? Spend a little time checking the claims made for the various paints on the market. Ask to see pools that have gone two or more years without repainting. Ask pool owners for their opinions. Check on the manufacturers. How long have they been specializing in paint for swimming pools? What services do you get with the

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paint? Are company experts available to help you with special problems? These are only a few of the critical points on which you should be well informed before going ahead with that pool-painting job.

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Dies at 80**

Camille L. Gairoard, pres., Kroydon, Maplewood, N.J., makers of golf clubs and shafts, died at Orange (N.J.) Memorial hospital, Feb. 24. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Gairoard was board chmn. of Kraeuter & Co., Newark, N. J., makers of hand tools. He formerly was vp and gen. mgr. of J. Wiss & Co., makers of scissors and jewelry items. He was born in France and came to the United States with his family when he was a youngster, living in Cincinnati for several years after arriving here.

Mr. Gairoard served as pres., Golf Club Manufacturers' Assn., and as pres., New Jersey Senior Golfers' Assn.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Marie Louise Gairoard.

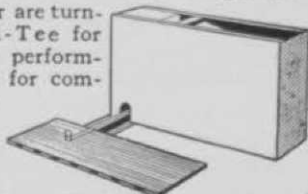
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