



View of Interlaken's scenic clubhouse, where smart landscaping and use of shrubs add considerably to the attractiveness of the structure. A few of the club's caddies are lined up for inspection in this photo.

Pro's Mrs. Carries On

When Pro Amel Lentz joined the army, his assistant got his job—that was Mrs. Lentz

AMEL LENTZ, who used to be pro to the Interlaken GC, Fairmont, Minn., now is Pvt. Amel M. Lentz, 37197923, Antitank Co., 322 Infantry, APO 81, Camp Rucker, in case some of the fellows who knew him well in pro golf want to write him. Like all other soldiers Amel likes to hear from the fellows.

But in case anybody wants to write Amel asking if his old job is open, you'll get the answer here. It isn't!

Amel's assistant got the job and is doing very well at it.

His assistant is Mrs. Amel Lentz. The business affairs of many successful pros are handled back stage by their wives, but, so far as GOLFDOM knows, this case of the Lentz' is the first one in which a pro's wife stepped into his job when the pro went into the army. There may be other cases that we don't know, and it's a cinch that there will be numerous similar cases in the future.

Everything Going Smoothly

Well, how's the case at Interlaken worked out? So far, very good and with excellent prospects of the club making the necessary readjustment to wartime conditions with the utmost of economy and smoothness. The Lentz pair, Amel and Irene, thought of Interlaken as a career.

It's one of those attractive and ambitious smaller town clubs where conscientious, capable pro service really counts. The population of Fairmont is about 7,000, and even with golfers in surrounding communities and visitors to add to the revenue, smart pro department work and thrifty management are essential. The Lentz' were doing right well and the club was coming along in good shape when the war came.

The problems of the club they had discussed, and together they had planned many moves that resulted in the advancement of the club and the satisfaction of its members.

So when Amel went into the army the logical successor qualified by knowledge of what the club needed, was his wife. The club's board always had been very cooperative with Amel and had seen that his wife was a business woman of ability, energy and good judgment. They gave her the job of managing the pro department in her husband's absence.

Delicate or tough problems that come



Mrs. Amel Lentz



August Hilmer (r.) and son Victor whose principal work is maintaining the course.

up while Mrs. Lentz is getting the knack of handling the job on her own are taken up with board members who are keenly interested in helping Mrs. Lentz make good in this experiment of protecting the job of the pro who's away in uniform. An official of the club recently commented to Mrs. Lentz, "The board feels that while there is always room for improvement regardless of what any situation might be, that affairs of the club which now are in your hands are being handled satisfactorily and if the season continues as it now is going the club no doubt will end its year successfully."

Along with invaluable teamwork received from the club officials Mrs. Lentz has had the earnest cooperation of Greenkeeper August Hilmer and his son Victor who have maintained the course in excellent condition and who, despite their own crowded schedule of duties have cheerfully extended help to Mrs. Lentz.

Merchandising in the pro-shop has continued on the same basis it was conducted before Amel left for the army, and stocks are good for a club of the Interlaken class.

Club events are being conducted about the same as last year except that this year Red Cross and Army and Navy Relief get proceeds from the tournaments. The only change in the club's entertainment plan has been to eliminate two of the dinners on the 1941 schedule.

More golf has been played this summer at Interlaken than was played last season. Mrs. Lentz partially accounts for the increase by wartime daylight saving.

She has been able to provide a good number of caddies and has supervised their training and performance. The caddie supply at Interlaken always has been a problem but this year the problem is no more serious than usual. She has a shop helper who issues and checks in the bags, cares for the clubs and assigns the caddies.

The instruction of course won't be what it was when Amel was there but the golf spirit is kept bright, and recreation and a sound American pattern of such relaxation as is fitting in wartime is maintained at this club.

Winter Feeding of Wild Life—The value of bird life to turf betterment has been demonstrated over and over again. The bird population is being reduced faster than it is being replenished. Winter feeding is one of the most practical measures that can be taken to assure their continued existence. Contrary to popular notions, most starvation of birds is cumulative, the result of short rations over an extended period rather than for a few days only. This fact should be fully appreciated in planning for a winter feeding program. While intermittent feeding does some good, systematic feeding will be more helpful.

The small, winter, ground-loving birds can be fed by providing food for the game birds, but the tree-inhabiting kinds, including the downy woodpeckers, nut-hatches, and creepers can be attracted near dwellings and into groves by placing suet and other foods on and among the trees. The seed from ripened flower blossoms will attract certain birds onto the edge of the lawn, if the dried stems are left standing in the flower border. Certain trees and shrubs including privet, snow-berry, juniper, American elder, bayberry, honeysuckle, and barberry will greatly benefit bird life.

A growth consisting of buckwheat, wheat milo, kafir, sunflower, and soybean if allowed to stand unharvested over winter in a food-patch reservation will furnish excellent food and shelter for a variety of birds, rabbits, squirrels, and other wild life.—*Timely Turf Topics of USGA Green Section.*

How Is Golf Making Out?

By **FRED J. CORCORAN**

PGA Tournament Bureau Manager

GOLFING greats were gathered at Miami, waiting the start of the 1941-42 winter tour when word came crackling through the ether that Jap bombs had on the fateful afternoon of December 7th, rained death and destruction on Pearl Harbor. The immediate reaction was, of course, that golf would have to close up shop for the duration. Visions came to mind of some British courses, familiar to every golfer, plowed up or bombed. First opinions pointed to golf fading out of the picture until the last shell had been fired.

But now eight months have gone by since that memorable afternoon and the trend has been in the opposite direction. No sport has played a more forceful or effective part in the war effort. And almost 3,000,000 Americans have found that golf has an important role in wartime.

Of course, there's no denying that golf has had to take it on the chin—not once but many times. But each time it has come up smiling with a new solution for its ills. Gas rationing proved the bitterest dose of medicine. Many courses are all but inaccessible to reach by anything but the automobile. But now golfers are

working on a share-your-auto plan by which means golfers are conveyed to the course by fours and fives instead of twos and threes. I would hesitate to say how much gas and rubber has been conserved via this plan but the amount is very considerable. Where trains can furnish the transportation, they are being used extensively. Even the horse and buggy has been brought out of hiding for the first time since World War days.

The shortage of steel and rubber has not yet appreciably cut down on the equipment available because of made-up stocks. There has been a reduction of waste. When there's a water carry ahead, the golfing duffer will think twice before gambling on an all-out bid to carry the deep ahead. Instead, he will play it safe and usually wind up with a lower score.

Naturally, with the nation deeply immersed in war work, there aren't anywhere near as many week-day golfers as in other years. Strangely enough, this has affected women more than men because so many ladies are busy working for the Red Cross, the USO and other highly vital war relief organizations. Many professionals,

Shown below is the recently renovated golf shop at the Kanawha CC, Charleston, W. Va., where John DeVries is pro. Neatness, plenty of light, and displays that put the merchandise within easy reach of prospective customers, make DeVries' shop one of the best appointed in the Mountain state. Note, too, the bulletin board, and metal lounge chairs where members may while away a few minutes in a congenial, 'buying' atmosphere.



too, have deserted the lesson tee temporarily during week days to go to work in defense plants.

The slack in caddies has been taken up in part as in 1917-8 by the Sunday bag. Many golfers now carry their own clubs in a light bag. They only carry five to eight clubs rather than the fourteen or more. The mention of caddies brings to mind one method of raising money for war relief which was used during the first war and which hasn't as yet been adopted during the current world strife. That is the auctioning off of caddie rights for famous golfers to club members. You'd be surprised at the money paid by wealthy members in 1918 to gain the right of acting as honorary caddie for a Jones or a Ouimet or a Evans or a Hagen.

Contribution To War Relief

This brings us down to a really large part golf has played in the war role—the raising of money for war relief efforts. By the end of the summer, it is conservatively figured that golf will have raised over a million dollars for such purposes. Last year before war was declared, the PGA alone raised over \$75,000 for the USO and other war charities. This year we expect to triple that amount at the very least. The whole take from the Ryder Cup matches at Detroit on July 18-19 was turned over to Red Cross. Those two days, too, were earmarked as PGA War Relief days and every member of the PGA—over 2,100 strong—played in some exhibition match or tournaments, the total proceeds of which went to relief.

The PGA is not carrying on alone. The USGA handed over some \$25,000 in June with many more dollars to follow. The 25-cent bunkers are now all over the country—bunkers that cost you 25 cents for the USO if you land in them. And these are only a few of the methods by which money is being lifted into the coffers of war relief.

Then, too, the presence of Sam Snead in the Navy and Vic Ghezzi, Bud Ward, Ed Oliver, James Turnesa and many other leading golfers in the Army has needed the interest of many soldiers and sailors who previously had the erroneous impression that golf was only a rich man's luxury. Exhibitions in many far-scattered Army camps by leading professionals has helped, too. Altogether, golf should have many new followers when peace has come again to America and to the world.

Pro Letter Urges Club Buying To Free Used Clubs for USO

PROS in the Detroit District are circulating their members with a letter keynoted for contributions of used clubs for distribution by the USO to men in the army and navy training camps.

The letter was prepared by the Detroit office of the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. It sets forth a sound and appealing sales slant, inasmuch as the pro and the member share in passing along something to the soldiers and sailors when new golf equipment is purchased under the plan presented in the letter.

The letter reads:

Dear Member:

I have been commissioned—by the USO as a Procurement Officer to obtain all of the used golf clubs and bags available for the use of our boys in the training camps. At many of these camps, driving ranges have been provided but the full benefit of them for purposes of relaxation, recreation and morale building is stymied by a lack of playing equipment.

Now here is my suggestion. You certainly can make no mistake in purchasing a new set of clubs and a new bag at this time. You know you will get more genuine pleasure out of the game if you have up-to-the-minute playing equipment, and since the manufacture of golf clubs is "out" for the duration, the time is definitely limited when new clubs will be available.

I know you will want to help our boys in the service—if you can do that and help yourself at the same time, it's a pretty good deal, isn't it? I will accept your present clubs and bag as a trade-in on a new outfit that you will be proud to own—I will make as liberal allowance as I can—I can't make too much because I'm going to turn these used clubs over to the USO gratis.

If you prefer to donate the used set, I'm not going to object but I'll stand my share in the contribution by giving you a 10% discount on the new outfit if the deal is made within the next 30 days. Our boys in the service won't get much good out of the clubs next winter!

What do you say? Do you want to talk it over? Okay—come into the shop as soon as you can—my time is your time.

Yours for VICTORY

Golfdom

Most of them are smaller and younger, so— GIVE THE CADDIES A BREAK!

AT almost every club the caddies average smaller in size and younger in age than they did last year. Those older bigger caddies who still come to clubs usually want to carry double whenever possible, and doubling is by no means satisfactory to most players.

The responsibility of considering the smaller caddie is neglected by most clubs and players, according to the observation of a widely-travelled golfer. He has noted that the sale of smaller bags hasn't picked up as it should for the best interests of the smaller caddies. He recalls that in days before the 14-club restriction the objections of physicians and parents to smaller boys being overloaded with packs of golf equipment were becoming extensive and serious enough to be a black mark against the game.

Now, he is convinced, it is advisable for the players at clubs where caddie shortages have brought smaller boys into service, to use their complete sets and heavier bags only when caddies physically qualified for the job are available. He grants that there may be some sacrifice of player's confidence in making a shot with a club he's not accustomed to use for the shot to be played. But, on the other hand, he is of the opinion that the average player may improve his game by simplification of the club selection problem to the point that better mastery of the entire set may be developed for employment when conditions return to normal.

In seeking to determine what sacrifice of scoring might be made by players lightening caddie loads when only smaller boys are available, this golfer weighed the loaded bags of 20 representative members at his own club. Initials of members, their handicaps, weight of loaded bags their caddies carry and the equipment in the bags are given in accompanying table.

The golfer comments:

"I weighed one of the larger leather bags without any balls or other things in it and it weighed 8 lbs. The little canvas bag weighs 2 lbs. It would be my suggestion that the members use their large leather bags for traveling purposes or when larger boys are caddying and give the little kids a break.

"I think it is a crime to expect these

young boys to carry these large bags. You can imagine what it would be to carry a 25 lb. bag of flour on your shoulder for four or five miles in the hot sun.

"There should be an additional penalty for any member who has his caddie carry any more than a 15 lb. bag . . . say 25c penalty for every 5 lbs. over 15 lbs."

We question the advisability of the suggestion of an excess charge for overweight, basing our objection on the hunch that the little kids would fight to get the heavier bags and the additional income, thus defeating the purpose of the lighter load suggestion. The table follows:

Name	Handicap	Wt. of Bag (lbs.)	Irons	Woods	Umbrellas
T. P.....	7	25	14	5	
M.....	8	24	9	4	1
H.....	18	27	9	4	1
E.....	6	26	11	4	
F.....	8	24	12	4	
E. E.....	18	20	9	4	
G. L.....	18	23	11	3	
C.....	36	16	8	3	
G.....	6	12	8	3	
E. P.....	24	23	10	4	
F.....	13	23	10	4	1
K.....	19	26	11	3	
L. A.....	20	21	8	4	
W.....	24	25	9	4	
M. H.....	18	24	11	4	
G. V.....	15	17	8	3	
R.....	14	21	9	4	
B.....	18	20	8	4	
A. H.....	17	18	8	4	
A. C.....	29	18	8	4	

AFTER two weeks of play in the Peter Dawson National Ringer Golf Tournament in which 90,000 golfers in over 300 clubs in the country are participating, the Miami Valley GC, Dayton, Ohio, was in the lead with a low ringer score of 48.

With the reported scores ranging from the low 48 to 67, four clubs are tied for second place with a score of 49 strokes. Last year's winner of the 300 ounce Dawson Trophy, the Glen Oaks Club, Farmington, Mich., had a final score of 42. So far, seventeen aces have been reported, with the Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, N. Y., accounting for two of these.

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Therefore—I pledge myself to follow the Wilson "Share the Game" Plan—to help preserve sports for the good of all—to make my present equipment last by using it carefully, and—if I buy new equipment, to see that my old equipment is made available to some other American who needs exercise, too.

To aid America in this vital "Share the Game" Program, Wilson Sporting Goods Co. offers the following expert suggestions:

Have present golf equipment reconditioned by your Professional, and place in his charge for regular maintenance service, if possible.

Forbid caddies to swing your clubs or drop bag. Damage is done this way.

Keep all screws in the heads of your wood clubs tight. This is important.

Don't be too heavy at water holes. Lose a stroke and save a valuable ball. Play safe and play more.

Don't put clubs away while wet or covered with mud. Wipe dry with a towel carried for this purpose.

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MISHAWAKA GETS NEW MUNY COURSE

GOLFERS of Mishawaka, Indiana, an industrial city located in the northwestern part of the state, have a new and improved municipal golf course.

For many years, Mishawaka has had a sporty 9-hole course, adjacent to the west bank of the beautiful St. Joseph River. Several years ago, the city administration purchased a tract of land on the east bank of the river, for insuring the city an adequate supply of well water. This area was converted into a public park, and, as such, was enjoyed to a limited degree by citizens.

Ralph H. Jernegan of Mishawaka, a golf enthusiast, conceived a plan whereby the holes on the west side of the river could be shifted about, and by converting the public park into a golf course, Mishawaka could enjoy an excellent 18-hole course.

By revising the fairways of the old course, three most interesting holes are laid out, which require driving across the river in each instance. The longest carry of these three holes is 110 yards, the shortest 90 yards.

F. M. Paul, secretary-manager of the Mishawaka Chamber of Commerce, conceived the novel idea of honoring 18 Indiana cities which have 18-hole courses in operation, by dedicating each fairway to a certain city whose characteristics are somewhat related to the natural topography of the fairway.

These dedication panels are constructed of wood and mounted between two tapered upright columns which will be anchored in the ground, and placed on the right hand side of the tee. In addition to the name of the city appearing on each panel,

there will also be the number of the hole, yardage and par. Appearing at the top of each panel will be a symbol representing some certain factor of each city, and on the reverse side of each panel will be a terse statement portraying some prominent fact concerning Mishawaka.

In order that the proper community attitude can be maintained, an association known as the Mishawaka GA has been organized. The association has as its president, Mr. Jernegan. Within the association there is established a men's division, and a ladies division. All competitive events will be operated separately, with a chairman heading up each division.

The dues of the association are only \$1.00 per year. In return, each member receives a very attractive membership card contained in a leather tag, suitable for attaching to a golf bag. The association will be permitted to expend funds for prizes, exhibition matches, and other features related to the furtherance of the game in general.

James Wagner, who is well-known throughout the southwest, especially around the courses at San Antonio, Tex., has been employed as pro at the Mishawaka course. Since Wagner assumed his duties March 1, 1942 he has put into effect many changes regarding the interior arrangement of the clubhouse, which will add to the efficiency of operation, as well as the players' comfort and convenience.

William Konow, a well-known greenkeeper and a former employee of the Mishawaka course, has been returned to the job, and will have complete charge of the new 18-hole course.



Group at July 13 meeting of Pittsburgh Greenkeepers Assn., held at Mahoning Valley CC, Girard, Ohio. Host greenkeeper Jimmy Downes is shown at extreme left.



Front view of Walnut Grove's attractive clubhouse, which overlooks the first tee and eighteenth green. Additions were made to the structure in 1936, '38, '40 and '42.

WALNUT GROVE

PROVES VALUE OF

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This Dayton club almost hit bottom in 1935—
then Senart and Simmons went into action

By **CALVIN POOLE**

IT'S like rubbing Aladdin's Lamp to turn back to 1935 when Walnut Grove was wishful thinking and then look around at the plant we have today." That's how B. F. Senart, secy-treas., sums up the achievements of this thriving golf club seven miles east of Dayton, O. But the detailed story of Walnut Grove's development reveals plenty of elbow grease was put behind the rub before the dreams came true.

The club as it stands today exhibits the vision, sound planning and hard work of two graduates of Dayton's munny course, Senart and his bosom pal, M. H. "Dick" Simmons. When they joined the club in 1933 it was known as Greenmont CC, a tough enough layout to please any golfer but financially trapped too tough for its original organizers. The engineering training of these two men was such that they recognized both the cause of, and cure for the club's ailments.

In the spring of 1935 a reorganization committee was formed headed by Simmons. The club name was changed to Walnut Grove CC when a new corporation became effective in the spring of 1936. Simmons became pres. and Senart, secy-treas.; offices which they have held ever since.

An improvement program embracing both course and clubhouse was immediately launched. And, just as promptly, a revitalized membership roster began to grow. The engineering ability of Senart and Simmons undoubtedly is one of the chief reasons for the club's sound and rapid development.

The original clubhouse of field stone and cement construction provided for a small locker-room, showers, lounge, office and abbreviated dining room. Before the end of 1936 this had been enlarged to include a fine pro-shop, good-sized grille and bar, and kitchen. In 1938 a commodious dining room was added. In 1940 the ladies came into their own with a fine locker-room. This spring saw the completion of a substantially enlarged men's locker and shower room, the kitchen doubled in size, a men's card room and a modern heating plant.

The club was its own general contractor. A slate roof tops the field stone and cement walls of the attractive, one-decked structure, assuring permanence and low maintenance. Because much of the architectural and engineering features were the after-hours' work of Senart and Simmons;



The principal characters in Walnut Grove's SS team—Dick Simmons, president (left), and B. F. Senart, secy-treas.

because engineers are nose about even the smallest details and know costs and consequences, and because its board and executive committee really functioned, Walnut Grove got far more for its money and is today sitting pretty.

Simmons Gets The Members

But it takes members to make a golf club and getting members has been engineered by Dick Simmons. Don't get the idea that these two men alone made Walnut Grove an outstanding administrative and operating success. They didn't, and insist they were lucky in having a working board and an unusually enthusiastic board and membership to help carry the torch. As Senart puts it: "In a club of growing membership such as ours, undergoing a rather ambitious program of improvement, we of course were offered many suggestions on what to do and how to do it. In the normal course of each season's operations all clubs get plenty of this 'fan mail.' In a way it's a healthy sign but it should never be permitted to get out of control. Some of our most enthusiastic members were especially insistent that their suggestions be adopted. In such cases we had to take a firm stand. It invariably saved us money and our would-be engineers, architects, managers, etc. were well pleased with the way things worked out."

Walnut Grove's board is composed of 15 members, most of whom are regularly on tap for the monthly meetings. Walter Blank, one of the oldest members is v-p and heads the executive committee of five responsible for the club's operations. Having the same experienced pilots guide their ship year after year has eliminated costly errors resulting from frequent ad-

ministrative turn-over. Fifty shares of stock were sold at \$100 each when the new corporation took over; 50 additional shares were sold in 1941. Since the original shares were issued, up to the present time, only 20 shares have changed hands and in every case they brought par. Today Walnut Grove has 95 shareholders. The shareholders dues are \$35.

The club's membership and annual dues are as follows: 136 regular (men) at \$50; 85 women and 23 juniors at \$20; 79 non-resident at \$20 and 3 intermediate (member's sons and daughters between 21 and 25) who pay \$25. In 1936, the first year following reorganization, the total income from all sources was \$6,718. Expenses that year were \$8,275; last year's income, including revenue from the sale of 50 shares at \$150, was \$46,857 with expenses totaling \$30,289. In the six year's since the Simmons-Senart team took hold in 1936 the club's capital investment has almost doubled and its mortgage reduced from \$21,000 to \$12,000.

The clubhouse is not pretentious but it is attractive, spacious and well-equipped.



One of Walnut Grove's cabin-style shelters, each of which is accompanied by a large field stone fireplace and grille.

The service features are streamlined to make life at Walnut Grove a pleasure instead of a pain in the purse. The food is good and servings abundant. A simple menu cuts costs and speeds service. Regular dinners are 85c. Chicken and steak dinners at \$1.35 may be ordered up to a certain hour only. With the enlarged dining room in service this year, business is running about double that of 1941. Outside group tournaments are limited to one a week and there's a waiting line.

Naturally, as one of the clubs located in or near a defense and military center, most of the play is concentrated on weekends, and in late afternoon or twilight, or at other times when attention can be given to golf without cutting into vital war effort hours.

The 6,500 yards of the golf course take