

March 10, 1945.

Mr. E. L. Friek,
1235 Kentucky St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Friek:

The past winter at the Lawrence Country Club we have made many improvements to the interior of the building. Our golf course has always been one of our prized possessions. We perhaps have one of the prettiest golf courses in the country. Prior to the war we had an 18-hole course, but with war conditions we cut it down to nine. Personally, I think this 9-hole course is one of the sportiest in Kansas.

The other evening I was talking to Henry Shank, your fine son-in-law, and he tells me that you soon are planning to retire and enjoy life. I have got a little better than five years before I retire at 65. And to a fellow who has always been busy, naturally he will look around to see what sort of activity will occupy his time. Henry and I thought perhaps you might enjoy taking up the game of golf. Henry is an excellent golfer and I am a dub at it, but I enjoy it.

We have a number of men your age who have retired and play their golf game regularly, winter and summer. Now I don't mean the terribly blustery winter days, but many months through the winter, in some years, we have fine golfing weather. Mr. Harry Weaver, who was vice president of the Kansas City Southern, suffered a neuritis palsy and retired. This does not bother his game of golf at all, and he has a great time. We have ten or twelve fellows who are rather chummy in their play and through the week, every Saturday and Sunday, they get together for some very wholesome golf matches and a lot of friendly contact.

In the not too distant future I am going to arrange a date so that I can talk with you and sell you the advantages of our Lawrence Country Club. You don't have to be a great player to enjoy golf. It doesn't take long until you would have the philosophy that the game is the thing, and not beating Old Man Par.

Mr. Irving Hill, president of the Lawrence National Bank, Dr. H. T. Jones, a practicing physician, Mr. Ogden Jones, chairman of the Draft Board, and I play at available opportunities when the weather is good. None of