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"Golf and A College Education"

Allen I am pleased to have as my guest tonight Glenn Catman, who has attained national recognition in golf since his graduation from the University of Kansas, and who this spring will coach the Kansas varsity golf team. How do you feel to return to the University as this year's golf coach, Glenn?

Glenn There is no place I would rather be, Doc. I met lots of nice people and saw some grand country this past summer, but K.U. still has an enticing atmosphere.

Allen Glenn, you have come over what some people might call the difficult road. You have had to work your way through high school and college. I remember years ago when you caddied for successful business men here, and it seemed to me that their sportsmanship appealed to you. You naturally desired to emulate those successful big shot business men in their activity recreation hours, as well as their business hours. Those men were college graduates, and you desired to follow in their footsteps. It was pleasurable activity but it required long hours. As a Caddy you had to be very courteous, solicitous, on the job all the time, and it taught you a certain type of patience through the hard grind of things. Don't you think by this patience and courtesy and special talent that a caddy has to possess to serve his employer that he learns a great deal about human nature?

Glenn Yes, Dr. Allen, I believe that caddying is one of the best trainings a boy can follow. There is no place where one's character is better exhibited than when playing golf. The boy who watches the duffers as well as the good players learns concentration and the correct mental attitude for competitive golf. This also helps him in other endeavors. As Grantland Rice once said, "Golf will try the nerves of even the doctors and clergy." I even believe tournament golf the hardest of any game in which to acquire the right mental attitude.

Allen Well, I quite agree with you, Glenn. We won't mention any names, but did you ever play with anybody who threw clubs?

Glenn Yes, I have. Some people lose their temper, even in tournament golf.

Allen Well, Adolph Rupp, one of my old basketball players back on the 1923 ever-victorious team, and now coach at the University of Kentucky, tells a good one. He was playing golf with a fellow on one of those beautiful Kentucky courses, and his business man friend got so angry with his shots that he drove in a water hazard that he picked up his clubs and threw them in the lake, then he threw his golf bag in the lake, and then he picked up his caddy and threw him in the lake!

Glenn Well, there was only one thing left to do then - someone should have thrown him in the lake, too, or he should have jumped in himself.