

The Henry C. Ulen File...

...historical anecdotes, incidents, and attributes of Henry C. Ulen, founder of Ulen Country Club and the Town of Ulen, presented by The Henry C. Ulen Foundation.



Mr. Ulen's Generosity...

Stories of Henry C. Ulen's generosity to individuals, organizations, and his community rapidly come forth from those who knew him or were impacted by his kindness.

Discussing Mr. Ulen's generosity, **Dr. Russell Hardin** commented, "If Ulen saw a family that needed coats, shoes, or clothes, he bought what they needed." **Charlie Jones** remembers that Mr. Ulen was very generous within his community but usually private about it. **George Donaldson's** records note that Mr. Ulen had a close friend employed to make contributions for Mr. Ulen, who then took no credit.

Mr. Ulen saw that window air conditioners were installed throughout Witham Hospital for patient and staff comfort and frequently contributed to the Salvation Army and the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. Donaldson's files review an impressive list of local organizations supported by Mr. Ulen, including the Lebanon Welfare League, Heart Foundation, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, many local churches, and Purdue University.

Phyllis Ann Fulwider Leahy, of Carmel, cousin of former Lebanon residents **Susan Crane Kyle** and **Jack Crane**, provides an example of Mr. Ulen's quiet generosity:

Leahy says, "My dad's father, **Luther Bryant Fulwider**, a Lebanon resident, was a civil engineer working for Mr. Ulen's construction company before the Great Depression. Mr. Ulen's company had contracts to build German bridges, and my grandfather was learning German to work there, but the Great Depression caused the loss of his Ulen job. Later in 1936 he was working for an oil company when a railroad crossing arm in Lebanon failed, and the company truck was struck by a train, killing both the driver and my grandfather. At the time, his son, my dad **John Fulwider**, was a freshman at Purdue University. My grandmother had two other children as well, **Elva (Fulwider Crane)**, 16 and Dick, 11, and struggled to support three children. Learning of this disaster, Mr. Ulen paid for all of my dad's Purdue college tuition. After graduating in 1939, my dad was an engineer at General Motors and eventually paid Mr. Ulen back, even though Mr. Ulen never indicated that was necessary."

Retired Lebanon Fire Chief **Jim Stevenson** remembers Mr. and Mrs. Ulen as "kind, generous people." **Edna Stevenson**, Jim's mother, was Mr. Ulen's private secretary for many years at his downtown and home offices. "Mr. Ulen was very good to his employees," says Stevenson. "I remember how happy and grateful my mother was in 1953 when he took a group of employees and family on a European cruise on the Queen Mary." Stevenson also remembers that when **Joe Carpenter**, Mr. Ulen's long time chauffeur, could no longer climb the stairs to his apartment above the garage at the Ulen home, Mr. Ulen installed a chair lift for him. "I remember thinking that chair lift was the neatest thing I had ever seen, and Mr. Ulen would let me ride on it. I think he enjoyed watching me as much as I enjoyed the ride," said Stevenson.

Mr. Ulen's most visible act of generosity in Boone County was probably his creation of Ulen Country Club, the golf course, and the Town of Ulen. His generosity continued during the Depression when UCC fell on hard times, and Mr. Ulen paid for half of all members' dues and kept the club afloat in other financial ways



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