

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 and the Charles Jones Family

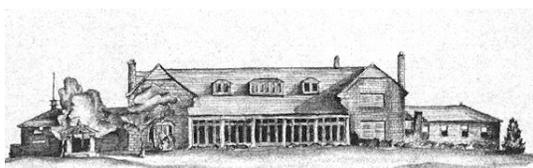
Ulen CC member Charles (“Charlie”) Jones and his family shared a strong bond of neighborly friendliness with Henry C. Ulen. In 1959 Charlie and his late wife Libby moved next door to the Ulen’s to 122 Ulen Boulevard, the former home of original owner Mark Adler. Charlie recalls that within a month of his and Libby’s moving in, Mr. and Mrs. Ulen held a tea to welcome them. Guests included the Mark Adlers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hines, Dr. John and Mrs. Coons, Earl Ulen, Maurice Winkler, and Martha Pulliam, all people Mr. Ulen had influenced to move to the Town of Ulen. At the formal late afternoon party, the women wore long gowns and gloves, with the men in coats and ties.

Charlie remembers that Mr. Ulen enjoyed entertaining in his home and at the Ulen club house. His regular table was in the southwest corner of the current ballroom where he could see everyone coming in. Mr. Ulen played bridge at the club, with long time UCC president “Boss” Ernie Lyle as one of his regular partners. (Dr. Russell Hardin recalls that Mr. Ulen often said that the best bid in bridge was “Pass.”) Mr. Ulen was also well known for the pre-WWII UCC gatherings he hosted for state and national journalists, politicians and other celebrities. The record of guests over the years included persons from 32 states, all recipients of Mr. Ulen’s hospitality.

However, Charlie states, Mr. Ulen was not after publicity; he was actually very private but enjoyed his group of business and golfing friends. As he aged and had some health problems, he quit going to his downtown Lebanon office in the Ulen Building on the corner of Washington and North East Streets. (Charlie Jones’ title company office was then in the lower level of the building with Ulen offices on the second floor.) Charlie observed that Mr. Ulen hated giving up his office visits, and he missed his associates. He continued to work from his home where his secretary Mrs. Edna Stevenson (mother of retired Lebanon Fire Chief Jim Stevenson) would come to assist him. Often, on a whim, Mr. Ulen would send chauffeur Joe Carpenter to the Jones house to ask Charlie to come visit. Henry would ask Charlie about what was going on downtown: the people he knew, the bankers, the politicians. These conversations never lasted too long but were part of the neighborly relationship the two men had.

Long after Mr. Ulen’s death in 1963, the link between him and Charlie’s family continued when Charlie’s daughter Jennifer Jones Katona and her husband Gary Katona, current Ulen CC members, purchased Mr. Ulen’s home in 1995. Charlie Jones still lives next door to his daughter, and he continues to be a valuable resource for information about the Henry C. Ulen story and its impact on Ulen Country Club, the Town of Ulen, and the community of Lebanon.

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