

Peerless Reba earned Southwest golf honors

By ANN CARROLL

DEAR ANN: Mrs. Robert B. Price Sr. brought to me a scrapbook with clippings re: the Tuesday Golf Club of El Paso. She asked me to write this for you. The death of Mrs. Otto Armstrong, the peerless Reba, brought nostalgic thoughts to Lorez Price and the other surviving members of the Tuesday Golf Club.

Those women who drove each week to the El Paso Country Club for golf and luncheon had a wonderful time. Their heyday was the 1930s. Reb, brunette and beautiful, with cordial manner and low-pitched voice, was the darling of the club and the champion here and in the Southwest in many tournaments.

One article in 1933 relates in The Herald-Post headline: HUSBANDS APPROVE GOLFER WIVES. These husbands are quoted: Walter Howe, young attorney, whose bride of a year was president of the club; Frank B. Hadlock who often followed his wife around the course; John P. Yearwood and G. B. Holdsworth, who believed that golf was the best nerve tonic in the world, not only for women, but for men and young people. Otto Armstrong, husband of the medallist player, who said he got a thrill from his wife's prowess.

One Herald-Post headline told of the ending of the Women's Southwestern Golf Association tourney: FINAL TEA ENDING TO FLAWLESS WEEK OF GOLF. There were two tea tables with Mrs. D. V. Fennesy and Mrs. C. H. Leavell presiding. Mrs. R. W. McAfee presented the prizes. "The last shall be first," said Mrs. McAfee, and thus the winner of the championship title over Mrs. Frank B. Hadlock, was the last to be loaded down with trophies.

Other women who were leaders in the club and who made the entire week a success were: Mmes. W. L.

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Brown, J.B. Luscombe of Ft. Bliss; C. N. Bassett, Charles F. O'Hara, B. F. Stevens, and A. L. Cox.

A tournament luncheon was held at the Central Cafe in Juarez Nov. 23, 1933. (Ann, that cafe burned down, remember? I don't mean the golfers caused it!!!)

Lorez Price served a term as club president and two terms as president of the Women's Southwestern Golf Association. No women enjoyed wholesome friendship more than these golfers. They practiced sportsmanship and their sense of humor made the social affairs worth attending.

Reba Armstrong was the first woman to build a truly Mexican-style home in El Paso, yes, near the Country Club. She furnished it with Mexican things. She painted and carved and did much of the actual inside work.

You could telephone Reba for information about a golf game or a match. She would come from her manual labor as cordial and sweet-tempered as an angel (no foolin'). That husky voice would come over the line, "How are you . . . yes, I am having a great time up to the elbows in paint. Come and see my home."

Lorez Price wants this article to be a memorial to Reba who died in San Clemente, Calif., April 4, 1977. She is survived by her husband and sons, Forrest E. Armstrong of Beaumont, Tex., and C. E. (Byng) Armstrong of El Paso.

MRS. J. DILL McKENNEY

DEAR MARY McKENNEY: Thank you and hail, Mrs. Robert B. Price, for the memories.