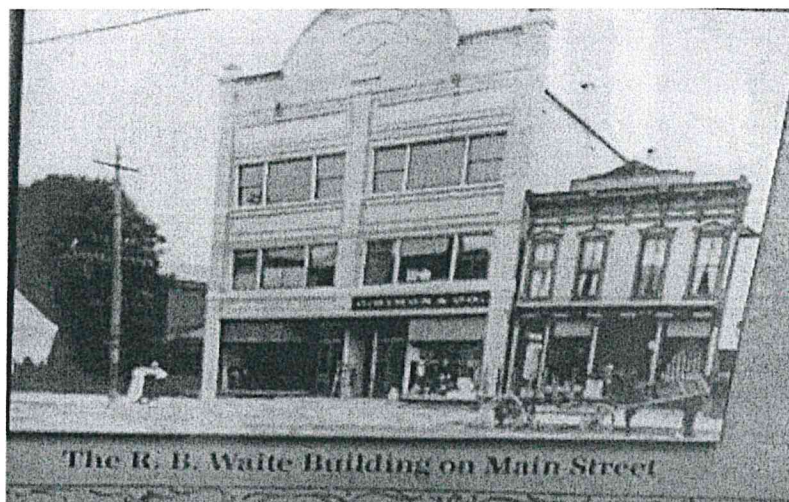




Dr. Ralph B. Waite



Ralph Waite was born on February 28, 1871, in his father's dental office in downtown Springville, NY. By the age of 16 years Waite was filling cavities in his father's dental office. He would attend Temple University in Philadelphia graduating in 1891. He would return to this home town to practice dentistry and worked at pioneering the introduction and perfection of cocaine and Novocain as a local anesthetic for minor surgery in dentistry. He founded Antidolar Manufacturing Co. in Springville and sold these products worldwide.

He was Springville's 1st millionaire and founded numerous patents including a car jack, and Novocain. In 1902 he owned the first electric car in Springville. He also constructed the four story tall 'Waite Building' in downtown Springville that housed Antidolar Manufacturing Co., Springville Post Office and his dental office. Dr. Waite's dental office has been recreated and can be found on display in the Heritage Building located at Warner Museum. His residence in Springville is now occupied by present SCC members Mike and Diane Beatty on East Main Street.

The process of converting Springville Country Club original "sand and oil" greens to bent grass was started with a generous donation by Dr. Waite in 1929. Eventually all greens were converted to grass. Dr. Ralph B. Waite died on February 13, 1965, at the age of 93 years and is also buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Springville.



Next season will mark the

100th Anniversary of Springville Country Club

The committee has been hard at work to prepare a memorable season that will incorporate fun events and provide the membership insight into the rich history that makes up this wonderful club.

If you are interested in helping, donating your time or contributing memorabilia and photos, please contact :

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In this edition of The History of Springville Country Club we will focus on the 1920s:

- ☞ April 1, 1922: SCC takes possession of Cascade Park from the B.R. & P. Railroad.
- ☞ April 13, 1922: Glenn "Pop" Warner was elected the first President of SCC and 15 members were selected to the first board of directors.
- ☞ April 29, 1922: Incorporation papers were filed with the Erie Country Clerk's office.
- ☞ April 1922: Clean up days were announced, requesting members to show up with saws, hammers or rakes with a lot of pep to help clean up the grounds.
- ☞ May 4, 1922: George Terhorst was retained by SCC as groundskeeper. He had previously worked the same position for 12 years with the B.R.&P. Railroad.
- ☞ May 30, 1922: Decoration Day 1922 was the official opening of SCC. A seven piece orchestra from Bradford played at the first class dance. Over 2000 people attended. The cost for the evening session was \$1.25 per couple and it lasted until 1:00 a.m. The local girl scouts provided babysitting for babies of the party goers.
- ☞ June 29, 1922: Nine holes of the new golf course were now playable by the membership. The club purchased a lawn mower tractor with an 84 inch swath for use in keeping the fairways in top shape.
- ☞ July 15, 1922 Mr. O'Brien, a golf professional from Buffalo demonstrated to members the uses of the different golf clubs and the best way to play each hole.



Picture of player putting on sand greens. Golf Digest