

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN GOLF COURSE

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**I**T WAS the hope and dream of Mr. F. H. Yost, who was for many years the Athletic Director, to some day have a golf course for the students at the University of Michigan, they were finally realized, in 1929. The course was designed by the late Dr. McKenzie and Mr. Maxwell and built by Mr. Dean Woods. Construction started in the early fall of 1929 and the course was opened in the spring of 1931. The layout covers 158 acres and is of a hilly nature, but not too severe to make it tiring, as the hills are long, slow grade. It is fairly well studded with native trees of all types. During the time of building numerous pine trees of all kinds were planted and each year more have been added until there are about 1000 growing, most of them being raised in our own nursery from seedlings.

The greens of the University of Michigan Golf Course are all built into the landscape,

which makes it possible to mow up to and around them with fairway units. None of the greens are flat, but have a number of rolls in them which make them very interesting to play. They were planted with Washington bent stolons and had a total area of 141,714 square feet of putting surface, but two years ago they were made somewhat smaller. There was added a putting green after the completion of the course, with a surface of 10,000 square feet. The largest green, No. 14, contained 13,000 square feet and the smallest is 5,500 square feet. There are 25 trees some of which are very large with an area of 4 to 5 thousand square feet. There were originally 52 sand traps but four have been filled in. Many of the traps have grass islands in them which from an architectural point of view looks fine, but make a lot of added work.

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Number 13 Green at the University of Michigan course, with Number 1 in the right hand corner.