

Prairie Dunes Progress Report

The new nine hole golf layout at Prairie Dunes Golf and Country Club is beginning to "take shape" and the original "nine" has never been in better condition.

This was the gist of a "progress report" on the Dunes Saturday, where members hope to have a completed 18 hole course second to none in the mid-west, by about this time a year from now.

Work hasn't started on the air conditioning of the clubhouse—but no air conditioning has been needed. The heat was still on at the Dunes, Saturday.

Pres Maxwell, course architect, was here during part of the past week to oversee bull-dozing work on the course.

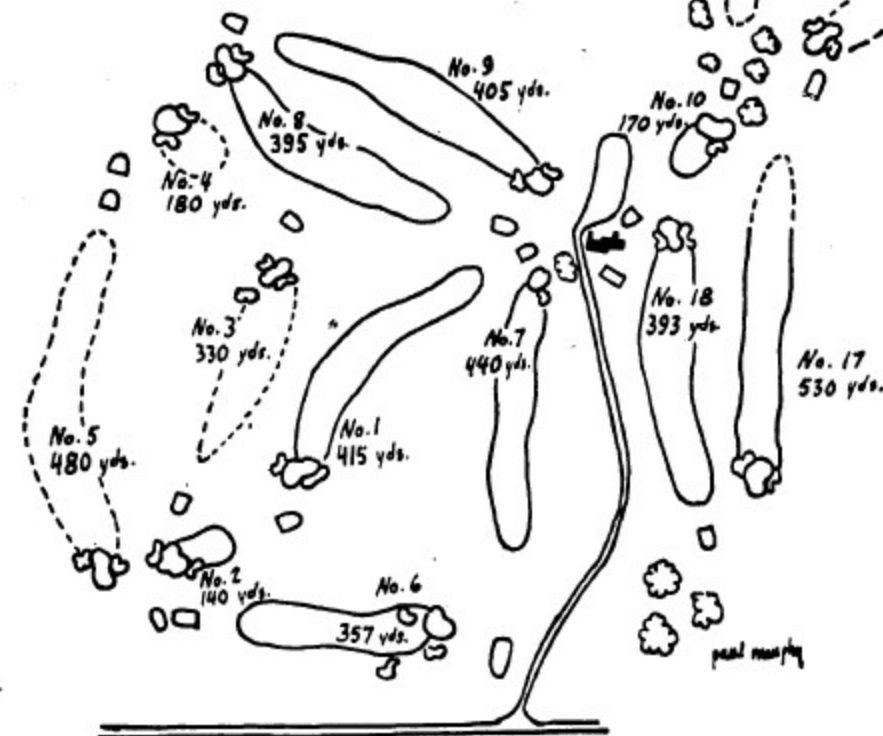
In the accompanying map, broken lines indicate new holes and show where, at completion, one nine hole section will be south and west of the clubhouse, and the other north and east. No work has been done as yet on holes No. 3, 4 and 5, which will tie with six of the present holes to form the front nine.

Here is what has been done on the "back nine."

No. 11—Fairway has been leveled and the green "roughed in."

No. 12—Part of a sand dune has been knocked down, the fairway graded, tee and green "roughed in."

No. 13—Fairway has been graded, and a drainage



ditch dug to take care of a potential "water problem." Green has been shaped, roughly.

No. 14—Several trees have been grubbed out to open area for green and green approach.

No. 15—Trees have been grubbed out at site where tee will be located.

No. 16—An old pit "dump" east of the fairway has been filled in. Fairway has been brought to a rough grade.

Pipe for irrigating new fairways and greens is expected in mid-July. Meantime ditches are being dug for the pipe. Present reservoir and pump system are considered adequate for additional irrigation which will be necessary.

The Prairie Dunes golf course was first opened in 1937, and it stayed in perfect condition for about three years. Then a heavy freeze killed out most of the Bermuda on the fairways. Still later standing water killed huge patches of fairway grass.

The water drainage problem apparently was solved two years ago.

Acres of fairway were replanted with Bermuda stolons, and this year, following recent rains, the course seemingly has regained its early perfection.