

Perry Maxwell Dies In Tulsa; Funeral Rites Are Pending

Perry Maxwell, 73, a former banker who turned golf course architect, is dead. His death came at 7 a. m. today in his home in Tulsa of pneumonia. He had been ill 10 months.

The body will be returned to Ardmore for burial. Further details are lacking.

It was in 1905 that Maxwell came to Ardmore from Marion, Ky., to enter banking. From that moment he became one of the town's leaders. Generous almost to a fault, his name headed every list in all campaigns over many years.

With the late Sam Daube he solicited in every undertaking for benefit of the town. He was instrumental in having the chimes installed in the First Presbyterian church and donated far in excess of what some richer men gave to this and other projects for community improvement.

A 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, a life-long Presbyterian and one of the original Rotary club members, he was a genius for designing golf courses and was nationally known in this field. He built golf courses on Long Island, N. Y., and in Florida, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and other states.

Beginning with the Dornick Hills course here, he had many triumphs to his credit, including the beautiful Southern Hills in Tulsa. "There was a touch of positive genius on the greens he designed," it has been said "Their contour and general setting remind one of ones you see only in Scotland."

The one-time Ardmore banker, who built 75 courses across the nation and helped to rebuild perhaps 50 others, suffered a fractured vertebra in his back several months ago. Eight years ago he had to undergo amputation of his right leg after a deep burn failed to heal.

Maxwell took up his career as golf links architect after retiring from the banking business in Ardmore in 1919. He had constructed the Dornick Hills course there in 1905.

Among his works were Melrose and Pine Valley clubs, Philadelphia; Twin Hills and the Oklahoma City Golf and Country club and the Muskogee country club.

One of the jobs Maxwell was proudest of is the University of Michigan course he built for Fielding H. (Hurry Up) Yost in 1931. Yost insists it's the best in the United States, which Maxwell denied although they did spend a lot of money on it. "They wanted something distinctive and different," Maxwell said. "So we spent \$35,000 decorating the fairways with pine trees 25 and 35 feet tall."

Maxwell also built a fine golf course for George Veenker at Iowa State college in 1936. He built the greens at Tulsa's municipal Mohawk park course and they

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