

Turkey Shoot Being Planned Country Club Future Promises to be Success

Arrangements for a clay pigeon shoot with a whopping turkey gobbler as the prize has been made for trap shooters at the Country club Tuesday, so that the bird may be won in time for its preparation to grace the Thanksgiving board of the winner, it was announced by Dr. L. A. Turley, president of the organization.

Hopes were that the new automatic trap ordered would be on hands for the occasion. However, if it does not, the two hand pigeon sailers which were the property of the former Norman Rod and Gun club will be used.

A concrete pit for the shooting matches will be built this winter as soon as possible to the northwest of the proposed clubhouse site so that spectators may watch from the veranda. Some dozen or fifteen members have been practicing recently and it is proposed to have a shoot every week at the club as soon as it is practicable, on either Tuesday or Thursday afternoons.

Golf Course Soon Ready

The Country club golf links will be completed so that members may play within two weeks, providing weather stays fair that work can be completed. President Turley planned.

The metal holes and a hole digger that were ordered some time ago have arrived and the course has been mowed and burned off lately. Laying sand on the greens to help level them up to the smoothness of a dance floor will begin immediately.

The course was laid about nearly a month ago by **Erby Maxwe**, Ardmore banker and golf course expert, when that gentleman was here then. He worked it out from a topographical map made by engineering students of the university and came up to locate the places on the ground at that time. When he returned about two weeks ago, Maxwell made minor changes after more study of the actual ground.

One Hole Out of Sight

Markers with the distances have been painted for the holes, two of which are near four hundred yards apart and will require two good drives to make in playing up to the greens. Only the green around number 3 of the entire nine-hole course is out of sight from the club house, but the rocking chair brigade may see nearly every shot made in a match on the five-mile course.

That Norman Country club has ground with natural hazards and bunkers which can be made into one of the best links in the southwest is the opinion of Maxwell and other experts who have looked over the course. Comparatively light expenditures will be required to shape it up and keep it in good condition, he said.

Complete possession of the grounds, two miles and a half northeast of the corner of Main and Peters, will be given at the first of the Year when the center moves off to his own farm, and work of removing the barn, sheds, and fences which are now in the way will begin immediately thereafter.

Clubhouse Planned

The clubhouse will be located on the

watershed of high land slightly northwest of the center of the grounds. Plans for it include a dance floor and banquet room, a veranda around the entire building and other appointments for pleasure and comfort.

The present farmhouse will be remodelled somewhat for the caretaker's dwelling and a man to care for the grounds had keep poachers out of the lakes will be moved in.

Tennis courts to the west of the clubhouse will be constructed in the spring so that enthusiasts may enjoy their favorite sport there.

A picnic park down in the southeast corner in a pleasant grove of trees has been laid out and a dozen or more wicker roasts and steak frying parties have been out at various times this fall to enjoy the place.

Pure water from a 400-foot well will be piped to the clubhouse, the caretaker's residence and to the picnic grove.

Drives to the picnic grounds and to the club house and around the golf course to the shooting pit will be laid out later in the year.

Hunting Is Good

Although fishing season is over, not long ago a party went out with some lines as well as guns and brought in some mallards, teal and a fair catch of bass. Ducks have begun lighting on the three lakes and club members have been traveling out to harvest them in the early morning before it is light enough to see.

Trouble from poachers is one of the things that the caretaker on the place has a hard time keeping up with, for there is hardly a day when some party does not go out a-gunning or in other seasons of the year they go a-fishing and anti-trespass signs have not the least effect upon lots of them, according to Doctor Turley. This is one of the reasons why the club is better off to the east than along the interurban line where Oklahoma City sportsmen drop continually throughout the year.

A concrete bathing pool with Lath-houses attached is one of the unrealized dreams of the club. At present they are not doing much open air bathing, but last summer had probably next summer Lake Three will be used for swimming. A sand beach of a hundred feet or more in width will be spread on a sloping shore before the next season opens.

Fish Are Added

Boats belonging to private individuals are now on these bodies of water and others will be added in good time so that rowing and canoeing may be enjoyed by the club.

Fish from the hatcheries at Medicine Park are added from time to time to keep the stock of finny members of the Country club up to an enjoyable standard. The last ones put in were a lot of 3,000 bass minnows put in about six weeks ago.

Membership of the organization is growing slowly and steadily now, although the president said that several have asked him if the club were not dead and buried by now. W. C. Bryan and S. W. Maple were the last additions made within the last month, according to Guy Spottswood, secretary.