

So Twin Hills' New Owners Close Course To Beautify It.

OILMEN Steve Anderson, gray, personable, distinguished, and R. (Ragnvald) Olsen, quiet, observing, with a deep-seated sense of humor and values, discussing plans for the Twin Hills golf course, lately purchased—

"In no way do we want it to compete with the Oklahoma City Golf and Country club.

"When we bought the property, we had no idea of continuing it as a golf course. Frankly, we were going to subdivide it into home sites.

"But our friends have convinced us the town needs this golf course. So we're going ahead to put it in A-No. 1 condition, with a little civic pride involved.

"Of course, we hope to make a little money out of the place, but no one is going to blame us for that.

"We'll spend from \$30,000 to \$50,000 improving the course, clubhouse and grounds. Perry Maxwell has been engaged to dress up the course.

"They tell us that Perry is one of the best golf course architects in the country, and Perry tells us that he can make Twin Hills into one of the 10 top courses in the country.

"The gates will be locked just as soon as Perry returns from the east in a week or so, and not opened again until September.

"We want the course to be completely re-done before the public sees it; leave nothing to the imagination.

"You know, we have our names on this thing now, and we're going to see that it is nice.

"The road leading into the grounds will be paved and the parking arrangement changed around. Maybe we can figure out a way to do without that big water tank near the swimming pool.

"The water wells are being tested to see if enough water is available to supply the course with the thousands of gallons that will be needed to soak the fairways daily.

"Maxwell says that the latest in equipment will enable him to water greens and fairways in much less time and with fewer men than other clubs in this part of the country can.

"Those steel steps on the front of the clubhouse will come down, and you'll be surprised at the improvement a little paint and cleaning will make. No, no rebuilding of the clubhouse. It's well enough put up.

"We're going to beautify the grounds around the clubhouse with flower gardens and some different kinds of trees . . . something other than oaks.

"You know, none of us is what you call a golfer, and we don't quite understand why one course shouldn't be as good as another, but we can see for ourselves that Twin Hills is a beautiful spot.

"**THERE'S** something restful about it, and even I (Steve talking) played two rounds without becoming exhausted.

"I hadn't struggled around in years, and when we started I said, 'Nine holes will be my limit,' but I went the full 18 and wasn't tired. I've tried it since then with the same result.

"Maybe it's psychological, the trees, and ditches and natural beauty of the place.

"More likely it's because the wind doesn't blow your hat off out there (that from Olsen, and the course is protected better than any other in the city).

"We haven't figured out how to operate the course, except that it will be a private club . . . whether to sell stock in it right off the bat or merely issue playing privileges at so much per year.

"Nor have we hired a pro or a club manager. We have stacks of applications, including one from Johnny Madden (formerly pro at the Country club), but we're in no hurry.

"We're going to do something about the caddie situation. They'll have to be bright, clean youngsters, and a new house will be built for them.

"This has become a matter of personal pride with us."