

27 GOLF HOLES FOR RESIDENTS OF SUBDIVISION

World Famous Architects
Design Two Masterpiece
Courses for Nichols Hills.

Oklahoma City will have in Nichols Hills two of the finest, sportiest golf courses in the United States by July this year—it is promised by Perry D. Maxwell, golf architect, and Dr. A. Mackenzie of Moor Allerton Lodge, Leeds, Eng., who are supervising work on the project.

When Dr. G. A. Nichols began acquiring the land for Nichols Hills about four years ago, he saw in the rolling topography of the area opened yesterday as a residential district, an ideal location for a golf course. He took several of Oklahoma City's golf authorities for a tour of the tract, and they became enthusiastic over its possibilities.

Maxwell Is Consulted

Doctor Nichols then called Maxwell into consultation. Maxwell had recently completed the Twin Hills course here, and was preparing to complete the now-famous Melrose course in Philadelphia, which has been hailed by sports writers as the "wonder course" of the east. Many of the best-known eastern and southern courses are Maxwell's handiwork.

Maxwell went over the ground—almost an inch at a time. He saw the possibilities it held for not only one course, but two. It was suggested that on the usually-crowded courses in Oklahoma City there always are waiting lines at the first tee, and a "traffic" congestion that delays many players. Why not—it was asked—design a companion nine-hole course to permit the player with limited time to enjoy his sport without waiting for a place on the 18-hole course?

Two Courses Decided Upon

The conception of the country club area immediately was expanded to include plans for the additional course. The next action of Doctor Nichols was to get into communication with Doctor Mackenzie, who is considered the foremost golf architect of the world. Although his home is in Leeds, Eng., that old English town seldom sees him, for he is engaged continually in wandering around the world from golf course to golf course, supervising, planning and dreaming new ways to give golfdom a thrill.

He has designed courses in virtually all the western countries of Europe—in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Belgium and Germany. His handiwork can be seen in the most popular courses in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and he now has under way or virtually completed approximately a half dozen courses in the United States. He has just finished a group of three courses in California which are said to be masterpieces.

Mackenzie Golf Master

Indeed, it has been said of him that in some future day golf players will travel for miles to see a Mackenzie course and will remain reverently respectful when the guide points and explains: "This is a genuine Mackenzie bunker."

With two golf architects of this caliber at his disposal, Doctor Nichols turned the project over to them completely.

"I have stables full of mules, scrapers, wagons and other equipment. I have tractors. I have a force of skilled excavators, graders and other workmen. Take as many as you need. If you think it is necessary to pull down a hill and dump it into a depression, do so. Then, if you think a hill should be created—go ahead and create it. All I want is two of the best courses you gentlemen ever produced."

That was his instruction to the golf architects—and they have taken Doctor Nichols at his word.

Huge Force At Work

Since the middle of last summer they have been at work industriously. A huge force of men, teams and tractors has been engaged in altering the landscape to conform to the requirements of the golf courses. Now they have reached the point that enables Maxwell and Mackenzie to promise definitely that both courses will be ready for play by late summer. More than \$40,000 has been spent for equipment to water the fairways of the two Nichols courses.