

# 1 Golf Course and This Proves It

for the time and thousands of dollars he has put into the wonderful course that Oklahoma City has been so slow to accept.

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**PERRY** took Dr. Mackenzie out to view his "pride and joy" with fear in his heart. He felt certain that he was in for a rain of adverse criticism.

And sure enough, the very first hole that the Doctor saw he condemned, but except for minor suggestions it was the last. The first hole viewed by the authority was No. 15, and he stated afterwards that in his opinion it was the only uninter-

esting hole on the entire course. Mackenzie chose the fourth, seventh and 11th as his favorites. He is strong for par three holes and is absolutely against blind greens. He claims that most par five holes are dull and uninteresting to the player and are therefore failures.

It is his theory that a golf hole is not judged by its difficulty to negotiate but by the interest that it holds for the player.

No links can be called great, he says, that does not offer a way for the business man to ne-

gotiate. In this lies the fame of St. Andrews. He states that this famous old course can be played satisfactorily by the elderly gentleman who cannot drive more than a hundred yards. There is a safety zone in which he may place his drive if he acquires the accuracy which is within the power of all. He also believes that bunkers and traps should be designed to penalize the long hitters, never the short ones—they are already penalized enough.

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**DR. A. MACKENZIE** has been designing golf courses for 32

years. He designed his first links for the fun of the thing while a young practicing physician at Leeds, England. His first links, Alwoodley, ranks with the best work he has ever done and made him a reputation overnight. It so revolutionized golf course architecture that courses throughout the British Isles were forced to reconstruct their links to keep pace. Since that time, Mackenzie has built 11 courses around Leeds alone. He is chief advisor at St. Andrews and all changes are made at his suggestion.