



WADING THROUGH "wilds" northeast of Prairie Dunes clubhouse is Marshall Young, assistant professional. This is in an area that probably will be converted to fairway by this time next year if Dunes expansion plans carry through.



CARPET SMOOTH No. 6 green and approaching fairway show what can be done with careful planning, seeding, water and care in sand dunes once as "rough" as the area pictured above.

## To Complete Dunes?

The dream of many a golfing enthusiast — to have a championship quality golf course carved in the sandhills of central Kansas—may be realized within the next year.

Nature contributed most to the realization of that dream, providing the rolling hills and gusty winds that have caused many a professional visiting at Prairie Dunes Country Club to remark on the likeness to championship courses of Scotland.

But from its construction in 1938 until now Prairie Dunes has been half a golf course — a nine hole layout too small even to accommodate its present membership of 280 persons. And because it was only half a course, Prairie Dunes has never been considered for any major tournament.

The membership will meet next Thursday night to consider plans and progress of committees which have been working on expansion plans.

Because progress of the committees has been excellent, it appears highly probably the members will vote to:

Complete an 18' hole golf course, with additional fairways and greens to be constructed west, north and east of the present links — new holes to be integrated with the original course.

Improve roads and parking area.

Enlarge clubhouse facilities and provide air conditioning.

Enlarge playground area and provide more equipment for children's play area.

Block out certain sections for home sites.

Jack Davis, head of the bond sales committee, reports nearly \$50,000 in bonds already sold. The goal is \$120,000 and Davis believes

here's a good chance he can report \$90,000 to \$100,000 subscribed by next Thursday.

Members are being asked to buy \$500 bonds which will pay 3 per cent interest. A sales force of 80 members is at work, with one captain and four other members on each of 16 teams.

Team leaders are: Ross Wilson, Charles Rayl, Walt Froese, Bob Rueschhoff, Fred Beeman, Howard Carey Jr., Arlie Estes, Bob Meschke, Bill Kline, Frank Hart, Dick Crook, Ray Dillon Jr., Bill Brewster, Joe O'Sullivan Jr., O. G. Spickelmier and Walter Justice.

No new land purchase will be necessary. The completed 18-hole golf course will occupy only about 100 acres of the 480 acres already owned by Dunes members.

The original Dunes course was laid out by the late Perry Maxwell, famed golf architect who was a consultant on the Masters course at Atlanta. Perry Maxwell also designed a second nine holes here which were never built. However the course has drainage problems, in rainy seasons, which Maxwell didn't know about. Alterations, to take care of those drainage problems, have been made by Preston Maxwell, Perry's son.

Preston Maxwell is ready to go to work on the "second nine" May 1, if plans are approved by Prai-

rie Dunes members. The course should be completed by June 1, 1956.

The cost of new course construction will be \$56,000, including new irrigation wells. The balance of the money now being raised will go for other improvements previously mentioned.

Clubhouse improvements are expected to be completed this summer.

Officials say the sale of lots for homes overlooking Dunes fairways is "two or three years down the road." However it is anticipated 45 such lots can be sold after the course is completed. An additional 45 to 50 lots would be available on land that does not overlook the course.