

Noted Architects Build Nichols Links

MAXWELL AND MACKENZIE WILL COLLABORATE

PREPARATIONS to construct two golf courses, one of eighteen and the other of nine holes, on his new 2,350-acre residential subdivision north of Oklahoma City, were announced Saturday by G. A. Nichols, president of G. A. Nichols, Inc., realtors.

Consulting architect for the two courses, Nichols announced, is to be A. Mackenzie of Moor Allerton Lodge, Leeds, England, and the work is to be carried on under the supervision and direction of Perry D. Maxwell, designer of many famous courses in the east and southwest, including the Melrose Country club course at Philadelphia, Lake View at Paducah, Ky., and Dornick Hills at Ardmore and Twin Hills in Oklahoma City.

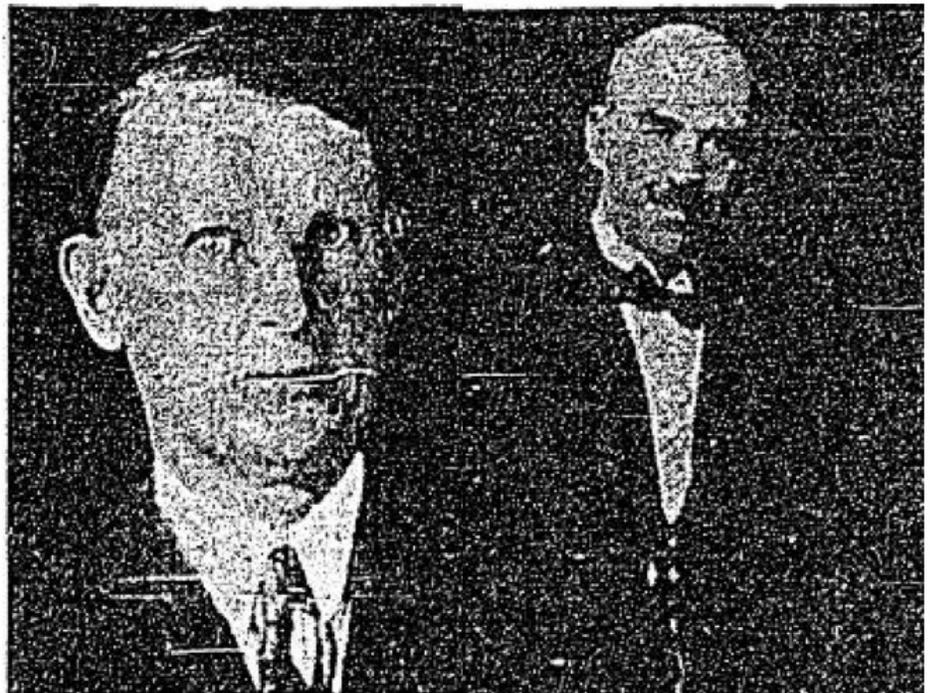
ACCORDING to Nichols, Mackenzie is considered the foremost golf architect of the world. He was the first man who made a science of golf architecture and wrote the first book on the subject. He is a graduate of Oxford and a veteran of the Boer war. He also has the unique distinction of being adviser to the Royal and Ancient club of St. Andrews, Scotland, and was builder of the Troon course, one of the eight championship golf courses of Scotland.

Doctor Mackenzie's courses dot the far-flung British empire. He has designed literally scores of courses in England and Scotland, and his handiwork is to be seen in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France and Belgium.

HIS only American works so far have been the Old Elm course at Chicago, the Burning Tree course at Washington, D. C., and the Cypress Point course now under construction in California. He is expected to come to the United States within a short time to assist in the construction of the two Nichols courses.

Maxwell needs no introduction to Oklahoma golfers. Aside from the Dornick Hills and Twin Hills courses which are considered by golfers to be two of the best courses in Oklahoma, he has built or remodeled numerous other courses in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Texas.

He considers his most outstanding recent achievement to be the Melrose



Perry Maxwell

Country club in Philadelphia, of which Ted Hoyt, Philadelphia Ledger writer, said at its opening: "The links of Melrose club loom as the 'wonder course' of the Philadelphia district and resemble more the famous Pine Valley than any other Philadelphia course."

Maxwell was awarded the Melrose club contract in competition with golf architects from all parts of the United States.

WORK is expected to begin on the two Nichols courses within a short time, and they are expected to be ready for play by middle or late summer next year.

Maxwell has been in Oklahoma City at intervals for the last six months, consulting with Doctor Nichols concerning the two courses.

Until he had seen the ground to be covered he was, he admits, frankly skeptical of his ability to make the two courses fully worthy of his work elsewhere. He was under the impression that the terrain was largely flat.

"But when I actually walked over the place and saw the natural advantages it possesses for golf—its slopes, its washed places, its gullies, its trees—I was elated, for I knew that I had here the raw material for making the most distinctive and col-



A. Mackenzie

orful course in Oklahoma," he said. "And it will be, in addition, a fine test of golf for all classes of players."