

THREE BUILDINGS TO BE BUILT BY WOODRUFF ON ST. LOUIS

**Golf Course Under Construction On Cherry Road—Two
Apartment Houses and Hotel To Cost About \$1,000,000
He Tells Chamber of Commerce.**

The construction of the first unit of a \$1,000,000 building project will be started early in February by John T. Woodruff, who will erect two large apartment houses and a tourist hotel on the Sheppard property on St. Louis street, southeast of the Shrine mosque. Official announcement of the building project was made by Mr. Woodruff today when he appeared before the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Woodruff stated that the hotel would be erected first. The building, which will be old English style, will be constructed at the rear of the Sheppard property, a considerable distance from St. Louis street. Containing 100 rooms, the hotel will be palatial in appointments and architecture. All three buildings will be constructed of native stone.

Shortly after the completion of the hotel building, two large apartment houses will be constructed on the property, one to each side of the hotel. All three buildings will be of the same type of architecture, and will contain 125 rooms each.

The grounds will be beautifully landscaped, and a magnificent sunken garden will be constructed between the two apartment houses, extending back nearly to the hotel building. Winding roads will connect the property with St. Louis street.

The new hotel unit will be provided with two large dining rooms, one in the basement, and the other on the main floor, so that when the latter is being used for a banquet or a ball, the other may be used to accommodate the regular patrons of the hotel. In addition to the

100 rooms will be other rooms and departments.

Golf Course.

In addition to the St. Louis street building project, Mr. Woodruff will transform his 125-acre farm on Cherry street road, two miles east of the city limits, into a golf course, and will erect a magnificent club house on the grounds. Perry D. Maxwell, golf architect, of Ardmore, Okla., has been in Springfield for the past week assisting Mr. Woodruff in the plans for the golf course. Engineering on the golf course is now in progress. He stated that he has contemplated the project for more than a year. The golf course will be known as the Hickory Hills golf club.

During their semi-monthly meeting held at noon today members of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce heartily endorsed Mr. Woodruff's building project, including the golf course. The board members were addressed by Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Maxwell, and by Earl Hawkins, local architect, who drew the plans for the hotel, apartment houses and the club house for the golf course.

Committees will be appointed to secure local memberships in the Hickory Hills golf club. Membership will be extended to 300 local persons at \$50 each, with no obligations after the first year. Many prominent local business men have already signified their intention of taking membership.

Mr. Woodruff has been active in the past in promoting many successful building projects here, including the Colonial hotel, the Frisco building, Sansone hotel, and other buildings.