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WILL "Safety First" take the place of "Fore!" on the municipal golf links at Lincoln Park?

Members of the Civitan club, which conceived the idea of building the course, say that the game is one of the safety first ideas which are being introduced into the city through the civic organizations. The contention is that accidents caused by unstrung nerves. Golf is noted as a nerve sedative, and a municipal golf course permits of a maximum number of persons enjoying the benefits of the game.

The course at Lincoln Park is said by many experts who have examined it to be one of the best in the southwest, and when completed it is expected to be the best municipal course west of the Mississippi river. The first two holes of the course are the easiest, giving the player a chance to "limber up," and get into the swing of the game. The third hole is more difficult, entailing a water hazard and a natural hazard in the lie of the land which will try the skill and temper of any player.

The next hole is an unusually difficult one, proved so by many of the best golfers in the city to play. The entire fairway slopes toward a bad ravine, with a rocky hillside on the other side. The green is backed by another ravine and a tangle of underbrush which is expected to prove a mental hazard of no mean proportion, especially for the player who is inclined to overplay the green.

No. 5 is a long hole, with a brook hazard a short distance in front of the green. Six is the longest hole of the nine which have been laid out—a 500-yard straight flight, with a deceptive slope toward a rough of small oaks and underbrush. Sand traps will be laid on the east side of this fairway to keep the golfer from playing up hill in order to escape the rough, according to Henry Hutchinson, landscape archi-

green is raised above the fairway, eliminating the possibility of a lucky roll, and forcing every player to play his ball directly onto the green, before he can putt out.

In spite of the fact that the Civitan club is the youngest of the civic clubs in the city, having been organized only one year, they have put the golf course over in good shape, according to Joe H. Patterson, commissioner of public property. Members of the club say that the plan was put into execution just three days after it was proposed.

Firms Pay For Course.

Various firms in the city were asked to pay for the greens, being allowed the privilege of having the greens named for them. Each green cost \$300. This system of paying for the course eliminates any great expense to anyone, and has proved highly satisfactory. In fact, letters have been received by the club from a number of cities contemplating the installation of municipal courses, asking for particulars on the method.

Arthur Jackson, widely known in the southwest as a golfer, has been obtained as professional. He will be in charge of the entire course, and will help in building the remaining holes. The upkeep of the course will devolve on the city as soon as finished. The Civitan club and the city are planning to charge a nominal fee of \$1 a year for membership to the course. This will provide a sum for the upkeep of the greens, and will also permit of supervision of the grounds.

Fairplay and sportsmanship are two of the cardinal principles of golf, even more than in most other sports.