

# Water Hazards Dot Perry Golf Course

**PERRY**—The late Perry Maxwell had a knack of using the natural hazards when he designed and built a golf course and just about the best example of this gift of his is to be found at Perry Golf and Country club.

With one large lake and two creeks winding through the 80 acres on which the course is situated at the northern edge of town, Maxwell came up with a



layout that has water hazards on eight of the nine holes.

That may be a bit over par for nine holes but Maxwell used these natural hardships to make up for a lack of

trees on certain portions of the rolling land. And just to keep par from being cheap he added

a half-dozen bunkers.

It was in 1936 that Bert Byerley, Harry Delashmutt sr., W. S. Fallis, Dr. C. H. Cooke and several others decided it was high time that Perry had a golf course.

They got 110 persons to buy shares of stock at \$110 each and with the money purchased the land. Next Maxwell was called in and he designed and built the course. A few years later the club sold off seven acres and used the money for club improvements.

The original course had sand greens and Maxwell showed his true skill by constructing the first green in the shape of the state of Oklahoma — complete with panhandle—and placing the cup at Perry's location on the state map.

**T**HE club now has 80 stock-owning members and 18 associate members. Stock now costs \$100 per share and dues are \$100 per year.

O. R. Hall is the club president with Phillip Rhees vice-president, Dr. A. M. Brown secretary and Louis Plumer treasurer. Directors are Hall, Rhees, Brown, Plumer, Emil Voigt, T. B. Wilson, W. G. Mouser, A. L. Smith and Dr. C. H. Cooke.

Committee chairmen are: Delashmutt for tournaments, Henry Schurkens for greens, Rhees for

and O. J. Moore for special events, Wilson and Plumer for house and grounds, David Matthews for lake and swimming, Cooke for finance and Moore and Mouser for membership.

Presently the club has no professional but Eli Pricer serves as caretaker. Alf Wilkerson is greenskeeper and his wife operates the club dining room.

Shurkens is the club champion and he holds the course record of 31 along with Earl Bechtold and Harry Delashmutt jr.

The club has an active women's organization of 60 members of which Mrs. Phillip Rhees is president. Vice-president is Mrs. Al Singletary and Mrs. Bodie Williams is the secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. Val Connell is corresponding secretary. Mrs. Harold Scovell heads a committee of special events while Mrs. Milo Watson heads the sports committee and Mrs. Monte Jones the social activities committee.

**T**HE women play once each week and once each month hold a luncheon in connection with the golf event of the day.

The women's organization is extremely active in a program for clubhouse improvements and through its efforts in the past few years a new lounge has been added and the dining room and kitchen remodeled and completely furnished.

Ladies club champion is Mrs. Ted Swart who also holds the course record for women with a 79.

In 1943 club members determined to have grass greens. Thirty-five of them contributed \$100 each and the nine greens were converted to Bermuda grass. This gave way to Seaside bent two years later.

One interesting note is the fact that members do not pay annual rental fees on lockers. When the clubhouse provided a men's locker room the members bought and installed their own.

The course serves a wide area and non-members are permitted to play the course for a greens fee which is \$1 on week days and \$1.50 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Regular club activity includes Sunday dinners, dances and game nights once each month and a regular monthly stage night. Special events are held