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Golf Course Architect Began Work As Hobby

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Because one man, who was virtually given up for dead, changed his hobby 37 years ago, the Palmetto Golf and changed his hobby 37 years ago, the Palmetto Golf and changed his hobby 37 years ago, the Palmetto Golf and changed his hobby 37 years ago, the Palmetto Golf and changed his hobby 37 years ago, the Palmetto Golf and changed widespread acclaim turns, the "Thach Weave," a combat air plane maneuver, has been accorded another honor in the Korean war. Capt. Thach is the son of Mrs. J. City and Benton-will have one of the best-constructed lay outs in the nation.

Maxwell, described by sports-dom's Grantland Rice as "Dean of American Golf Architects." brought experience gleaned from construction of 80 golf courses and remodeling of 30 to 40 more in 22 states to the Bossier parish site.

Recognized as one of the best in his business, Maxwell has a long and brilliant record in golf-course construction.

Probably topping the list is the famed Augusta National course at Augusta, Ga. scene of the Masters tourney. Known in the vernacular Augusta, Ga. scene of the Masters tourney. Known in the vernacular as the "Bobby Jones" course, it was originally constructed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie of Scotland, who holds a world-wide reputation for golf course design and construction. (MacKenzie was builder of the famed Cypress Point golf course on the Monterey peninsula aouth of San Francisco, Calif.)

However, when the Augusta course developed kinks in some of the greens after its opening. Maxwell was called in and eventually remodeled over half the course.

course.

In 25 commercial years in the business, Maxwell has climbed into the higher stata of his profession, having built dozens of topclimbed

According to the genial con-structor, however, it all began be-cause of his own ill health. In his younger years, Maxwell suffered from tuberculosis, and in an effort to rid himself of the sickness, he spent years roughing around the West.

To improve his health, he became a tennis enthusiast, playing at every opportunity. "In the winter, it wasn't so bad," he commenced

"In the winter, it wasn't so bad," he commented.
But in the summer heat the game wore him down physically to such an extent that he weighed only about 115 pounds.
"So my wife decided I'd better quit." he explained.
When he did. Maxwell, in 1913, turned to golf as a sport. At the time he was living in southern Oklahoma. Becoming interested in the sport as a hobby. Maxwell soon extended this "natural curiosity to construction and lay-out.

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His first golf course was the Dornick course at Ardmore, Okla., constructed mostly in his spare

time. The thing I remember best now is removing 500 or 600 wagonloads of stones from the rocky, nine-hole course." he chuckled.

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Maxwell continued on a nonprofessional basis for six more
years, constructing "six or eight"
courses during the time.
In 1925 he started constructing
golf courses commercially.

Among his favorites Maxwell
lists Crystal Downs at Frankfort,
Mich., a private course built for
the late Willard Dow of the Dow
Chemical corporation. Another private course built by Maxwell was
the Prairie-Duns course at Hutchthe Prairie-Duns course at Hutch-inson. Kans., ordered by William and Emerson Carey, Jr., two of four brothers to the Carey Salt

Other famous courses constructed under his direction were the course at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; lowa State university at Ames: the Meirose course in Philadelphia; the Grand hotel course in Mobile, Ala: the Colonial at Fort Worth, Texas (scene of the 1941 National Open, won by Craig Wood); Southern Hills at Tulsa, Okla, (1946 National Women's Amaieur championship); the Oklahoma Golf and Country club at Oklahoma City (scene of the Western Amaieur championship, ranked second in the nation to the National Open); and extensive re-Other famous courses constructed

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the Palmetto course.

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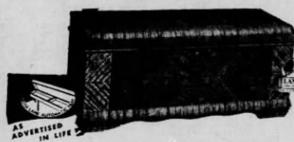
El Dorado, Ark., Aug. 19. (Spe cial).-Capt. John S. (Jack) Thach

palmetto job here, which Maxwell said should be ready to play on this said should be ready to play on this fall. he is constructing courses at Okiahoma university at Norman the Sulcon Valley Golf course at Bethlehem, Penn., where the Astional Amateur Championahip tournament is to be played.

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