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TWIN HILLS GOLF CLUB, Oklahoma City, June 10.--(A)--Golf--be it the Tom Thumb variety or that played over an 18-hole course with a complete assortment of clubs--is growing rapidly in Oklahoma.

Just take a glance at yesterday's qualifying round in the annual state amateur tournament over Keefe Carter's picturesque Twin Hills links. There were 246 golfers and would-be golfers who started play in the event. That was the largest field by 75 or 80 that ever competed in the state.

Jim Kennedy, runner up to Walter Critchlow in the 1929 tournament at Ardmore last year, has been ill for some time this spring and is not competing in the meet. The Tulsa Kennedy family, however, is represented by Lee and Sam. Lee landed in the title flight with a 79.

Black cats and the like may mean little in the life of Mrs. Hulbert S. Clarke, new Trans-Mississippi champion, but a four leaf clover and a horse shoe was with her in the finals at Tulsa Saturday. While playing No. 17 at the Tulsa Country club, Charles Daley, Mrs. Clarke's caddy, stumbled onto a horseshoe. Just for good luck he put it into a side pocket of Mrs. Clarke's bag.

During the afternoon round some one placed a four leaf clover in Johnny Madden's tie pin. Madden is pro at the country club here and Mrs. Clarke's instructor. Mrs. Clarke has put the four leaf clover in her scrap book.

After qualifying down in the Pawnee flight at the Trans-Mississippi, then losing two matches in a row, Mrs. J. Berry King had a telephone call from the Oklahoma attorney general. She said that friend husband advised her to throw all of her clubs except the putter into the Arkansas river and that they'd "play the Tom Thumb courses from now on." Mrs. King also found a four leaf clover on the Tulsa Country club course but it failed to bring her good luck.

Two of the University of Oklahoma's greatest football luggers are pushing the little white pellet around Twin Hills. Both Dutch Hill and Obie Bristow qualified. Dutch, a sand green artist at Chickasha who owns a fee course there, did not fare so well. He has several strokes more than 100 for the 18. Obie, who recently broke into print when his father was kidnaped in Mexico, did better. He scored an 86. Dutch by the way has scored a couple of holes in one on his course at Chickasha recently.

Bill Nichols, former state champion and medalist last year blamed poor judgment in his shot making for his 83 yesterday. The Muskogee Scotchman and former professional had a 76 at Dornick Hills last year but was beaten in one of the first rounds.

Perry Maxwell, nationally known golf architect, who makes Ardmore his home is here for the tournament. Perry built Twin Hills and sold the course to Dorset Carter Sr., several years ago. After buying the 320 acre tract for Keefe, Mr. Carter built a native red stone club house two years ago on the grounds.