

Twin Hills, formerly one of the southwest's most attractive and picturesque golf courses, but now a haggard and unkempt layout, promises a return to its position of high affluence.

Such was the promise Saturday of R. Olsen, Oklahoma City oil man, who with L. H. Prichard and J. Steve Anderson Jr., acquired the property from the Carter interests six months ago. They all are interested equally in the venture, Olsen said.

Definite rehabilitation plans for the course, which has been host to famous tournaments in the past, have not been definitely drawn, Olsen said Saturday.

Maxwell May Act

Conferences have been held with Perry Maxwell, one of the nation's foremost golf architects, and he may be retained to restore the course to its former status.

But whether it is Maxwell or someone else, Olsen gave the assurance that the course would be placed on a par with any privately operated layout in the southwest.

Ordering of adequate equipment for taking care of the course with mowers one of the chief items, is a concrete indication that the new owners are in earnest. This equipment, it is said, represents one of the largest orders of its kind ever placed in this section.

"Certainly we shall have no trouble obtaining sufficient members," said Olsen. "Scores of prospective members have urged us to restore the course to its former condition, and from all indications we will have a waiting list rather than a dearth of members.

Room for More

"The Country club is the city's lone private course, compared with several at Tulsa. Surely Oklahoma City will be able to support two such clubs. At least, that is the conviction upon which we are going ahead."

First, according to Olsen, the Twin Hills clubhouse will be given a thorough renovation, including painting and repairs where needed. The same program will be carried out on the course, where fairways and greens lack much of being in the fine condition of several years ago.

Particularly will the watering phase receive attention. Before Dorset Carter sr. died he supervised the construction of a water supply with three wells, pumping facilities and piping throughout the course. Olsen believes this system can be placed in efficient operation at reasonable cost.

Well, Maybe So

Olsen hinted the layout probably would carry a greater appeal to the younger generation of golfers than the old.

"I've played the course and therefore am qualified to testify that it has its ups and downs. The hills and dales wont discourage the younger element, but it is doubtful if they will appeal to the older class. But they will be welcome if they can take it."

Landscaping, particularly near the clubhouse, will receive attention. Trees will be planted as needed, with the swimming pool environs getting a share.

As for trees on the course, golfers who know Twin Hills best will confess there is no crying need for more.