

Helicopter Can Aid Post-War Golf

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If post-war plans now in the making are carried out, the business-man golfer will get a break—he'll have more time for his favorite pastime. The reason is that the desk slave, factory worker or professional man can unhitch from his work later than usual, grab a helicopter from the roof of some downtown building and before he knows it be out to his favorite golf course.

Authority for the statement that the helicopter will be used as a taxi for golfers—a time saver device—is none other than Perry Maxwell, the internationally known golf architect. And even the eminent Igar I. Sibirsky doesn't know that the Oklahoma golf course builder is preaching this gospel in his travels over the country.

Maxwell has been in Oklahoma City this week looking after local business interests and before leaving for his home in Ardmore Saturday divulged his belief that helicopters will play a leading part in post-war golf.

Not only does Maxwell believe that a little helicopter will be used as a taxi to numerous courses throughout America but he even goes further, saying that air travel will have much to do with golf after the war—at least a year or two after the landing stops.

"It will be common place for a wisp of Oklahoma City golfers to hop into a plane and fly to Georgia, North Carolina or Florida for a week-end of golf," Maxwell predicted. Maxwell, who is "getting around pretty well, thank you, on one leg" has



just completed the remodeling of the swanky Saucan Valley course just outside Bethlehem, Pa. He has rebuilt 10 of the 18 Saucan Valley greens, a course owned of officials of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and its president, Eugene Grace.

While directing the Pennsylvania work last summer Maxwell had his right leg amputated in a Philadelphia hospital. An infection had set in. "Why, I'm fatter than I've ever been and I'm simply feeling fine," the former Ardmore banker smiled here Saturday.

Maxwell wouldn't divulge the place but he's just signed a contract to begin work soon on what he said would be "the finest course in the south."

The golf-loving Oklahoman, who built Twin Hills and the Oklahoma City Golf and Country club courses here and Indian Hills and Southern

Hills in Tulsa, declared that Oklahoma City must have more golf courses after the war.

"Why, you've got to have more courses here what with the closing of Edgemere and Lakeside and they'll have to be built—even if I have to come back and do it." In driving home his point Maxwell pointed to the fact that Tulsa today has four up-and-moving private courses—the Country Club, Indian Hills, Southern Hills and the recently reorganized Oakhurst while Oklahoma City has but two such clubs.

A dinner-dance is to be held at Twin Hills, Saturday night, February 24, for members of the Oklahoma City Amateur Golfers association. At least there'll be a dance, if enough members are available who can trip the light fantastic. But President Roy Allen's announcement said that the

dinner would consist of a mid-night snack.

With Dr. C. B. Donald doing the calling there'll be a square dance for those who engage in that exercise. Yes, the party is for the association members, their wives and sweethearts.

Ed "Fat" Morton, who operates a service station in the black market section of Norman, got a big jolt a few days ago. A woman drove into the station and handed Morton a neatly wrapped package. Said the giver, "You and Mrs. Morton have been so nice to us I thought you'd like to have this little token of our friendship."

The woman drove away and bug-eyed Fat opened the parcel. It contained a dozen unused pre-war golf balls. And Morton only recently sold his clubs and gave up golf for the duration. . . . And Bruce Drake, the OU golf-playing coach, who is known to have a bit of Scotch blood in his veins, found five practically new balls while playing an Oklahoma City course recently.

Here's one for the books. It happened at Twin Hills. Playing in a fivesome with Clarke Wright, J. Q. Kendrick, High Pierce and Perry Pound, Billy Hoskinson's ball on No. 8 never touched either fairway or green yet he made a birdie 4. After playing in the rough all the way he holed out from the tall and uncut on his fourth blow. And to cap the climax each of the other four players wound up with a 4 on the hole.