

Golfers Praise Maxwell-Built Southern Hills

Perry Maxwell, the man who built Southern Hills, Tulsa's great golf course, is getting a bigger kick out of the \$10,000 Southwest invitational tournament—and the scores—than the fellows swinging the clubs.

"There's a touch of positive genius on the greens," according to Freddie Corcoran, tournament manager, who says their contour and general setting remind him of golf courses one sees only in Scotland. "The Southern Hills people—and Maxwell—have every reason to be proud."

This sentiment is echoed by the golfers as they swing around the course which everybody says is far and away the finest in the southwest and the equal of any in America.

It was just 20 years ago that Maxwell, a former banker, started as a professional golf course architect to become one of the best in the country. Since then he has built golf courses in 21 states but never a course he was prouder of than Southern Hills.

Started in Ardmore

Starting with Dornick Hills golf course in 1910, when he introduced grass greens for the first time in Oklahoma, Maxwell advised and helped others constructing golf courses in neighboring Texas and in other Oklahoma cities but did no more building himself for 10 years. Then in 1925 he went to Tulsa and built Indian Hills country club's picturesque course.

From that first experience as a professional golf architect he skyrocketed to fame building many of the country's best known courses including one at the University of Michigan, Iowa State college, Eugene Grace's private golf course at Philadelphia and Twin Hills, Oklahoma City. He also has remodeled the Pine Valley club of Philadelphia and the Augustus National at Atlanta.

To Return to Mobile

When this tournament is over he'll hurry back to Mobile where he is building his 47th golf course. And he doesn't feel that he's through by a long shot. He looks for golf to have a tremendous rise after the war and hun-

dreds of courses will need working over.

Right now Maxwell is slightly handicapped as he has to get around on crutches due to a leg amputation in July, 1944, but it's not worrying him. He'll have a corking good artificial limb soon and then he will be as good as new.