

# GOLF ACTIVITIES

Announcement in the Highland Park Press last week that Sunset Valley Golf club would accept memberships on deferred payment plan until May 15 brought an excellent response during the week-end play.

By far the largest turn-out of the season was recorded, with more than 200 golfers doing their stuff Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday registration in excess of 160 was more than that of the previous Saturday and Sunday combined.

Noted at the first tee were P. M. French, George Bliss, P. H. Prato, Wm. Prato, E. D. Haner, S. Yamagota, and V. L. Daley among those playing the course for the first time. They were delighted with the layout. Among the regulars was W. H. Walters, who for several years has been the first man to register every Sunday morning.

Spade mashies rather than spades are trumps now with Alex Byfield, whose Sundays (at least the daylight hours), will be devoted to golf until the snow flies. Alex still plays bridge in the evening, but even that will be laid aside as soon as daylight saving goes into effect. Or will it, Alex? After all, one can't play golf after nine in the evening, even in June.

John Zengeler took Dr. Mayo to the cleaners, according to the first count. The doctor says all precincts have not yet been heard from, and is considering demanding a recount.

Joe Davis is in midseason form on the greens, coaxing in the long ones. Ask his opponent what happened on the eighth when Joe hooked his tee shot to the far edge of the Skokie and ran his chip back a good brassie shot from the pin. On second thought we'll tell you. He had a three, and that long put cost somebody money.

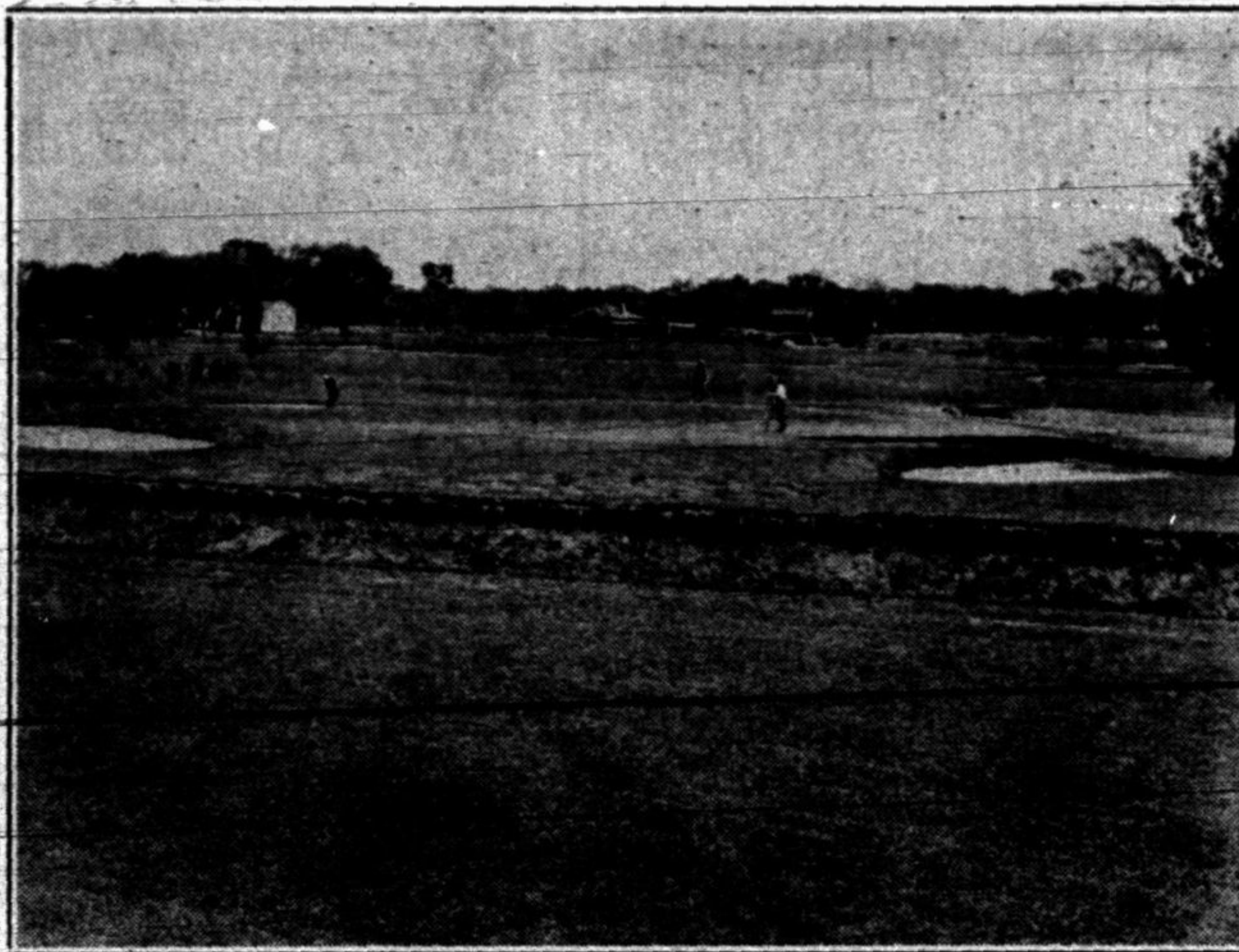
Sam Bernardi of Briargate played his first hole of the season on the Sunset Valley links—a birdie. Let's hope that's the first of a long line of feathered friends, Sam.

Duke Hill has been out several times on week-days, putting over a bit of practice on his foursome. That's the way to click.

E. C. Mombry is a regular at the course, as usual.

Last week we promised you a description of the Sunset Valley course, hole by hole. Here it is:

Hole 1. 375 yards. Par 4.—An excellent "get-away" hole. Trouble for the slicers off the tee, thanks to a sand trap and the apple orch-



## The New Eleventh Green

ard dividing the first and second fairways. The hole presents no difficulties for the good golfer and play moves rapidly.

Hole 2. 387 yards. Par 4.—A beautiful dog-leg to the hook side. A sand trap and a clump of oaks and shrubs penalize a hook. A sand trap and a clump of oaks and shrubs penalize a hook. A sand trap catches a slice. A well-placed drive is valuable on this hole to open up the green. Otherwise the second shot is likely to be over or through trees. Played from the front tee the hole is almost straight. Large, well-trapped green.

Hole 3. 470 yards. Par 5.—The pond 220 yards from the tee presents a problem for the long hitter, especially when the ground is not soft or when driving with a north wind. Two good punches and a short pitch are generally required, although the long hitters who steer their tee-shots from the "bridge" on the right of the fairway between the pond and a clump of trees sometimes get on in two. The green is large, and slopes up sharply from the fairway.

Hole 4. 430 yards. Par 4.—An excellent two-shot hole, with trees and out of bounds from tee to green on the left. A sand trap and bad rough on the right add to the interest. An approach that passes the green is severely penalized, for the bushes and trees back of the green require a pick-out. The green is large and in excellent condition.

Hole 5. 365 yards. Par 4. The Skokie drainage ditch is right in front of the tee. Out of bounds on the left and trees on the right put a premium on a well-placed tee shot. The green is well trapped and undulating. A good hole of moderate length.

Hole 6. 147 yards. Par 3. The first short hole, a pitch to a beautifully trapped green. Trees on the right are bad news to a slice. More fours than threes are made on this hole by the average golfer, as the tee-shot must be very accurately placed to stay on the green.

Hole 7. 420 yards. Par 4. Another beautiful two-shot hole, back across the Skokie, which angles across the fairway in front of the tee. The ditch is an ideal hazard, the distances from the tee varying from 20 yards on the right to 120 yards on the left of the fairway. A bad hook will catch the ditch at distances up to 220 yards. The green is well trapped on the left and a mound on the right catches slices on the second shot. Not an easy par.

Hole 8. 150 yards. Par 3. One of the most beautiful short holes in the district. The Skokie ditch crosses the fairway at an angle of 45 degrees directly in front of the green. The tee shot must stick on

the green or bad news for the player lurks on all sides. On the eighth tee one proud golfer of the "round ninty" class, questioned regarding his score, loudly admitted being "seven over threes" for the first seven. On the ninth tee he revised his calculations. He was one under five.

Hole 9. 500 yards. Par 5. Another crossing of the Skokie ditch for the tee shot. Three to the right and left of the fairway spell trouble. A road crosses the fairway about 210 yards from the tee and makes a fine measuring stick for the average hitter. Another good punch and a poke (providing they are straight) will reach the beautifully-trapped green. Some of the long hitters have been on in two.

Total distance for the first nine 3244 yards. Par 36. Five water holes.

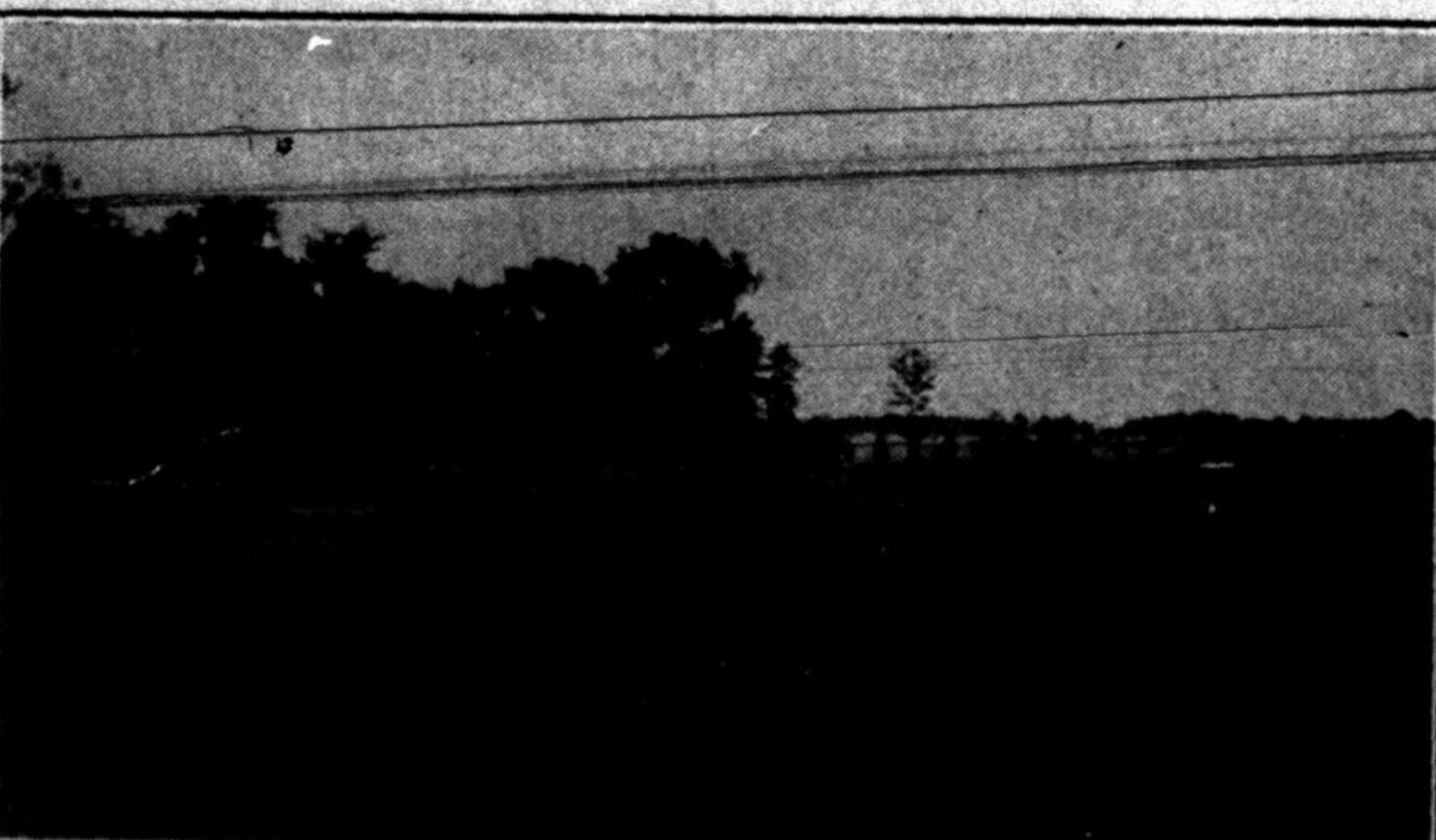
Hole 10. 365 yards. Par 4. This hole was reconstructed toward the end of last season to become one of the finest in the district. It is now a dog-leg to the right, utilizing the old eleventh green, which was rebuilt. The second shot is across the Skokie ditch, to a beautifully trapped green. A long tee shot opens up the hole, but a short one is in difficulties, requiring a high, long pitch over trees and the ditch to the green. A slice is in similar difficulty. A hook makes the second shot a long one, with plenty of trouble. Thus the easiest hole on the course has been transformed into one of the most difficult.

Hole 11. 145 yards. Par 3. Another short hole of unusual difficulty and beauty. Again the Skokie ditch angles across the fairway directly in front of the green. The tee shot must be perfectly placed to avoid trees on the right and traps on both sides of the green. The old tenth green was considerably enlarged to make this fine sporting hole.

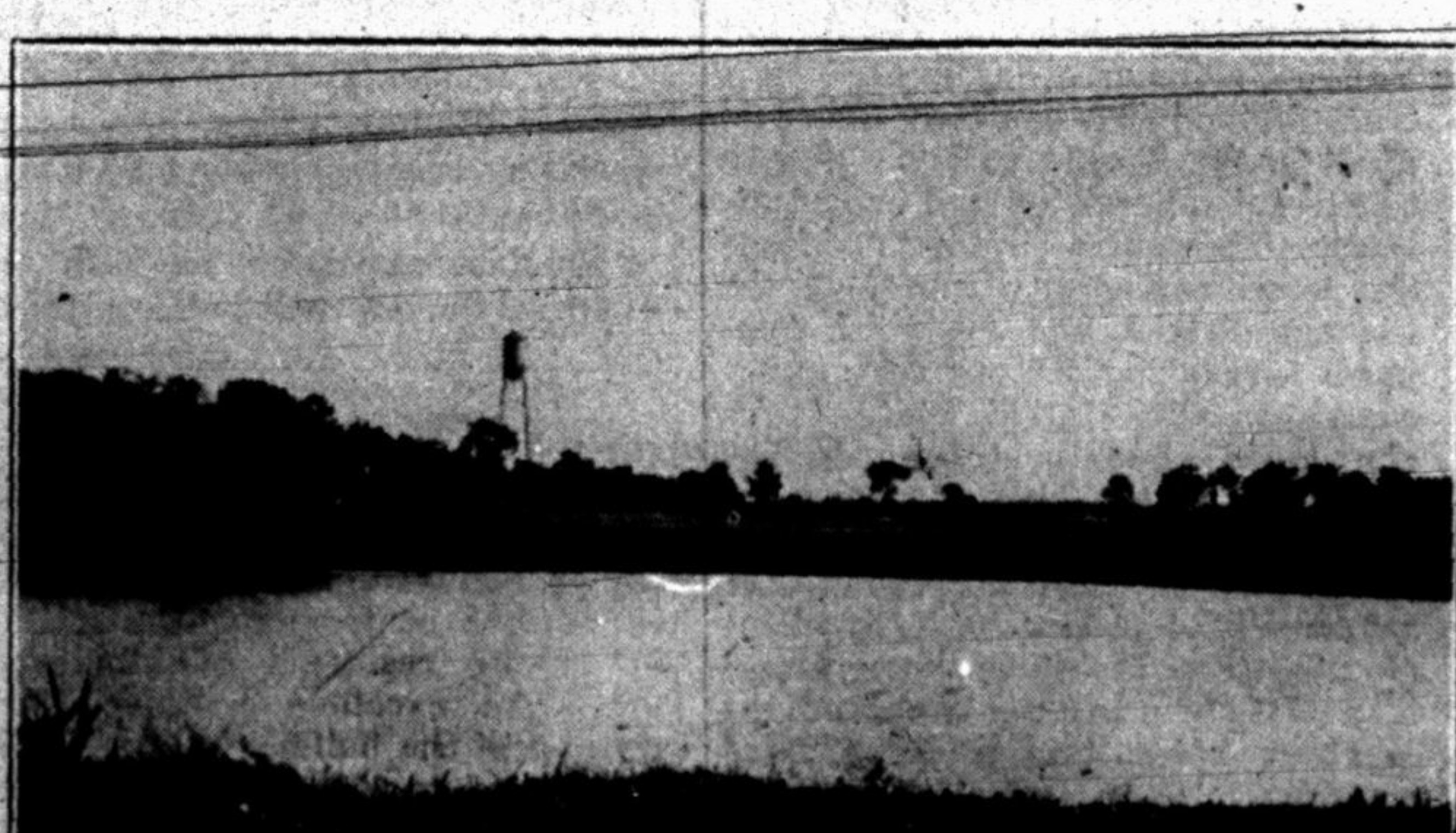
Hole 12. 520 yards. Par 5. The longest hole on the course. A dog-leg to the left from the old eleventh tee. The Skokie ditch is the hazard for the drive. Bad rough to the left and plenty of brush and trees add to the interest. An innocent-looking sand trap catches many drives not perfectly placed. An interesting long hole, the green of which will be trapped when money becomes available.

Hole 13. 380 yards. Par 4. A

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