



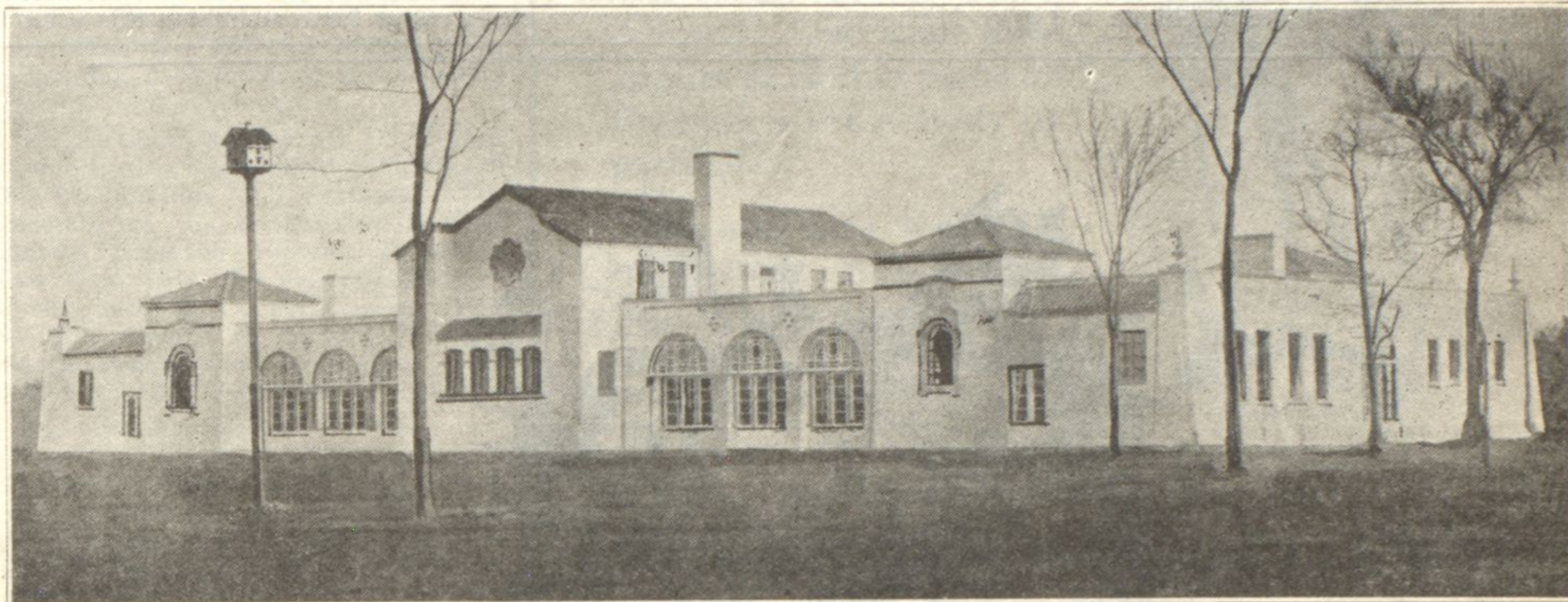
North Shore Golf Clubs



Illinois G. C. "sitting pretty" in New Clubhouse

Sporty Links Give Players a Real Test

Club, Started Only Four Years Ago, but Members Now Enjoy Fine Home on the Dundee Road



This is the second of a series of articles dealing with the famous golf clubs of the north shore. The story herewith presented tells of the progressive spirit which "made" the Illinois Golf club.

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On the Dundee road, just two miles west of Glencoe, four snow white walls rise majestically from the ground to be capped by a reddiled roof. Just completed, this structure, the home of the Illinois Golf club, presents a new show place for the north shore. The new clubhouse of Illinois is done in the Spanish style and is beautiful and spacious. It will be good for the eyes of those who form the ever-increasing motorcade of the highway.

As golf clubs go, Illinois is youthful, but this is more than offset by its vigor and aggressiveness. One needs only to gaze on the new clubhouse and the golf course with its finely developed fairways and greens to be convinced of that.

Course Comes First

The members of Illinois like to talk about what they have accomplished in the short period of four years of existence of the club. Perhaps the most interesting point they accentuate when discussing the progress of the organization, is that they displayed wisdom right in the beginning and spent their money for the necessities, rather than for the luxury of golf. They claim some credit for this and are justified.

Four years ago, in 1923, about twenty good golfers—practically all were members of other clubs—conceived the idea of building a new course. They "shopped around" and finally discovered the plot of ground on Dundee Road. It was rolling, wooded ground, in fact more rolling than is found in many sections around Chicago. It was the ideal spot for a golf course and so they "grabbed it." A. C. Hammond, the present president of the club, Robert McCay and Walter Alschlager were three of those who took the initiative in forming the club.

A Dream Realized

Then with the first step, that of securing a site, taken, the building of the course became the most serious business. The "pioneers" of Illinois



PICTURES: New clubhouse of Illinois Golf club (top); A trap where hopes are shattered (below); Al Espinosa, club professional (right); Mrs. Dr. C. M. Case, club champion (below).

talked it over. And in the end it was the unanimous opinion that the necessity—the course—came first. The luxury—a beautiful clubhouse—could wait. They'd go ahead and build one of the best courses in the country and in the meantime they'd dream of the clubhouse that was to come.

Today Illinois Golf club has one of the finest courses in the country and today, after only four short years, the club has a beautiful clubhouse. It is the story of a dream realized. Everybody is happy at Illinois.

While the club was organized in 1923 it was not until 1925 that it was formal-



ly opened for play. Some of the members had played over the course before that, but it took considerable time to reconstruct the land for golf purposes and preparation was not hurried. Today the results of the efforts are evident—Illinois is a fine course and here's a tip, it is a difficult one to negotiate. It is what Al Espinosa, the professional, calls a sporty course.

Espinosa has been with the club since it was organized. When it was impossible to play he helped to superintend the work of construction and the ideas of sportiness were the brain children of the club's professional.

Fairways Sprinkled

One of the features is a sprinkling system, which waters the fairways as well as the greens. Few clubs, we are informed, have systems which water the fairways. The length of the course is 6,269 yards, rather long, and par is (Continued on page 30)

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