

Northmore Land Company Operates Course

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home club and only recently was a prize winner in a big invitation event held at the Beverly club. They'll tell you at the club that Mrs. Arends is going high in golf.

The big event of the season at Wilmette is the annual Pow-wow. On this day, which happens to be August 17 this year, the program includes invitation events.

Dave Patullo is the professional. It is his third year and they say he's a fine instructor. And there's an assistant pro, who is some driver. His name is Tony Rengel. He won the driving championship staged by the Chicago Tribune at Lincoln Park last year, his winning drive zooming 452 yards.

Club Leases From Syndicate

Wilmette G. C. is young in golf. The club "arrived" because it had to. It was back in 1922 that a syndicate of three men, Robert Cunningham, Joseph Roseman and George O'Neill, looking to the future, purchased the land—235 acres on the north side of Lake avenue immediately west of the present Skokie Valley branch of the North Shore line. Perhaps they "saw" the time when a railroad would run through that section. That hope has been realized and with it came a meteoric jump in land values.

The Syndicate's original plan to build a fee course, was carried out. Soon the Playmore Golf club appeared. But the demands for golf and more golf were so insistent that Playmore could not last. Those who played at the fee course developed into a coterie of regulars. And these regulars wanted something different. They didn't want a fee course; they wanted a club of their own. That was why Playmore "departed" after a short existence and in its place came the Wilmette Golf club.

When the time came to affect the change (that was in 1924) the owners of the land were perfectly willing. The syndicate called itself the Golfmore Land company, which name still sticks. The new club agreed to lease the course from this operating company and the terms of the agreement called for the members to pay their greens fees and house accounts direct to the Land company. It was a novel plan and has proved successful. The membership filled so rapidly that it finally was decided to restrict it to 360 members. There has been a waiting list for two years.

The present lease of the clubhouse and course by Wilmette G. C. expires in 1931. The writer is informed, however, that there will be a five year renewal. Here is something interesting. The Land company operates everything and that includes the clubhouse. I am told that the company finished last season with a considerable deficit on the dining room. But there wasn't any wail from lessor. The officials of the club have nothing but praise for their landlord, which oddly enough establishes one landlord in a favorable light.

Syndicate "Sitting Pretty"

But the Land company "should worry" about present deficits. Sometime—when the proper time arrives—they'll sell the land and that sale will mean a fortune. They can afford to wait.

The members of Wilmette have golf at a nominal cost and enjoy all the advantages of more expensive clubs. They enjoy the dinner dances every

Saturday. Every Saturday afternoon the women indulge in bridge. At present they are engaged in a tournament which is to extend over a period of ten weeks.

Mrs. John H. Brodt is chairman of the women's golf committee. Others who take an active part are Mrs. Charles A. Ziebarth, Mrs. Harry W. Brown, and Mrs. Thomas McLaren.

(Next week—Briargate)

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Orwig of 548 Willow road left July 15 on a motor trip to Quebec, expecting to be gone for two weeks. They had with them their son, Harold, and Mrs. Douglas Orwig of Evanston.

BAHAI LECTURES

Meetings for the exposition of the Bahai Revelation are held in the studio of Louis Bourgeois, architect, 536 Sheridan road, Wilmette, Sundays at 3 p. m. Wednesdays at 8 p. m. a study class meets in the home of C. P. Christensen, 1138 Oakwood avenue.

F. K. Copeland of 665 Prospect avenue is leaving this Sunday to spend ten or twelve days at Claremont, N. H. Mr. Copeland's nephew, Mr. Allen, arrived in Winnetka Thursday to be a guest in the Copeland home.

R. M. Snyder of 1311 Asbury avenue returned Wednesday from Springfield, where he had spent several weeks.

Miss Barbara Barret of 530 Cherry street is visiting Miss Roberta McDonald in Eminence, Ky., for a week.

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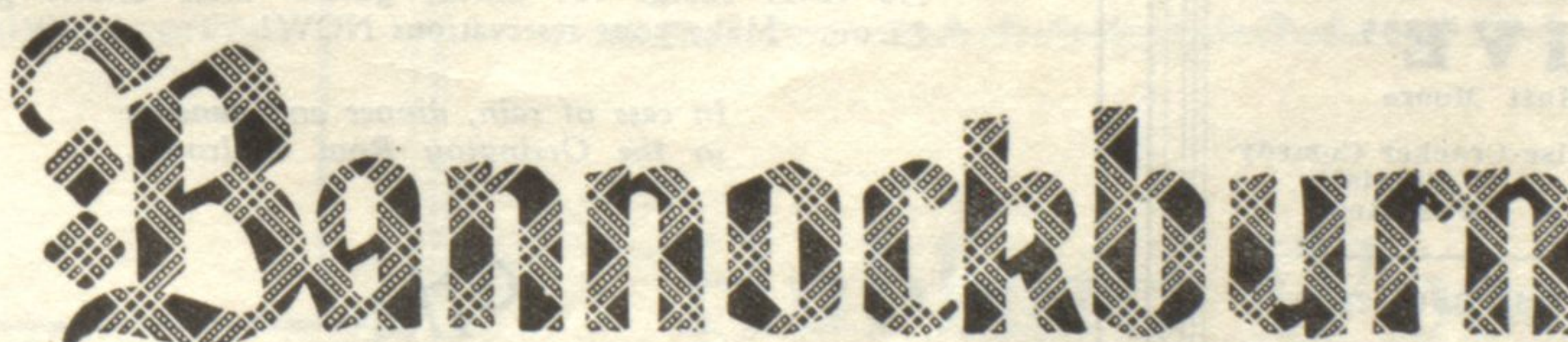
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