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The 15th hole of the new 18 holes under construction at Angus Glen Golf Club is outfitted with sod traps, which will present a unique challenge to this par-five hole.

Double the fun at Angus Glen

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In overseeing the expansion of Angus Glen Golf Club's playing facility, Don McIntyre was faced with a big challenge.

The club's executive vice-president of development was seeking a way to make the new 18 holes challenging for golfers, while remaining as aesthetically pleasing as the original course.

This could be a tough act to follow as the current 18-hole public course, which McIntyre was also involved in constructing, was named the best new course in Canada in 1995 by *Golf Digest*.

But with famous course designers Jay Morrish and Doug Carrick handling the blueprints for the new 18-hole, 7,400-yard facility that broke ground in April 1999, McIntyre and his landscaping crew are reaching for another milestone.

Scheduled to open in June 2001, the new fairway will sport a different appearance from the existing 18 holes.

"The owners (Gordon Stollary and Laurie Stollary-MacLachlan), wanted a special product, something that's challenging. We all came up with something special to make it attractive," McIntyre said. "My goal is to make the new course No. 1 again."

Using land ranging from Kennedy Road west to Warden Avenue, the course will feature larger bodies of waters and what McIntyre describes as a "royal and ancient look" that incorporates dunes featuring a fescue look with splashes of sand and 40 strategically placed sodwell bunkers, reminiscent of features found on seaside courses in Great Britain.

"It will be dramatic," McIntyre said. "There aren't too many golfers in our area that have played sodwell bunkers before," he added of the new feature not found on any other Canadian public course.

Larger greens, which allow for more pin placements, will also be evident.

"From tee to green, you'll have to be very accurate as to where you land your ball," he said.

The landscaping staff worked in co-operation with all environmental concerns. The kartway path to the 10th tee is incorporated into what is

known as the Coyote Trail. Remnants of an old dam and a fireplace from an old mill that once was in existence can be seen from the path. "We're bringing back 100 years."

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In an effort to provide novices, youngsters, women and seniors with an enjoyable golf experience, the new course will sport five tee decks on each hole. Two of the five tees will be white decks due to the amount of play that will be there. Blue and gold tees are the designated pro decks.

"It'll provide for better variety," McIntyre said.

With Angus Glen hosting the 2002 and 2007 Bell Canadian Open events, McIntyre said the new course was not a factor in the Royal Canadian Golf Association's decision to award the two prestigious events.

The new course, though, is expected to be used for the 2007 event.

McIntyre said the existing clubhouse will be expanded to the northwest.

Part of the expansion will include extra parking spaces and a new practice putting area.

Happy with the progress made on the course so far, McIntyre said it's about 60 per cent complete and should be finished this fall.

Last month's rain put a damper on construction, which has been going on six days a week for 12-hour periods. But McIntyre said he is confident the course will open on schedule.

"The next challenge that we have," McIntyre said, half-jokingly, "is to name the new 18-hole course."

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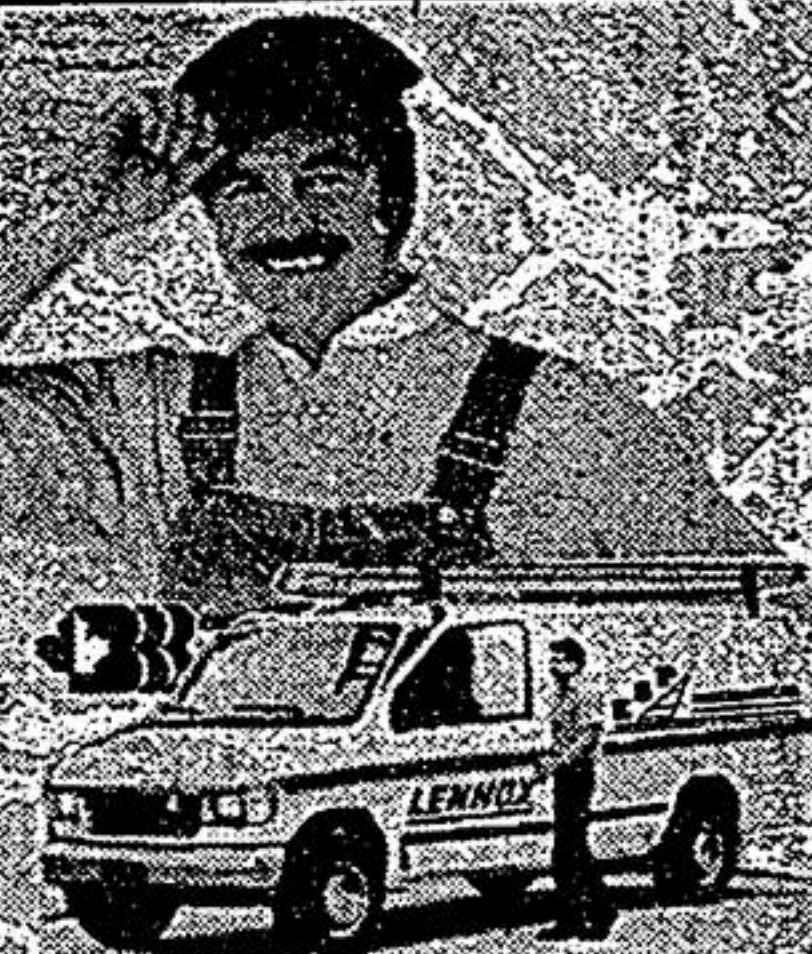
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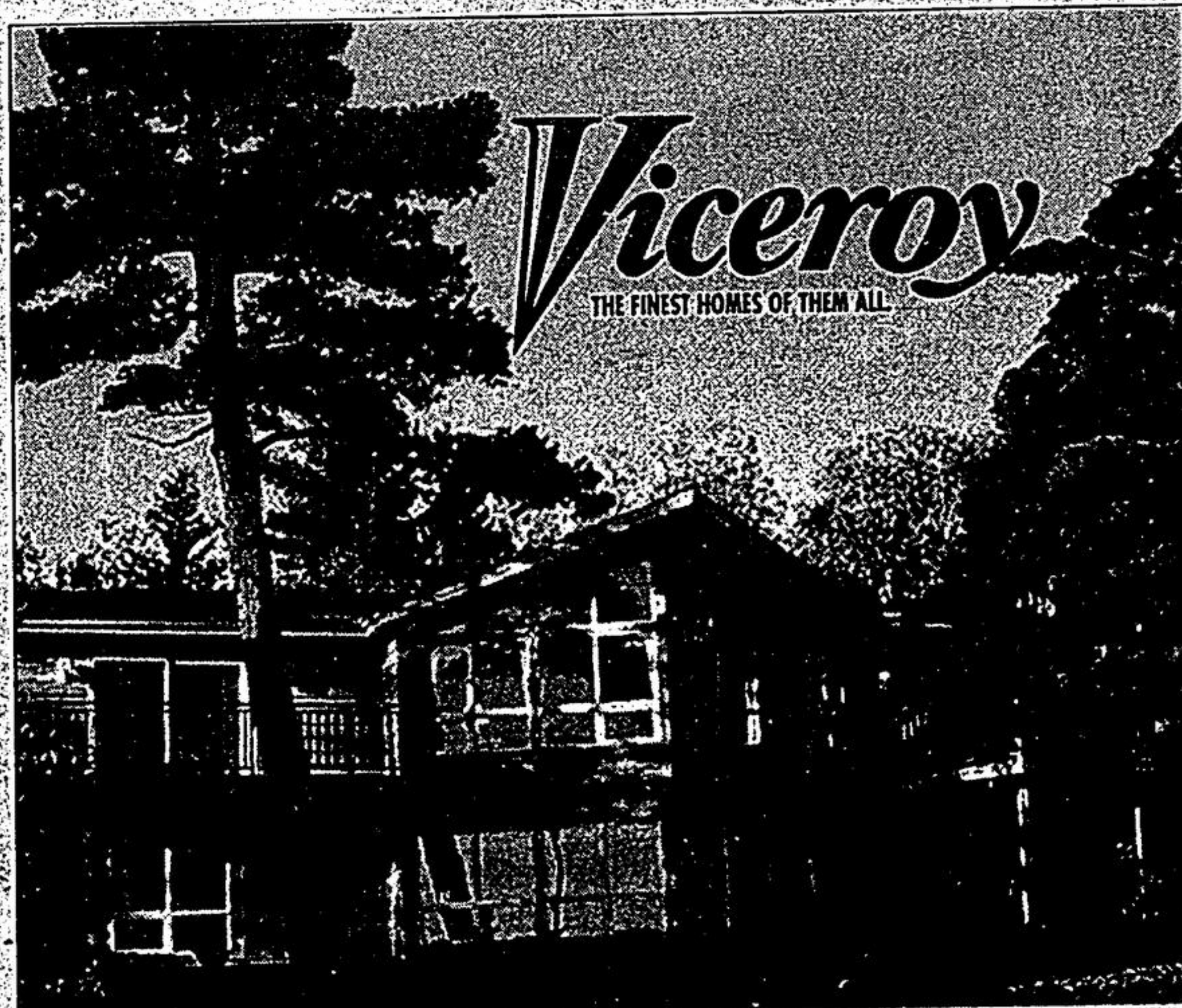
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