

of those three worried business men back in 1931 became a reality.

It is the only 18-hole layout in the community and the rolling fairways, rocky chasms and tree-lined fairways make it as sporty as any in the state.

#### Lake Being Built

A new 6-acre lake is being built and the clubhouse will have additions in the future. A shelter house and professional's quarters were constructed out of the native stone also, and the amazing thing of the whole project—the entire course and buildings have been built for \$7,000, and that includes the price of the 120 acres.

The layout is 6,166 yards long and has a par of 72.

Brooks, Gray, Pugh and other members of the club as well as the citizens of Independence are proud of the Rajah course. A new high in cooperative achievement was set by its builders.

"I am sure if we had realized what we would have had to do to build this golf course on such a tract of land we never would have undertaken it," said Ed Pugh with a smile. "But we've got it now, and we are proud of it. We did it with our own hands. It did us a lot of good physically, and every man feels that he has ten times the interest he would have had if he had paid for the work being done instead of doing it himself. It's our golf course."

They are not through yet. The clubhouse is so constructed that they can build on to it when they want to, and finally they will have a beautiful stone house that will be one of the show places of that country. They have a half mile of river front on the Elk river that supplies the water for their city and they can pipe water into a tower that will supply water for fairways and greens. That is their next step. They want 18 fine grass greens and then they want the Kansas State championship and even bigger tournaments. They are looking forward to the time when they can prove that they have the finest golf course in Kansas and then they are going to be able to say that it cost very little.

"It may be a rich man's game," said Bill Gray. "But there isn't a rich man in this club, and it didn't cost much, but we own it and we are going to keep right on playing golf on a fine course at very small expense. We have proved that golf can be a cheap and splendid amusement, worth ten times what it costs us on our \$7,000 payout."

### Iowa Greenkeepers Association Opens Season

**D**UE to unusually late season which held back work on golf courses, the season's opening meeting of the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. was not held until May 15. The Des Moines G & CC was host to over thirty Iowa greenkeepers who were made welcome by the two Schacht brothers, Elmer and Robert, pros at the club and by William Keating, greenkeeping foreman.

Practically all of the visitors brought clubs and enjoyed playing the course which is constantly improving and getting in fine shape. The course is said to be the longest 18-hole course in the state.

Several interesting educational features were on the program. Keating is giving a convincing demonstration to the members and officials of his club on the value of various sorts of fairway fertilization systems. He has seven plots laid out in a careful manner and these show the relative values of various systems.

A large use of peat has been made in the construction of some of the new greens recently turned into play. Keating considers this to be a very valuable aid in maintaining a proper soil condition and contemplates the use of even larger quantities in the future. He also uses a quantity of fine gravel in the foundation soil of the green to help drainage. This gravel is obtained from a nearby creek bed and is preferred to sand.

A very convincing demonstration was given of the use of a small hammer mill for the preparation of compost for top-dressing. Material was brought immediately into fine condition for use in top-dressing.

### Amateurs In Paid Gallery Matches For Charity Only

**T**he USGA states its attitude regarding the appearance of amateur golfers in exhibition matches for which admission is charged, by reaffirming through its Amateur Status and Conduct committee:

An amateur golfer may take part in an exhibition match, for which admission is charged, provided that the net proceeds go to an organized charity. Professionals appearing in such a match may be paid appropriate amounts for their services, and the club may be reimbursed only to the extent of its actual expenses. The expenses of the club must be certified by an officer of the club.