



Aerial view of the Fargo clubhouse, showing caddie yard, pro shop and parking space. Beyond, short of the river, lies part of the golf course.

ing our attention to the golf course itself. We had good tees, fair greens, a fine clubhouse—but we had no fairways. The idea was endorsed, committees set up, and they came back to the annual club meeting with a complete program.

Today, that program is more than half completed. We are carrying, as a temporary loan, \$4,000 of the present cost of irrigation and course improvement program, but that loan will be wiped out early in the coming season, other phases of the program will be advanced and, by the close of the year, it is expected that the complete irrigation system will be installed. On the course projects we have so far expended \$13,000, and we expect to invest another \$8,500, including the new pro house.

Spent \$44,000;  
Owe Only \$5,000

We had a net indebtedness of \$8,500 when we went into the course irrigation and improvement projects, and we are confident now, on the prospect that we will have a membership of 260 in 1936, that when the job is completed, we will be required to increase our net obligations by not more than \$5,000.

In other words, we will have invested \$21,500 new money in the clubhouse, \$22,500 new money in the course irrigation and improvement program, and of the \$44,000 that has been expended in the last two years, or will be expended in the next year, we will have paid off \$39,000.

A remarkable accomplishment, we think—yet an accomplishment not impossible of attainment in any club if the proper selling job is carried forward.

After all—if we have done any one thing in this community of 37,000 people

in the last few years that has been more important than anything else, it has been the sale of the golf club idea to the people of the city. At all times we carried on a constant selling campaign, intended to let the folks know what we had to offer and, more important, to keep our own membership fully informed and in close touch with every phase of club activity.

### Greenkeepers Get Kansas City Season Off to Notable Start

WHAT is confidently expected to be a great golf season in Kansas City was touched off at a dinner meeting of the "Heart of America Greenkeepers Association" held March 6. Pros and green-chairmen were guests and the pro representation was practically 100% from Kansas City district clubs.

Chester Mendenhall, president of the H. of A. greenkeepers group, presided at the meeting. Technical feature of the evening was a talk on Kansas City maintenance problems by Dr. Oyvind Juul Noer of Milwaukee. Benjamin Franklin Bogges, president of the local PGA section, outlined cooperative policies and practices for greenkeepers and pros.

Michael Angelo Lynch, sec. of the KCGA congratulated the greenkeepers on the work they have done and are doing to maintain a high standard of course condition in the territory despite adverse weather conditions and dwarfed budgets.

Clarence Ethelbert McBride, sports editor of the KC Star, expressed the opinion that the informative joint meeting of greenkeepers, pros and chairmen conducted by the H. of A. organization was a highly significant affair in organizing operating effort for a record golf year in the district.