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## TULSA OPENS NEW \$500,000 CLUB

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**M**ES poilous, le guerre est finis, just to remind you in the old patois there may be another bonus because the latest war that's signed off is the Six Year Shambles of the depression which left things in such bad shape that the poppies grow over many a pro's once valient bankroll.

There can be no doubt of the panic being over because private golf club construction appears again in the official opening of the new Southern Hills Country club, at Tulsa, Okla. Tulsa, the nation's oil capital, can be down deeper than a driller record when times are tough. It has seen millionaires one week gazing hungrily at a bowl of chili the next. Tulsa had had bitterly banged into it the folly of its old-time policy, "plunge and t' hell with it." Now when Tulsa blows its dough, you can ride along in confidence that the days of misery have vanished for some years to come.

Tulsa has gone for a half-million dollar family club in the new Southern Hills establishment. Official opening of the clubhouse is July first, but play has been in progress on the course since late in May. Swimming, tennis, skeet and equestrian activities have been in full swing for almost two months.

The course was designed by Perry Maxwell of Ardmore, Okla., and built under his supervision. Early on the job was the club's greenkeeper, M. L. DeParlier, formerly greenkeeper of the famed and beautiful Gulf Stream course. There are three sets of tees on the course, giving yardages of 6,763, 6,323 and 6,130. These measurements are made from the middles of the tees. The course can be extended to a back-tee length of 6,900 yards.

Fairways are Bermuda and greens are Seaside bent. The last job of fairway watering Wendell Miller designed and put in is the Southern Hills job. Miller died in the Tulsa hospital right after the job was completed. Water is supplied from a well drilled into the former bed of the Arkansas river which now runs about two miles from the clubhouse. Well water is

first discharged into the club's beautiful swimming pool, from which it flows into a lake constructed for storage.

Don Bothwell, green-chairman of the new club and well known in Midcontinent golf, has been the club official responsible for the outside plant. His experience with local conditions as well as with operations of other first class club green departments, greatly facilitated work of the architect, constructors and greenkeeper.

Due to the policy of emphasizing the family factor to the utmost, the pro selection called for one who was not only a first class instructor but an organizer of golf interest and activities. Choice from a big field fell upon Wm. Wotherspoon, highly regarded in national pro circles as an instructor and pro business man. Wotherspoon, formerly operator of the Old Mission course in Kansas City and with other details of fine performance record behind him, is being kept busy on the Southern Hills lesson tees. Bill, long rated as an expert tutor, took several sessions in the winter tournament post-graduate school of instruction.

Southern Hills clubhouse is of stone and is featured by unusually large and light locker-rooms. Among other noteworthy clubhouse facilities are a boys' locker-room detached from the men's quarters and ample provisions for women golfers and swimmers.

The dining room overlooks the T-shaped Olympic-length swimming pool.

On club grounds and adjacent property there are eight miles of bridle paths through wooded hills and to provide facilities for this feature, the club has stables accommodating about 80 horses.