



This administration building at the Little Rock course serves as a clubhouse as well.

## LITTLE ROCK'S MUNY RATES TOPS

**M**ORE than 10 years ago the aggressive Little Rock (Ark.) Kiwanis club conceived the construction of a municipal golf course and clubhouse. The club had a number of highly practical men in its membership and they got busy.

Obtaining some undeveloped land from the city, they enlisted the services of H. C. Hackbarth, veteran pro at the Little Rock CC, and laid out a nine-hole course. It wasn't much of a course at first. The fairways were far from fair, the rough was really rough. Great rocks in the playing area bounced hit balls in almost any direction. The greens were sand. The Kiwanians and their enthusiastic aides among the city golfers persisted, however, and in 1929 saw three more holes added to the course plus considerable improvement in the playability of the old course. Two more holes were added in 1930, and in 1932 the city government obtained money from the RFC to complete a standard 18-hole course—though on completion it still was far from ideal as golf courses go.

### WPA Takes Over Job

Not long after the start of the Federal Works Program, city officials proposed and obtained approval of the WPA for a project designed to make the course one of the best and most up-to-date of municipal courses, with a new clubhouse, caddiehouse and shelter houses. Men taken from the relief rolls were given employment. Toward the end of 1937, work was completed on the project and Little Rock golfers say they now have one of the best

equipped municipal golf courses in the southwest. It has been classed as one of the outstanding relief work projects in the state.

The clubhouse is a two-story natural stone building 40x80 ft. over-all. The basement houses lockers and showers for men and women, toilets and boiler room. On the first floor is a spacious lounge with open fireplace, kitchen, refreshment room and administrative offices. On the second floor are rooms for employees. Twelve shelter sheds have been built on the course and converging at the 7th and 9th tees are check stand, refreshment stand and toilet. A garage and a caddiehouse, also of native stone, adjoin the clubhouse.

### Irrigation, Drainage Completely Installed

Sprinkler systems have been installed for both fairways and the new turf greens. Three and one-half miles of underground and 6 miles of open drains supplement a natural rolling terrain and give rise to the boast of the course's architects that there never will be any casual water on the course, though there will be plenty of water for the dry periods of the year.

A small greens fee is required of all players except members of the golf teams of the local high schools and junior colleges. The income pays the expense of the upkeep of the course and in addition provides a healthy revenue for the city for about 11 months of the year. Walter J. Terry, former star athlete at Little Rock High School and Washington and Lee University, is manager of the course.