

of climate. Tree location was made rather irregular to look natural but was coordinated nicely into golf architecture.

A large and attractive practice range is located very handy to the clubhouse. Grounds architecture also provided for softball diamond and other recreation areas for caddies awaiting assignment.

Very interesting use has been made of the meandering Apple creek in presenting problems for the players and of alternate tee locations to require exacting shot placement for championship play or allow a lot of leeway for ordinary play.

ROW RAGES ABOUT JERSEY COURSE PURCHASE

Opposition to proposed purchase of Essex County CC west 18 at West Orange, N.J. for \$237,000 and use as a public course has developed into biggest public course row of recent years. Course at present is being used as fee course.

Some taxpayers protest purchase by Essex County Park commission saying course at present provides golf facilities as a business and conflicts with non-business detail of zoning regulations. N.J. Publinc assn. does not favor the purchase although saying district is far short of needed golf facilities. Assn. maintains a new course could be built for less money.

Essex Parks GC, public course players, headed by John Martin, are active group and have been advertising in newspapers their protest against increased new rates asked at Hendricks Field and Weequahic. The Parks golfers claim old fees were adequate for maintenance. Their campaign has brought out that from 1914 to 1946 Essex County Park commission collected \$1,096,679 in golf fees.

Martin as head of N.J. State Publinc assn., together with other officers of the organization, also advertise asking that publinc golfers petition Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll requesting \$1,000,000 from race-track breakage to be distributed to 10 counties for public courses.

From Moultrie, Ga. comes news that a new nine-hole golf course described as "one of the most picturesque and interesting layouts in the country," has been opened to the public. . . Built under the supervision of Hugh Moore, pro-manager of the local Bowden Municipal Golf Course it has been under construction for more than two years. . . Hugh reports that this fine layout is not one of those easy affairs, but a real championship test, stretching 3,300 yards over a 200-acre tract of rolling land, situated on the Moultrie-Thomasville highway, three miles from Moultrie.

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