



EYES OF TEXAS SUPTS. ARE ON THEM

Society of Agronomy meeting at Dallas, Rivercrest CC invited some of the golf turf authorities over to Ft. Worth. Here's the line-up of guests and hosts: Front Row (L to R): A. G. Mitchell, Rivercrest pro; Tom Mascaro, West Point Products; Charlie Wilson, USGA Green Section; Frank Goldthwaite, Texas Toro Co.; Fred V. Grau, West Point Lawn Products; H. B. Musser, Pennsylvania State College. Back Row (L to R): Ralph Rowley, Texas Toro Co.; Clarence Waits, supt., Rivercrest CC; Howard Gregory, Texas Toro; Charles Gregor, Texas Toro; Bill Daniels, Purdue

Columbia (Mo.) Teamwork Gets 9-hole Course for \$15,000

HOW DO YOU build an excellent 9-hole grass green golf course for \$15,000? Early this summer Central Missouri golfers will be teeing off on just such a course.

Columbia, Mo. is the site of this 9-hole bargain.

It took a lot of hard work by two Columbia civic groups in cooperation with the city's Parks & Recreation department to bring this course into reality.

The whole thing started several years ago when the City of Columbia tried to buy a tract of land adjoining its airport in order to make some runway improvements. The owner of the land was determined to sell all or nothing so the city found itself with 75 acres of rolling land for which it had no use.

The Cosmopolitan Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Columbia both had park sites on either end of this tract. The two organizations soon put their heads together. With only one public golf course in a city of over 30,000 the area seemed a natural for the development of a municipal golf course. It had a lake which would provide a plentiful water supply and the soil composition and land contour were generally suitable.

The Columbia City Council agreed to

lease the land to the clubs for one dollar per year and construction of the course was begun. With the major problems of acquiring a suitable location and paying for it taken care of the two organizations, in cooperation with W. C. Harris, Columbia's Parks & Recreation director, began work in earnest.

After clearing of the area and roughing out of the greens and tees had begun Earl "Smiley" Bell, of Kansas City's Armour Fields CC was engaged as course architect for the 3485-yard layout.

To finance the work the two clubs each raised \$1500 which was supplemented by \$5000 given by the city thru the Parks & Recreation Department. Additional funds have been raised thru the sale of tickets to be used when the course is completed.

Expenses were cut by the use of labor donated by members of the Junior Chamber and the Cosmopolitan Club. The over two miles of trenching needed for the courses watering system were dug free and special discounts were received on many items. In addition city equipment and labor were used whenever available.

The course, expected to be ready for use by late May or early June, will be the only municipal links with grass greens in a 50-mile radius of Columbia and is expected to draw golfers from all over Central Missouri.