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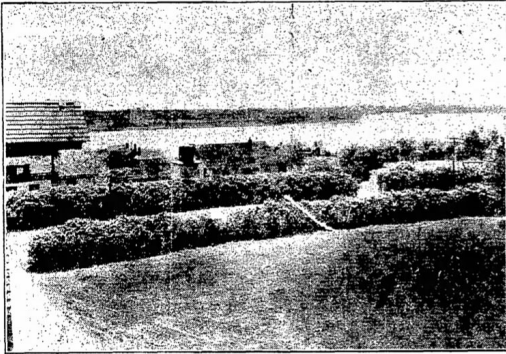
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## Davenport Country Club Beautiful New Playground For Whole Family



Looking South from Entrance of Country Club

Magnificent Location on Hills Above Mississippi Gives Builders Chance to Lay Out Most Beautiful Grounds in Middle West—Commodious Club House Is to Be Completed in July—Temporary Golf Course Open to Membership Memorial Day—Nearly All Memberships Are Now Taken—Many Sports are Provided For



THE NEW CLUB HOUSE



Boat House of the Club and View Over River

MEMORIAL day will witness the formal opening of the new Davenport Country Club's temporary course and quarters at the former Joe H. Lane country home overlooking the Mississippi river near Pleasant Valley. A temporary club house has been made available across the road from the entrance to the property and lockers are being installed there to accommodate those who plan to use the temporary six-hole golf course through the remainder of the season.

Remodeling of the club house proper is now under way and will be completed this summer. This work has been in progress for over six weeks now and is well along. The old home contained a number of bedrooms on the first floor. These partitions have been taken out and an addition is being built on to give a large entrance hall opening from the drive, with an office and coat room to the left and a big assembly room for large parties running clear across the east end of the house to the front. The kitchen is being enlarged and revamped for club purposes. The balance of the downstairs and the entire upstairs is being left intact. The porch will be screened for the full length.

The large assembly or ballroom to the east will be used for serving large parties as well as for dancing. The old dining room will be used as a grill room and will be open at all times, so that members may be served whether or not parties are in progress. The old living room will be fitted up as a lounge.

It is practically assured that the club house will be open by July 15, unless untoward delays from strikes should hinder; there is a possibility that it may be open by July 4. The stewards has been hired and a cook retained.

One of the most wonderful spots in Scott county or anywhere along the Mississippi for that matter, as far as natural beauty is concerned. The two creeks which flow over the property are bordered by beautiful vine-covered cliffs, and apple flowers and foliage are at their loveliest right now.

Mr. Towse, the proprietor of the Davenport Riding academy, is moving some of his best horses up to the club. They are housed in one of the stables on the river side of the road and will be available for the use of members at a nominal fee. Horses can be reserved and lessons arranged. Many beautiful rides can be had over our own grounds and on the dirt roads back of the club property. The horses are available now.

A tennis court, a heritage from the Lane estate, is being renovated and being put in good condition; it will be ready for play May 30. This is a splendid clay court, just back of the permanent club house on the right hand side of the road. The large white house across the road, which is being fitted up as a temporary club house, is used as a dressing room.

The Golf Course.

When called upon to construct a golf course on the land purchased, which would be satisfactory to all golf playing members, the greens committee was confronted by an apparently hopeless situation. The grounds purchased for the Country Club had been chosen primarily for their wonderful scenic beauty, their fitness for a golf course being a secondary consideration. The land north of the club house is very hilly, and as first glance it would seem almost impossible to construct a course that would not only be very difficult for the average golfer to negotiate, but also extremely fatiguing.

Recognizing the necessity of having the course laid out by the best talent available, the greens committee, after carefully investigating the work of a number of golf architects, selected Captain C. H. Allison, English golf course architect, who have for several years had offices in Detroit and who have designed and built some of the best golf courses in the United States and Canada. Mr. Leonard Macomber, chairman of greens section of the Chicago District Golf association, and a well known seed expert, is associated with Captain Allison.

Made Survey.

A careful survey was made of the land by N. P. Tunniff, the Davenport engineer, levels being carefully and accurately taken, and a large contour map made showing elevations at every point on the ground. Captain Allison first spent 11 days working on a tentative golf course on this map before coming to Davenport, and later a week on the ground, confirming the map layout, staking out the course, and making such changes as would be suggested by the contour of the ground.

The result of Captain Allison's work has been an agreeable surprise to the officers of the Country Club and the members of the greens committee, and will certainly be pleasing to the members of the club who have been fearful that the course will be "too hilly" and "hard to play." A course has been laid out, and is now being built that is just difficult enough to be most interesting, and still not too difficult for even a player of moderate skill. Situations are encountered which call for a variety of shots and "every club in the bag" will be required in making the round.

A long driver will find his skill tested, and the average player or beginner will find a place for his ball to light with a shorter drive.

The following brief description of the course as laid out may be of interest to golf playing members.

The total length of the course is 6,240 yards.

No. 1 fairway is 350 yards long. A drive of 180 yards will carry over a draw to the top of next ridge, leaving a short iron pitch to green. A topped drive will land in the draw and necessitate a blind shot over a ridge to the green.

No. 2 fairway is 450 yards long, requiring a long drive, and a long

broads shot over Onondio creek to reach the green. No. 2. Shorter drivers will require three shots to reach the green.

No. 3 fairway is 150 yards long. A drive from low ground near No. 2 green, in top of somewhat steep slope, and a dog leg to right along level ground to green. The green is guarded by a small ravine crossing the fairway.

No. 4 is 250 yards. An easy drive will carry over a dirt ravine, leaving an iron shot to green in extreme northeast corner of ground.

No. 5 is a long one-shot hole along level ground 220 yards to a flat green guarded on left by a shallow natural depression.

No. 6 is 250 yards long. A drive over a small draw and a dog leg to left over level ground.

No. 7 is 120 yards long, down a

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