

FROM THE SOUTH

BY "THE COLONEL."



Another year will find practically a new course at the Birmingham Country Club. Work has been going on all summer and it will only take a few months next spring before the new greens are in shape to be played upon.

When the new course is ready for play there will be only three of the old holes which will remain absolutely unchanged. All of the necessary work of clearing the ground, planting and other improvements has been done and in fact there is now a good turf on all of the new fairways and the only thing which delays the opening of the new course is getting the greens in shape.

The new course will be longer than the old one by something like nine hundred yards. The present one is practically forty-eight hundred yards in length, but the changes now being made will have increased the length to fifty-seven hundred yards. Not only has the course been lengthened but new hazards have been added and all in all the new course will be much better than the old one.

Golfers who have examined the plans carefully and who are familiar with other courses in the South state that it will be much harder than al-

most any other course in the South. While it lacks the necessary distance for a championship course by something like three hundred yards, still the natural lay of the ground and the careful manner in which the traps have been placed will severely penalize a poorly played or indifferent shot. Even now getting off the course at the Country Club is severely penalized, but with several of the new holes cut through the woods there is going to be additional trouble for the player who is wild with his tee shots.

While the location of many of the greens are changed in the first nine holes, there is practically no change in the distances, nearly all of the added distance being in the second nine.

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Tyrus Raymond Cobb says that golf hurts a ball player's batting. If this is so we fail to see why the Athletics are the hardest hitting team in either league, as a large number of them are fond of soaking a golf ball with a driver or an iron as often as the opportunity presents itself.

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On the first afternoon that the remodeled course of the Atlanta Athletic Club was opened for play a number of golfers who had finished their round were talking over their troubles and misfortunes when Mr. L. D. Scott joined the party and told a good one on himself.

"You know that tank, which stands

well back of the new second green? inquired Mr. Scott, "And you know how high it is off the ground?" "Well!—when I got to that second hole this afternoon I didn't have a card so I didn't know that the hole was only one hundred and thirty-five yards. It looked like it was nearer one hundred and eighty. I knew too that it was much better to be beyond the green than it was to be short of it. So I took my brassy and cut loose. The ball sailed high over and beyond the green and struck that tank squarely in the middle and bounded back onto the green and rolled to within 6 inches of the hole. If I hadn't hit that tank I think I would have found my ball up at Druid Hills."

"You fellows may have had a lot of hard luck, but as for myself, I don't see where I have any kick coming after that shot."

The next time you play this hole we hope that you will notice the position of this tank and we think that you will agree with Mr. Scott that he had no kick coming.

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Miss Alexa Sterling, the wonderful young golfer of the Atlanta Athletic Club, was one of the entrants in the Women's national championship,

which was held at Glen Cove, N. Y., early last month.

Miss Sterling qualified easily, but lost her first match to Miss Georgianna Bishop, who was the medalist in this tournament. Although matched against one of the best women golfers in the world, Miss Sterling gave her a close match and was only beaten two up and one to play.

Miss Sterling was the youngest entrant in the tournament and her exhibition of skill and courage has won her unbounded praise from the experts who watched her play.

With a few more years of experience in tournament play it is believed that Miss Sterling, who was the only Southern woman to qualify, will bring the Women's national championship trophy to the South.

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When the Southern championship is held in Atlanta

next June it is very likely that only the sixty-four players who qualify for the championship will continue to play at East Lake, where the championship is to be held.

This, however, does not mean that those who fail to qualify in the first sixty-four will not have anything to do for the rest of the week. Mr. George W. Adair, vice-president of



MR. L. R. MUNGER, one of the best players of the Dallas Golf and Country Club.

the Southern Golf Association, has suggested the plan and it has met with the approval of the Directors of the Association, that the scores made in the qualifying round by those who fail to make the first sixty four, place those players in flights of sixteen for a tournament, which will be held at the Druid Hills' course.

This plan will prevent the former trouble of getting the players started on the second and third days of the tournament and it will also give an additional number of flights for those who fail to make the championship division.

Every one to whom this plan has been mentioned has thought well of the idea and it is practically certain that it will be carried out.

The way we view it this plan ought to be popular with the dub as well as the player who thinks he has a chance to win the championship.

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Judge Nash R. Broyles, who is familiarly known to almost every Georgian as Judge Briles, and who has been an entrant in nearly all of the tournaments held in the South, was recently elected to the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

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Young Perry Adair won the championship of the Atlanta Athletic Club defeating Mr. Clarke Donaldson, 8 up and 7 to play in the thirty-six holes final.

This gives Perry his first leg on the championship cup, which must be won three times before it becomes the permanent property of the winner. This cup was won in 1907 and 1908 by Mr. F. G. Byrd. In 1909 and 1910 it was won by Mr. W. R. Tichenor.

In 1911 Mr. H. G. Scott won it. In 1912 Mr. G. H. Atkissin won it. And in 1913 it was won by Mr. G. W. Adair, the father of the winner this year.

This tournament brings to a close a most successful season for Perry Adair. Early in the year this fifteen year old boy astonished the golf players of the South by fighting his way through the Southern championship to the final, where he was beaten by Mr. Nelson Whitney. A few weeks later he went to the tournament held by the Montgomery Country Club and easily won that event. Later he went to Junior Western and the Western Championship but there had been a slump in his game by that time and he did not do very well but he learned a great deal of golf.

In speaking of this trip he remarked to your correspondent: "If anybody from the South expects to make any kind of a show in the Western they have got to be well under eighty every round. Get as bad as eighty and some one you never heard of will give you a trimming before you know it."

While this season has been a most successful one for him still with the amount of work and study which Perry is putting on his game we are certain that he will be a lot harder to beat next season and we look for him to have even a more successful season next year than he had this year.

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The open tournament at the Esseola Golf Club, Linville, N. C., 36 holes medal play, was won by Nathan Mathers, the professional at the Wilmington, N. C. Country Club, with a total of 149. Next came Earl R. Harer, of the local club, with 152,

followed by Gordon Smith, Greenville, S. C. Country Club, 161; Jno. M. Long, Johnson City, Tenn., 162, and T. W. Bonnar, Charlotte, N. C., 163.

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The State championship of Virginia was won by W. H. Palmer, Jr., with a score of 156 for the 36 holes.

The event was played at the Hermitage Golf Club, Richmond, Va. The next best scores were W. P. Wood, 163; R. H. Meade, 165; H. S. Jones, 166; and James McMenemy, Phil. Prescott and Mayo Binford, 167. Mr. McMenemy won the championship a year ago at Hampton and the previous year, at Norfolk.

