

# The Memphis Country Club



**The scene of the 48th USGA Amateur Championship starting late this month.**

If you liked golf, and if the only course in your part of the State were "a sorry makeshift of nine short holes contained wholly within a race track," you might do something about it.

Six citizens of Memphis did. Out of such a healthy dissatisfaction, they brought forth the idea which produced the Memphis Country Club in 1905. Now, late this month, the Club will entertain the 48th USGA Amateur Championship in its first visit to the Deep South.

The Club's early history is interesting but not entirely serene. One November afternoon in 1910, when the Club was only five years old, the handsome old Geraldus Buntyn mansion which served as the clubhouse burned to the ground.

Fortunately, the Club numbered among its members Charles O. Pfiel, who later was to serve as president of the Western Golf Association and a Vice-President of the USGA. He was an architect with many ideas for the features that should be incorporated into a clubhouse, and the present building, shown above, is a monument to his memory.

The Club's original 18-hole course was replaced by a new championship test designed by the late Donald J. Ross. These improvements, in combination, equipped the Memphis Country Club to entertain the Southern Amateur, Women's Southern, Western Amateur, Women's Western Ama-

teur, Western Open and USGA Women's Amateur Championships. Chick Evans, Jack Westland, Miss Alexa Stirling (now Mrs. W. G. Fraser), Miss Louise Suggs and Johnny McDermott all won sectional titles on the Memphis green.

Mrs. Julius A. Page, Jr., in 1937 won the USGA Women's Championship there.

On the next-to-last day of this month at Memphis, Robert H. (Skee) Riegel will start defense of the Amateur Championship he won a year ago at Pebble Beach. The tournament will be entirely at match play, with 210 contestants eligible after sectional qualifying rounds at 34 points.

George Treadwell was a player in last year's Amateur. This time he is General Chairman of the Memphis Country Club's committees. Mr. Treadwell was President of the Club three years, four times Club Champion, has been president of the Tennessee and the Memphis Golf Associations.

Edward P. Russell, Club President, has appointed the following committee chairmen: Hugh Francis, grounds and caddies; Thomas J. White, gallery; Dave C. Gaut, scoring; Percy Parker, admission and registration; Frank C. Pidgeon, entertainment; William H. Terry, house and publicity; Van Court Pritchard, clubhouse admission; Edward H. Sanders, program; Louis Schutt, transportation and parking; Joseph E. Davis, finance; Roy D. Moore, accommodation and interclub relations.