

NEW MEADOW BROOK COURSE

WORK is advancing rapidly on the new golf course of Long Island's Meadow Brook Club on what was formerly the Middleton S. Burrell property at Jericho, N. Y. The course, being constructed by Dick Wilson, is scheduled to be planted in September and, if all goes according to plan, ready for play next summer. It will be of real championship length and design, with shorter tees for average and women's play.

The Club is using the famous old course and clubhouse at Westbury for the last season. On November 1 the property will be taken by Nassau County to make way for a cross-island parkway.

Meadow Brook was formed in 1881, according to its certificate of incorporation, "to support and hunt a pack of fox hounds in the proper season, and to promote other out-door sport." But it was as a polo center that it became best known. Before World War II many international matches with Great Britain, Mexico and Argentina were played at Meadow Brook's International Field, involving such famous polo-playing members as the Waterburys, J. Watson Webb, Devereux Milburn, Louis E. Stoddard, Tommy Hitchcock, Jr., and Winston Guest.

The Board of Stewards on October 18, 1893, authorized the formation of a Golf Committee and the laying out of a golf course. At a subsequent meeting, about two months later, the Golf Committee was empowered to hire a professional to teach golf to the Club members.

Scene of First Women's Amateur

So, in spite of horses and hounds, golf came to Meadow Brook, and the club actually played host to the first USGA Women's Amateur Championship in November, 1895.

The turf on which Meadow Brook is situated is famous for its springy quality and ideal for golf, which assumed a more and more important place in Meadow Brook activities as the years went by. Polo interest appeared to decline correspondingly. Where the Club had eight polo fields at

Westbury, it probably will have no more than two at Jericho.

According to latest reports, the Deepdale Golf Club, at Great Neck, N. Y., is to remain in its present location. The Long Island parkway will take some of its property, too, and necessitate a rearrangement of the holes. What is now wooded land on the club property will be cleared and a new championship layout is planned. The architect on this project, too, is Dick Wilson.

Deepdale was built in 1925 on the property of the late William K. Vanderbilt.

The fate of Meadow Brook is shared by the Tuxedo Club, in Tuxedo Park, N. Y., which was laid out in 1889 and is the second oldest club in the Metropolitan New York area.

Tuxedo is giving way gradually to the New York State Thruway. Construction crews already have blasted their way through a part of the venerable golf course, and the members now can use only nine of the holes. The Thruway will swallow up practically all the course by the end of the season.

The Club has not yet reached a final decision on a site for a new course.



New officers of the American Society of Golf Course Architects are, from the left, Robert F. Lawrence, of Miami Beach, Fla., secretary-treasurer; William H. Diddel, of Carmel, Ind., president; and James Gilmore Harrison, of Turtle Creek, Pa., vice-president.