

Golfing Members Anticipate Annual Tournament

When golfing members of the American Oil Chemists' Society tee off at picturesque El Dorado Golf Club April 27, they'll be testing one of the Southwest's outstanding 18-hole championship layouts.

El Dorado is laid out in a setting of scenic splendor, on the heavily wooded N. C. Ginther Ranch, 20 minutes from downtown Houston. The course, which will measure 6,686 yd from the middle of the men's tees, plays to a par 36-35-71.

The unique course, built a year ago at a cost of \$478,000 on land valued at \$320,000, matured so rapidly that it was seriously considered as a possible site for the \$55,000 Houston Golf Classic this year.

Five blue lakes meander through the gently swinging layout, with hundreds of tall pin oak, cyprus, sweet gum, maple, white oak, and walnut trees lining the wide fairways and backing the enormous greens. Every hole has been carefully planned to take full advantage of the magnificent natural terrain and breathtaking scenery.

The unusual tees are huge, measuring as long as 75 yards. They are in the shape of four-leaf clovers, circles, dog bones, diamonds and figure eights, with only a few shaped like conventional rectangles. Many are terraced; one is a circle on a peninsula jutting out into a lake.

There are no drastic dog-legs, with most of El Dorado's fairways swinging lazily to the right or left. There are several strategically located fairway traps. Water intersects some fairways and flows adjacent to others.

The greens are huge, averaging 8,000 square feet, and built in many different offset designs. To take full advantage of the setting, each green has been spotted to lie beneath an umbrella of foliage provided by the majestic trees on the property.

Head professional Bill Stephens says he and his staff are looking forward to hosting the American Oil Chemists' Society tournament on April 27.



Enthusiastic golfers tee off at the picturesque, 18-hole El Dorado Golf Club.

"I think they'll really enjoy playing El Dorado, and I know we'll enjoy having them," says Stephens. "El Dorado is really beautiful in April, and the course will be in great shape for the tournament."

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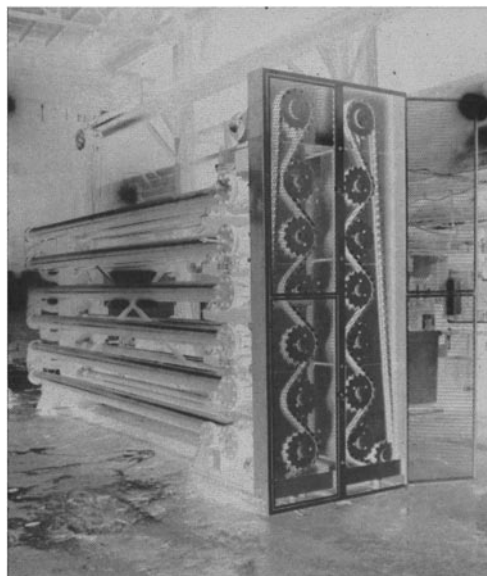
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