



**July 18, 1954**  
**Ninth Annual Veterans Amateur State Golf Championship Tournament**

## **Old Nine Temple College Golf Course**

**2600 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

The golf course was created in 1944 during World War II for patients at the McCloskey General Hospital (now Olin E. Teague Veterans Center), a facility which served orthopedic, amputation and neuro-surgery patients. The golf course was constructed as a physical therapy and recreational facility for the war veterans, many of which were amputees and confined to wheelchairs. John Bredemus was the commissioned architect for the project while the construction of the nine-hole course was supervised by Major Burns, an engineering officer at McClosky's. German soldiers at a POW camp located across the street served as laborers.

In 1945, the first tournament was held which included a division for leg amputees and arm amputees. Since that year, Sam Sneed, Vic Ghezzi, Byron Nelson, and Jack Burke Jr., are just a few distinguished golfers that played the Old Nine. After the war, the property was handed over to the Veterans Administration then given to Temple College in 1967. Once the college obtained the golf course, it operated as a public course.