

ATLANTA GOLF BODY FORMED; MARTIN LEADS

State Official Is Named
Head of Local Group;
Tournaments Planned.

By Roy White.

Robert H. Martin, vice president of the Georgia Amateur Golf Association and one of the city's most prominent sportsmen, was elected first president of the Atlanta Golf Association at an organization meeting Thursday night at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Other officers of the newly-formed association are: Keith Conway, veteran East Lake tournament committeeman, vice president, and William V. Kingdon, of Inglewood Country Club, secretary-treasurer.

Directors for the association will be named at an early meeting, and it was voted to have one director from each private club, one from the Atlanta Municipal Golfers' Association, one from the Atlanta Professional Golfers' Association and one to represent the newspapers. Directors from the newspapers will rotate each year.

A LONG-FELT NEED.
Organization of the golf enthusiasts fulfills a long-felt need in the city. The new body plans to sponsor a number of tournaments each year. In former years the city amateur championship has been run entirely by the club sponsoring it and except for the city amateur there is no other Atlanta tourney of major importance in which all golfers can compete.

In addition to the city amateur, which was definitely set for September 1 on the Druid Hills course, the Atlanta association plans to sponsor an Atlanta open, a junior and a senior championship tourney. The senior event will be open only to players past 50 years of age and will likely be staged during the month of October.

Keith Conway was appointed chairman of the 1931 city amateur tournament committee and will be assisted by Paul Duke and Dr. Dan Sage. This committee, together with Dr. E. G. Ballenger, chairman of the Druid Hills tournament committee, and Harry Stephens, Druid Hills professional, will have charge of the September event.

CITY AMATEUR.
The city tournament will be open to every amateur golfer in Atlanta. Monday, August 31, will be given over to qualifying rounds. The players will be grouped into divisions of 32 each, with the winning 16 forming the championship flight and the losing 16 in the first match making up the second flight. Other divisions will be formed into flights accordingly.

It was one of the most harmonious meetings of its kind to be held anywhere, and the organization was complete in every respect. There was not a dull moment. Within one hour after the group assembled, the Atlanta Golf Association was formed.

Colonel Lowry Arnold, president of the Southern Amateur and Georgia Amateur associations, was selected a temporary chairman and immediately called for election of officers. Arnold then turned the chair over to President Martin and was later appointed to draft a charter which will be adopted at an early meeting when the directors will be confirmed.

MORE TOURNEYS.
Although no definite dates were set, it is planned to sponsor a senior event during October, a junior championship in the early summer, the annual city championship in September and an Atlanta open tournament at the most convenient date for the amateurs and professionals alike.

Those present at the meeting included: Lowry Arnold and Harry Stephens, Druid Hills; Robert H. Martin and Milton Dargan Jr., Capital City Country Club; W. V. Kingdon, Inglewood Club; Dr. Dan Sage, Ansley Park; Keith Conway and Paul Duke, East Lake; W. W. Burns, West End; Hal Voorhis and newspaper representatives.