

# San Antonio Dealer Promotes Municipal Skeet Field

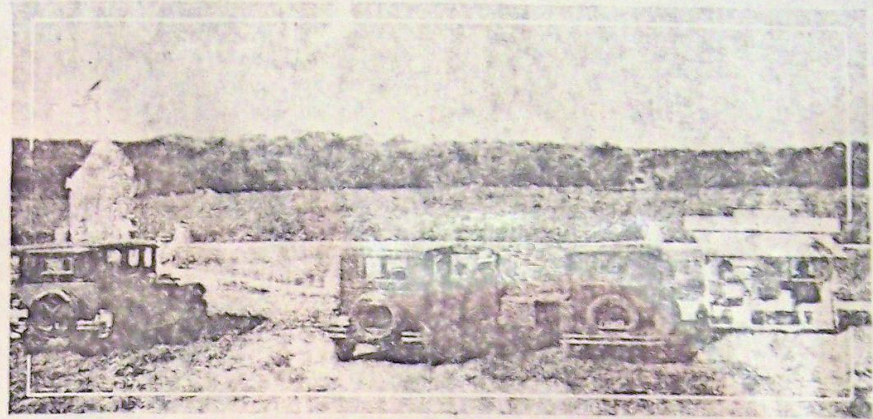
Club Organized and Permanent Course Laid Out by John Dury, of Potchernick's, After City Provides the Grounds

**S**KEET—that new form of inexpensive trapshooting—has been mighty popular all Summer at San Antonio, Tex. The reason is that San Antonio possesses the first municipally-owned Skeet field in the entire United States, made possible by the progressiveness of its city officials and the alertness of a sporting goods house of the Texas metropolis.

The story of the growth of Skeet shooting in San Antonio is short and simple and furnishes an example for sporting goods dealers in many other cities who want to accomplish something of civic benefit and also to keep guns, ammunition and targets moving throughout the year.

Shooters of San Antonio had long been looking for a shooting system that would be similar to field shooting. Among this number was John J. Dury, of Potchernick's, a widely known San Antonio sporting goods store. Mr. Dury investigated the new game of Skeet and found that it had all the advantages he was looking for.

The next step was to interest President Topperwein of Potchernick's, and that was easy, for



At the San Antonio Municipal Skeet Grounds, the trigger man controls the trap by pulling from the stand at the right, which also serves as a referee's stand. The walks and driveways to the field are made of gravel.

Mr. Topperwein immediately recognized the business opportunities to be derived from promotion of the new sport. He gave Mr. Dury permission to devote all the necessary time to the movement. The job, however, was too big for one man, so Mr. Dury enlisted the support of Henry E. Flory, also associated with Potchernick's, and these men organized the Potchernick Skeet Club of seventy-five members. The only initiation fee was a dollar subscription to a magazine that was the original promoter of Skeet, and there are no other dues.

The next move was to secure suitable grounds, and here a real problem arose. Temporary locations could have been obtained,

but because they were temporary, they did not justify the necessary expenditure of laying out a permanent field.

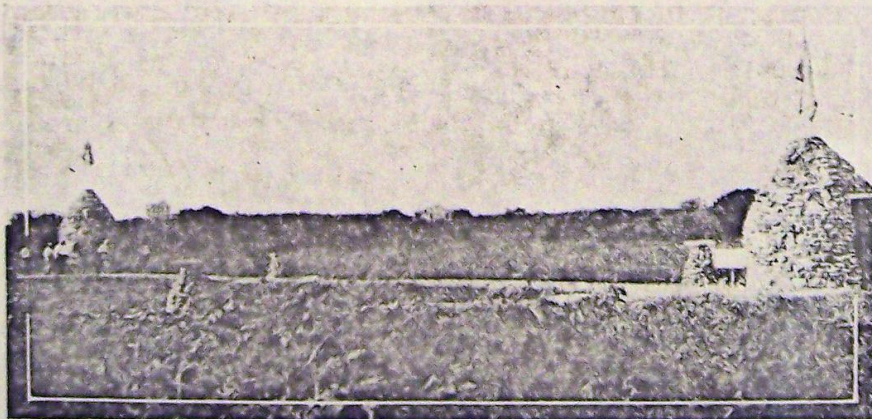
Finally Mr. Dury drew up a petition signed by 250 shooters and personally presented this to Mayor C. M. Chambers and Commissioner Paul Stiffler of San Antonio. These two progressive officials not only agreed to arrange for the necessary ground for a municipal location, but also gave Mr. Dury the necessary men and materials (except devices, traps, etc.) to proceed with the job of laying out the field.

### Three Weeks of Work.

Mr. Dury worked three weeks on the field, drawing plans, laying out the course, doing all carpenter work and overseeing the job in general.

Since the opening last Spring, the club has bought shells and targets amounting to \$1,075 from Potchernick's and Mr. Dury has sold \$975 worth of merchandise to club members and has prospects for much more.

Mr. Dury and Mr. Flory are not responsible for any gain or loss resulting from operation of the club, neither is the club affiliated or connected in any way with Potchernick's, except for the fact that both men are employed there and naturally see that all possible club supplies are purchased from their company's stock.



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