

## **MR. LOUIS LOWCOCK**



*Constructional work was one of his favourite activities.*

Louis Lowcock, Head Greenkeeper at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, died in Hoylake Cottage Hospital on 23rd February. He was taken ill suddenly while at the golf course.

Mr. Lowcock was 52 and had been in charge of the ground staff at Hoylake since 1958 when he took over from Tom Bridges.

He was a native of Yorkshire and one of the leading members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association which he served as a member of the Practical Advisory Committee at The Sports Turf Research Institute until this Committee was wound up.

He began his career as assistant professional at Ilkley and then went to the Durham City Golf Club. He came back to his native county to the Hallamshire Golf Club at Sheffield and then served with the Royal Armoured Corps during the 1939-1945 War, which took him all the way into Germany. After the war he went to the Moortown Golf Club, at

Leeds, before his final move to Hoylake.

He had a tremendous sense of duty and loyalty to all his courses, and never spared himself in preparing them for the major tournaments which their quality attracted.

When the Amateur Championship was played at Hoylake in 1962, he was called to the platform and publicly congratulated on the wonderful condition of the course. The winner, R. D. Davies, said that the greens at Hoylake were better than any he had ever seen, and a photograph of the American, suitably inscribed, "to my friend, Lou Lowcock", was one of the many tributes in the Golf Bungalow, near the 7th green.

Recently he had been closely associated with plans for improvements to the course for the Club's centenary celebrations in 1969.

All members will wish to extend their deep sympathy to Mrs. Lowcock and her married daughter.