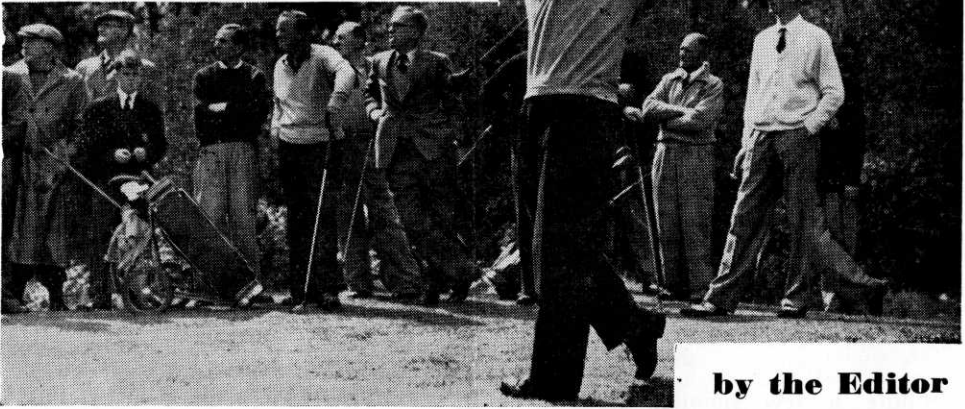


TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

A Swedish contribution to mowing has become popular in the Manchester area. A. Wilson, Head Greenkeeper at Bramall Park, showed us his "Flymo" with some pride last month. This is a rotary mower with 2-stroke engine sitting on a fibre glass body, the whole thing weighing only about 26 lbs. Vanes on a disc above the revolving cutting blades cause the whole machine to float on air when the engine is started. Thus, on banks or round bunker edges, the operator can whisk his mower to and fro with one hand and cut awkward slopes and corners with less effort than it takes to wield a scythe. Bramall Park was certainly looking well cared for, though most of it still went through the traditional routine.

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Mr. S. Frappell, Head Greenkeeper at the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club, Failand, has shaped up a new 11th green very neatly in the past few weeks. The old one suffered from problems of visibility and a strong backward slope. Teasing problems of this sort seem to last just so long (a long time in this case) but not for ever. The greatest problem of golf course design is trying to provide the problems without making them eccentric.

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Harry Roberts, West Lancashire Golf Club Head Greenkeeper, produced a new 10th green at West Lancs. in something under a fortnight in December. Green Committee decisions are not always speedy—Harry decided to translate thought into action between one meeting and the next—and succeeded.

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A Happy New Year to all our members.

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