

## NEW COURSES

Another tour of continental courses was completed last month by Mr. Bernard Clayton, Senior Advisory Officer of the Sports Turf Research Institute. He visited Lyon (both the existing course and a site for a new 36-hole layout) Basle, two courses recently opened near Paris, and a Canadian Army course near Metz.

Work is also well advanced on another 9-hole course near Metz—a co-operative effort between the town, the French army, and a group of private individuals. The site is attractive parkland at the Château de Chérissey and the layout will preserve many fine specimen trees and much of the woodland, which are now approaching their best.

*Our picture suggests that the landscape architect had a golf course in mind when he laid out the grounds originally.*



## NORTH EAST NEWS

A lively meeting at Gosforth Golf Club of Northumberland & Durham Greenkeepers on 19th March decided to link up with the B.G.G.A. and to go all out for recruits in the coming season.

The Chairman and Tommy Oliver led the discussion and B.G.G.A. Chairman, Jock Glass and Hon. Secretary C. H. Dix answered specific points. Mr. Leslie Jones, President of the Section and Deputy President of the E.G.U. promised his personal support. 250 copies of the April issue of the Greenkeeper are going off to clubs in the two counties.

The general drift of the meeting!

Most clubs have not yet woken up to the grim results of the law of diminishing greenkeepers. A few bright exceptions will not materially affect the future. Club officials should see that their ground staff can get to lectures and meetings, help them with expenses and subscriptions. In the long run it would be all for the good of the courses.

And if there was one thing these boys took pride in—that was it. No personal grumbles, no criticisms, no bitterness—just facts and what was best for greenkeeping and the golf course.

Let's hope they get the wide support they deserve.