

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

IT looks as though the "Pitch & Putt" course has finally arrived. Birmingham led the way six or seven years ago just as it did with public courses before the war. Now Northampton, Southampton and Plymouth all have plans afoot and there must be many others. Small area and large playing potential will ensure their success.

Mr. Don Beevers of "Golf Digest" told us last week that many of the 500 odd new courses reported in the United States each year are in fact Par 3 courses. The Speed Links seems not to have made great headway.

Mr. Beevers has been over in Europe getting facts on new courses. He is also a mine of information on U.S. statistics. Did you know, for example, that \$1,000,000 passes across the bars of American golf clubs every day? "Golf Digest" has 180,000 readers and must be the most widely read golfing periodical of a'l. It certainly puts "The Greenkeeper" in the shade.

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North-West stalwart, O. P. Jones, showed us round Bramhall in Cheshire last week. He is one of the unlucky ones who have to do a great many unseen operations to keep drainage efficient and the course in play. Evidently he still finds time for all the surface operations as well, in spite of the intensive play which this compact layout endures. Visitors are advised to ask Mrs. Jones for at least one slice of her date and walnut cake. We needed no further proof that the best tradition in baking in this country is now in the hands of greenkeepers' wives.

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We visited a golf course recently where two new greens were to be made. The greenkeeper had not been consulted, had not been asked to interest himself in the work, and only knew at second hand that anything was to be done at all.

This is a bad way to alter a golf course and must inevitably lead either to practical difficulties, problems of staff relations or, most probably, both.



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