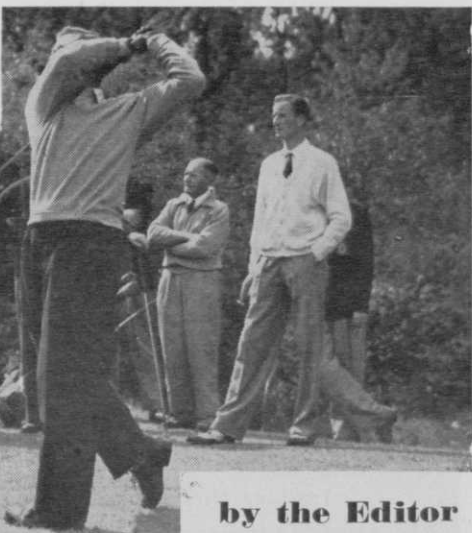


TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

FELIX ARNOLD has now completed 35 years as Head Greenkeeper at Rye, but thinks that the age of 70 is still too young to retire. His winter work this year included digging six feet of snow out of the bunkers.

It is only three years since the Rye staff laid 27,000 turves in the last alterations designed by Sir Guy Campbell. Mr. Arnold was responsible for translating the architect's models into reality. We understand, however, that he will not be making the four new golf courses which a London development firm is planning at Sandwich Bay with £8,000 to £12,000 houses for London commuters.

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We made acquaintance with the Charnwood Forest golf course last month. Three miles from Loughborough, these nine holes circle round a beacon with views which would extend to the Urals if you could see that far. Not a bunker on the whole course, by the way. The rocks give ideal practice for Alpinists who come there before tackling sterner stuff.

Royal Birkdale came out of the winter in remarkably good order for the match against Cambridge University last month. Douglas Pate has built several new back tees to ease crowd control problems. He promises not to put greenkeepers on them next August. The 1964 tournament, by the way, is booked to go to the South-West. It is now ten years since our tournament at Weston-super-Mare.

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Messrs. Parkers of Worcester Park have gone into another side of course equipment supply with a new range of hole tins, flag sticks, flags, arrows, tee boxes and ball washers. We have been trying out a sample set in the rugged conditions of public course use and can report all well so far. The ball washer is a good-looking green stove-enamelled cylinder with drain plug, space for mud to settle outside the brush area and the brushes themselves easily renewable. The other items mostly follow traditional lines but we hear that new materials are being actively investigated which will prolong serviceable life and reduce maintenance.



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