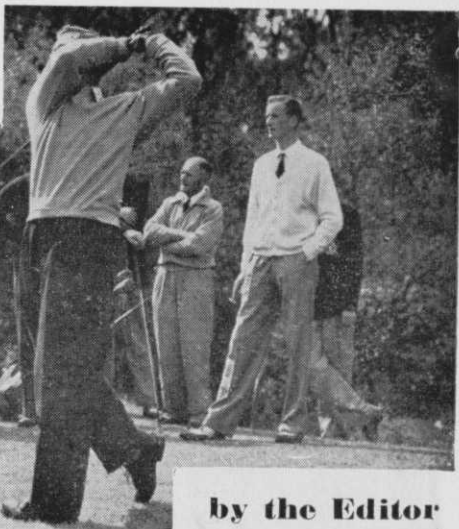


TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

YORKSHIRE WOOD ON THE MOVE

THE National Coal Board is to move a wood to create a screen of trees between Garforth Golf Club and 100-acre extensions to the Springs opencast coal site between Garforth and Barwick-in-Elmet.

The mature trees will be lifted by the roots and re-planted in a belt between the golf clubhouse and the boundary of the extended opencast site.

We saw one of the machines which do the job in action near Nottingham last Autumn. The essential part of the mechanism is a pointed scoop which digs down on either side and then under the tree. Then it can lift and carry with the trunk resting in a cradle above the scoop. The crucial point comes when replanting in a hole of the same dimensions previously prepared by the same machine. It is not so easy to get a ton or two of wood and earth to stand up straight. One would think that the generally informal superstructure of the average tree would allow a fair latitude. It is not so. A few inches off the vertical and it is obvious that man has taken a hand.

Relief

Mere Golf Club in Cheshire has been reassured by the £70 million Rank Organisation, which took it over last month, that no immediate changes are envisaged. The group owns bingo halls and bowling alleys amongst other activities, but says it does not run everything on the same lines.

Lot One

Fulford Heath Golf Club, York, will have to bid for their course if they want to keep it when it comes under the hammer in July. The Deramore Estate at Heslington, which yields more than £12,000 a year in rents will be auctioned as a whole, in two blocks, or in forty lots. The catalogue soon to be released says, 'Championship golf course included'.

Hold-ups

Wembley Council has deferred its £102,000 scheme for a municipal golf course at Fryent Way. Further study by the open spaces committee will reduce the cost. Nearby, Hendon has turned down a planning request for an automatic driving range, at Brockley Hill, Stanmore. Orpington U.D.C.'s new public course is held up for a decision by the Ministry of Transport on the route of the South Orbital Road.