

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Darlington Finance Committee have slashed estimates for the next two years including £35,000 for the provision of a layout and temporary club facilities for a golf course at Stressholme.

The acting principal of Heriot-Watt University, at Glasgow entertained Fifth and Sixth Form schoolchildren in a lecture entitled "Mathematical Mirth". He demonstrated that a full drive generates a work-load of 400 horse-power; that the club-head is only in contact with the ball for one-half of one thousandth of a second, and that the ball leaves the club-head with a velocity of about 170 m.p.h.

Walmersley Golf Club wants to extend its course to 18 holes but may not carry out the work unless accommodation can be provided on the course for its greenkeepers. The Club was appealing against refusal of planning consent for two houses for its green staff. The course is so isolated that more staff could not be attracted to the course unless housing were provided. There is one greenkeeper at present and he is living in a caravan.

The Development Corporation of the new town at Cumbernauld is to be urged by the local council to buy land now for the town's 18-hole golf course. A Corporation spokesman said that active steps towards acquiring golf course land were being taken and a year ago Corporation officers considered how tipping might be used to create the first-class golf course.

Golfers at Haltwhistle, Northumberland, had a problem—the nearest course was too far away.

So they cured it—by building their own.

A local farmer rented them 60 acres: doctors, factory workers, clerks, farmers, bankers, everybody interested, got stuck in with mowers, tractors, picks, shovels.

Now it is nearing completion and a clubhouse has been built. It should be open within the month.



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