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WITH COSTS INCREASING and land no more easy to come by, many local authorities are turning to Par 3 courses as potential satisfaction for the demand for golf. Corby in Northants has started work, East Grinstead is planning, Woking is thinking on these lines. Rather like driving ranges, the solution is only a temporary one. Before long, those who have started golf this way are looking around for the full scale article.

Further details of the First British Turfgrass Symposium at Ipswich are that the date will be 4th October and speakers will include leading specialists on irrigation, drainage, research, and related topics. Application forms for registration will appear in our next issue: meanwhile, keep this date free.

Tom Mascaro, whose article on Aeration appeared in our July issue, will be one of the speakers at the Conference in October. He is director of Product and Market Development of Hahn's Westpoint Division. Hahn, as most greenkeepers will know already, is the company with which Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., are associated, selling their products on a world-wide basis under the Ransomes-Hahn label.

We have received details of a proposed training course in Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship to be arranged in Northumberland and Durham. It will provide college-based tuition and practical work, combined with on-the-job training which will be obtained by trainees working under the supervision of experienced greenkeepers and groundsmen at golf clubs and athletic grounds.

Mr E. L. King, Assistant Regional Controller of the Department of Employment in Gallowgate, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 4TP, is the man behind the scheme and it is to be hoped that greenkeepers and golf clubs will support him to the full when he is able to launch it.

Clevedon is well sign-posted off the M5 west of Bristol. Hope to see you there in August.

Efforts to track down the leaks in the mailing list are slowly bringing results. We hope to have a new list and new printers in two months time. Even the Editor missed his copy for a time.



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