

mower. As there is a lot of trimming and cutting, one man is kept busy at this job.

One man is needed to keep the tees, walks and terrace clean. After this, flower beds and rock gardens are watered. There is plenty of paper to be picked up; he also handles that.

Waveland has a creeping bent nursery. Here is where the sod for the greens is grown and is supplied to all the golf courses in the Chicago Park District. Any sod moved from the nursery is trans-

planted back with stolons from the plug patch. A section of 60 feet by 70 feet is used for an experimental garden. Here the public can see the various stages of growth. As various fertilizers are used every one is checked and a record kept. People who are interested in lawns frequent the nursery and test plots.

I have built new greens, tees, rain shelters, sea walls, flagstone terrace, compost shed, service yard, rock gardens, water falls, driving range and drainage systems.



Part of the field in the novel IBM tourney, in which players and non-players teamed together. The event was planned to introduce golf to persons who had never before tried the game.

New Event Makes Golfers for Corporation Country Club

EDWARD T. KUHN, pro at the International Business Machine CC, Endicott, N. Y., introduced a new event at the club in staging the first player-non player tournament. And the way the IBM non golfing workers took to the event it is certain that the event registered as one of the most attractive ways devised for bringing new players into golf.

A field of 100 played in the tournament, half of whom hadn't played in a tournament before, and many of whom had not previously played golf. Notwithstanding the opinion that such an event wouldn't be particularly relished by the more experienced golfers, they found the tourney one of the most pleasant affairs in which they'd participated.

Details of this tournament, which is to be an annual event at the IBM course, are given by Kuhn.

He advised:
"We played this tournament as follows: Each foursome made one team composed of two male and two female golfers. Two balls were used for each foursome, playing alternate shots. The male player and non-player played together, the same with the female players of the foursome.

"The player members of the foursome drove from every tee.

"After the hole was completed the male team and the female team added their scores together for their grand total.

"At the completion of the Tournament the scores were all grouped. The low-8 foursomes made one group. The next

low-8 foursomes made the second group. The last 9 foursomes made the third group. Prizes were given in each group drawing them out of a hat.

"A grand time was enjoyed by all contestants. The golfers enjoyed it as much as the non-golfers for the reason that they played shots from positions not encountered in regular play. They also enjoyed helping the non-player. A good share of these non-golfers have now taken up the game in earnest. Quite a few non-golfers played in this event because there were so many other non-golfers. Most of these foursomes were made up of husbands and wives.

"The greatest pleasure I received from this tournament was to see non-golfers come to the country club as much as two weeks in advance to play a practice round with their golfing partners to steal a march on the rest of the field."

Turf Seed Crops Low— Demand to Increase

IT is unfortunate that this year, when the demand for turf grass seed may be expected to be unusually large because of requirements for airfield plantings and Lend-lease, crops have been considerably smaller than average. However, with the exception of Bermuda grass and carpet grass seeds which are frozen, all of the turf grass seeds can still be purchased without priorities.

According to estimates of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky blue grass crop this year is the smallest in 4 years. The estimated 28 350,000 pounds of clean seed for this year compares very poorly with last year's record crop of 63,350,000 pounds, or the 5-year average for the years 1937-1941, inclusive, of 42 168,000 pounds. The redtop crop is the smallest in 7 years. It is estimated that the combined commercial and non-commercial production will amount to 14,000,000 pounds of clean seed in 1943, as compared with 15,800,000 pounds last year, and a 5-year average of 18,100,000 pounds. Estimates of fescues and bents have not yet been prepared.

It is fortunate that large stocks of the seed were accumulated and can now be drawn on to help take care of the demand for these seeds for this year. On June 30, 1943, the stock of the 1942 crop of Kentucky bluegrass seed carried over by the

dealers (exclusive of stocks owned by the Government) was 190 percent of that on hand at the same time last year; that of the bents was 147 percent. The stocks of redtop and ryegrass still held by the dealers in spite of the heavy drain due to the Government's needs for airfields and other turfed areas were 97 and 79 percent, respectively, on the stock on hand at the same time in 1942.—*Timely Turf Topics*, USGA Green Section.

War Plant Golfers in Chicago Industrial Tournament

FIRST low gross was won by an American Steel & Wire Co. 4-man team shooting 317 in the Chicago industrial Amateur tournament held at Northbrook CC, Sept. 26. Each team member got a \$100 war bond out of the \$5,000 war bond and stamp purse. Low net went to the Abbott Laboratories team, members of which also got \$100 war bonds.

The field fell short of the 100 teams expected but was a highly satisfactory war workers event. Several players formerly prominent in amateur golf around Chicago were among the contestants. Their scores showed that war work now outranks their golf by a long margin, which is as it should be.

Prior to the event there was apprehension in some quarters that the former pros now in war work, and the amateurs having no established handicap might produce scoring questions, and that the presence of peacetime low handicap players might discourage entry of players of average ability. On both counts the alarms were without foundation.

British Girls, Reported Casualties, Are Safe and Sound

JOE DEY, executive sec. of the USGA, passes along a letter from William L. Hardie, interim sec., Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, in which there's good news.

Reports that Pam Barton was killed at Dunkerque and Enid Wilson lost an eye in an air raid are unfounded. Both girls are in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and sound. Pam was driving for the London Ambulance Service at the time of Dunkerque. Enid received an eye injury during an air raid. It was thought that the effect of the injury might be permanent but she has recovered.