

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.