

dirt in one operation. All this machinery can accomplish tasks in days that would take men and beasts months to do a few years ago. There are also small types of industrial equipment used, necessary to refine the soil and finally mould the contours to the desired specifications before the job is completed and sowing in the seed necessary to produce that green carpet that you find on most well groomed courses today.

North Oaks golf course with the advantage of the aforementioned modern equipment and methods of construction,



Preparatory to seeding the 4th green at North Oaks workmen rake stones and spread topsoil under the watchful eyes of Bill Fellows, agricultural engineer for Stanley Thompson and Associates, and George Hawkinson, foreman of the construction crew building the course.

plan to complete their enormous undertaking as much as possible this fall, and hope to open their course for play early in the summer of 1951, less than a year after construction started.

The irrigation system was planned and installed during the early stages of construction, here again utilizing modern equipment to dig all the trenches required for the pipes. As a source of supply for water one of the numerous lakes was used and electric motor pumps were installed to pump the water through the lines that supply all greens and tees. Nelson type valves and sprinklers were chosen as the sprinkling equipment for this irrigation system.

Interspersed around the golf course perimeter are homesites averaging from one to three acres in size, typified according to their location, such as Lake Frontage — Golf Course — Ridge — Lagoon Area. The residential potential offers a great deal. Although mentioned before as simulating to some extent Tuxedo Park, New York and Pebble Beach, California, it has more to offer by way of year around living and the variety of

recreation surpasses either of the aforementioned property developments.

While the golf course along with all the other recreational facilities are intended primarily for the residents of the property development, the North Oaks Outing Association provides a medium for use of the various facilities by members and their guests. Everything will be found readily accessible to all from either of the Twin Cities — twenty minutes from St. Paul — thirty minutes from Minneapolis.

When the owners of North Oaks open their golf club early in 1951, they plan to operate it as an invitational pay-as-you-play course and will provide an invitation card as the privilege to pay a green fee and play. This method of operation is contemplated for use until such time as the North Oaks property and residential owners can organize their own club and run it themselves if they so choose.

The golf club house will be for golfers only and might possibly be used as a winter facility to accommodate those participating in any winter sports. In addition to the golf club house, a social or country club house is planned separately, which would in turn accommodate those interested in activities aside from golf, such as tennis, boating, swimming and horseback riding and indoor social activities and entertainment.

In this modern machine age of speed and progress, a development such as North Oaks "can't miss," and it will offer a recluse for the busy people wishing to withdraw from the hustle and bustle of this problematic work-a-day world and allow quiet recreation, rest and a chance to commune with nature in summer and winter alike.

Minnesota Superintendents Hold Fall Roundup and Tournament

Members of the Minnesota Association of Golf Course Supts. had a full two days in the twin cities, Sept. 25 and 26. Schedule included a tour of Minnesota CC, Edina CC and Interlachen CC, Monday morning with luncheon at the Town and Country Club were Dr. Fred Grau, Dir., USGA Green Section was the featured speaker. In the afternoon the tour continued with visits to the University GC, Midland Hills GC and dinner at the Curtis Hotel followed by a Round Table discussion.

Tuesday morning the schedule called for stops at Golden Valley CC, Superior CC, with an early luncheon at Oak Ridge CC. A Greenkeeper-Green Chairman Tournament and dinner at the Woodhill CC, Wayzata, Tuesday afternoon and evening wound up the two-day event for the superintendent and club officials.