



This beautiful water hole at the Kannapolis (N. C.) Golf Club is one of the many scenic features of the course. It provides a test of shotmaking that puts the Cannon employees' course in a class with many fine private club layouts.

Towel Company Course Is Carolinas' Gem

IN ITS first full year, although opened in midsummer, 1954, the Kannapolis (N.C.) GC is proving to be one of the most popular assets of the community.

The 9-hole course was built on land donated by the Cannon Mills and the company's equipment and labor was used for construction. The design and construction of the course represents collaboration of professionals and golf course supply representatives whose ideas were coordinated by M. F. Mauldin of the Cannon Mills.

Several of the holes border a scenic lake and the beauty of the course as well as its architecture make it a golf establishment that pleases sharpshooters as well as the high-handicap players.

Design and construction of the greens was well planned and executed. Drainage was given expert consideration in greens building.

Above the tile drains was placed 4 in. of cinders. The next 3 in. was of coarse sand from the local lake beds. The top 5 in. was composed of $\frac{1}{3}$ topsoil, $\frac{1}{3}$ sand and $\frac{1}{3}$ Georgia peat.

This is the first course in the Carolinas to have all greens planted to Gene Tift Bermuda. The stolons were taken from a nursery plot in Charlotte, N. C., and planted on 4 in. centers on all greens.

The greens were in very good condition the first season and have continued to be excellent, looking much better than seeded Arizona Bermuda, putting with complete

satisfaction and thus far, despite all sorts of weather, keeping in excellent health.

The fairways were seeded to hulled Bermuda. Complete fertilizer was applied at 1500 lbs. per acre. Notwithstanding a severe drought the first year a good stand of Bermuda was established.

First-class construction of the course and its fine turf and scenic surroundings have been further complemented by features such as attractive tee shelters and benches, tee markers and other fittings, and every other detail of good course furnishing and housekeeping that are too often badly neglected at courses in smaller communities.



E. J. Smith (left) Charlotte (N. C.) golf equipment distributor is shown by M. F. Mauldin (right) mgr., of the Kannapolis GC, the tee marker used on the new course of Cannon Towel company employees.