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LOVE CONQUERS ALL. A young Georgia couple stood before the Justice of the Peace and repeated vows and exchanged rings which bound them in matrimony. The scene was witnessed by a well-wishing throng of 100-150 persons. The setting was the No. 9 green of the Northwood Golf and Country Club in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Unusual, this wedding on a golf green? Not really. And yet, unusual because of all the participants.

The Justice of the Peace walked onto the green and stationed himself at the flagstick. A procession of five, blue and white streamer bedecked golf cars drove up from the south end of the clubhouse, headed north in front of the Pro Shop and dining room turned west down the car path to the level of the green, circled it, and one by one the cars deposited their passengers to join the Justice of the Peace. First, the groom stepped out, then in order, the flower girl and ring bearer, the mother of the bride and the mother and father of the groom. Then to the strains of "We've Only Just Begun" sung by a soloist, the father led the radiant bride down the steps to the green and placed her hand into that of the groom. Each promised to love and honor the other and the Justice pronounced them man and wife.

Unique, you say? Yes, because each of the participants is intimately connected with golf at Northwood Club. The bride is the daughter of the master mechanic on the maintenance staff. The groom is assistant golf course superintendent. The Justice of the Peace is Northwood's course superintendent and the groom's boss'. The soloist is the daughter of Northwood's club manager.

DID YOU KNOW that the average 18-hole golf course can provide the oxygen required by a town of 7,000 people? Philip A. Wogan, chairman of the Environmental Impact Committee of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, pointed out that golf courses have also been used to recreate areas of beauty where former scars once existed — sanitary landfills, strip mines and gravel pits.

"In many densely-populated areas, the golf course also serves to moderate the effects of noise pollution." The Society is finding that many environmental changes aren't harmful to an area, but merely change its character.

GESUNDHEIT! EPA scientists are studying fish "coughs", a naturally-occurring phenomena which has stirred the interest of the agency's water quality specialists. The coughing, which is actually a normal gill-clearing process to remove debris which has settled on the gills, is a natural action for many fish, including all species of trout and salmon. "The ultimate use of our findings," said an EPA biologist, "could be a system for keeping tabs on concentrations of complex industrial wastes entering lakes and streams from waste treatment plants and industry. A sudden increase in fish coughs within a given body of water could trigger an alarm to warn plant personnel that potentially damaging effluent is leaving the plant." I wonder how you say help in fish?

HOW BIG is the turfgrass business in Virginia? According to a 1973 report on a turfgrass survey conducted by the Virginia cooperative crop reporting service, turfgrass in Virginia is a \$524 million industry. This includes \$68 million spent for maintenance; over 58 million hours of unpaid family labor for the year valued at \$94 million; new area establishment costing over \$27 million and a replacement value for equipment of \$333 million. Included in the replacement value for equipment is over \$63 million for new equipment purchased. Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce notes that the total value of turfgrass cannot be measured in monetary terms, since it encompasses an intangible aesthetic value for property and human welfare.

PEANUT BUTTER EATERS are becoming bigger consumers. Consumption of peanut butter and peanut butter sandwiches has topped 600 million pounds, according to the Georgia Peanut Commission who keeps tabs on these things. The demand for peanut products is at an all time high. Not since the end of WW II has the consumption rate increased so fast.