A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE Committee will be held on Saturday, 7th March, 1964, at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, at 12 noon. Luncheon interval will be at approximately 1 p.m.

TAKING TROUBLE

We reprint part of a letter from the Royal St. David's Golf Club to the Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship. If all clubs will make the same effort, the success of the scheme will be ensured.

Royal St David's Golf Club,
Harlech, North Wales
18th January, 1964

"Regarding the training syllabus, we are satisfied that our head greenkeeper is fully competent to carry out the basic instruction required in the subjects under the headings of 'Construction of New Turf Areas' and 'Routine Maintenance of Golf Courses', more advanced instruction being received by the boy attending a course at Bingley in his final year, i.e. in autumn, 1965. For further instruction in maintenance and repair of machinery, I hope to arrange for him to be attached for about a fortnight to one or both of the firms who service our own machines (one is an authorised Ransomes repair agent and the other a Massey-Ferguson agent) In 'Background Sciences' we are not very fortunate, since the local education authority are unable to put on a course especially for one boy and the population in the district is such that there are not enough potential pupils for a course.

However, during the present winter season the boy is attending a weekly day release course run by the local authority and designed primarily for agricultural apprentices, and I have asked that the instruction should include some elementary botany, soil science and biology. It is our intention, with support of the local authority, to send the boy during the winter 1964/5 to a day release course at a Technical College at either Wrexham or Shrewsbury. Finally, as regards the game of golf, the boy is already a very competent player and has been a junior member of this Club for a number of years."

Yours sincerely,
R. F Tomlinson,
Secretary

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Mr Fred Chambers

We record with sorrow the death on 18th January of Mr Fred Chambers, President of the Southern Section, and a life-long friend and supporter of greenkeepers. He will be sadly missed personally by many greenkeepers round London and by the Association as a whole. His interest in a wide sphere of activities will not easily be replaced.