News

from the Sections

SOUTHERN

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Lecture

OUR LECTURE ON WEDNESDAY,
13th November, given by Mr. William Finch,
International Products, was a very great
success. We were pleased to see a good
attendance to welcome him. Time went so
quickly with all the questions asked and
answered that we shall look forward to a
return visit later

January Lecture

Our January lecture will be given by Mr.
Philip Marshall, by kind permission of Messrs.
Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies, who write to
say he will give a talk on their latest
machines, followed by a film show. This
should be very interesting and we look for-
ward to another bumper attendance. The
date is Wednesday, 8th January, 1964, time
6-30 p.m., and as usual at the Talbot Res-
aurant, London Wall, Moorgate, E.G.

New Member

We welcome to the Section, A. Ireland, of
Sevenoaks, Kent.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
John O’Gorman
36 Classe Road, Merriott, Swansea, Glam.

I AM HOPING THAT BY THE TIME
you read these notes, John O’Gorman will be
out of hospital. He has had an operation on
his lung and I am sure you will all join me
in wishing him a speedy recovery

New Year Greetings

May you all have a very Happy and Pros-
erous New Year in your work and play.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,
Hon. Secretary;
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

Entertainment

MR. GLYN VAUGHAN OF RANSOMES,
Sims, and Jefferies and Mr. J. F. Crofts of
Fearnco Ltd., entertained our members at
the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, on 27th
November.

Heavy rain in the late afternoon reduced
our numbers but it was good to see a few Golf
Club officials present and we hope to see
more of them attend our lectures.

Three excellent films were screened, one of
which I believe won an industrial film award.
This speaks highly of the quality of enter-
tainment. We thank Messrs. Ransomes and
Fearnco Ltd., for the wide variety of food
and liquid refreshment provided for us.

When giving his vote of thanks, our Presi-
dent, Mr. Sharpless hinted that it would be
interesting to visit Ransomes Works at
Ipswich.

Mr. Vaughan immediately extended an
invitation to our section and suggested a
summer visit would be more suitable owing to
the long journey. If anyone is interested in
such a trip and will let me know in the next
week or so, we can probably decide on
arrangements at the A.G.M.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
S. BAILES
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

November Lecture

OWING TO INDISPOSITION I WAS
unable to attend the lecture held in the White
Swan, Leeds, on Tuesday, 12th November,
and I am indebted to our President, Mr. W
Mountain, for the following report.

The first lecture of the winter session was
given by Mr. J. R. Escritt, M.Sc., whose
subject was “Around the World with Grass”

There was an excellent attendance of 55
members, one of the largest numbers we have
ever had.

Listening to Mr. Escritt’s lecture, or private
talk as he put it, was most fascinating and
held every member’s undivided attention
throughout the whole lecture. In his three
weeks’ tour of the U.S.A. he talked about “25
hours per day”, but we gained the impression of more like three months travelling from one side of the U.S.A. to the other, and in their trying to convince their method of grass culture being better than the English way, we imagine they would have a hard task when we know Mr Escritt’s capabilities and experience at the Research Station.

During question time various members put their queries forward and Mr Escritt replied in his usual capable manner.

The vote of thanks was given by the Chairman, Mr S. Bailes, and this was seconded by Mr G. Geddes.

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Grand National Sweep

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A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr J Simpson, Chairman, to Mr Forbes, heartily endorsed by all present, and also to the Committee of the Ravensworth Golf Club for the use of the clubhouse and for kindly providing sandwiches, etc., which all enjoyed.

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Many New Year resolutions will have been made, many will by this time have been broken. May I borrow the Salvation Army theme song and apply it to our Association "Come and Join Us", the strength and usefulness of it lies in its unity, its unity depends entirely on you. This game of golf is being played more and more, meaning more and more traffic over our courses, bringing more and more problems in its wake. Perhaps some speaker at a lecture can help, or some fellow-member suggest something you did not know, or perhaps—put the boot on the other foot—you can help one of us with some problem. I will risk being accused of reiteration and say once again, "Come and Join Us"

Lectures  
SINCE MY LAST NOTES WE HAVE had a lecture by Mr. H. J. Lidgate, B.Sc., Chemist to the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, his subject, "Fertilisers", being enjoyed by about 20 members. Thanks to Mr. Lidgate were expressed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Pate.

On 9th December, Mr. H. Ratcliffe, of Messrs. Rugby Taylor Ltd., gave a lecture on "Fertilisers and other Top Dressings" In his own inimitable style he expounded his facts and theories and answered many questions. Thanks to Mr. Ratcliffe for a very enjoyable evening were expressed by the Chairman, Mr. T Brennan.

January Lecture  
28th January, 1964 (Tuesday) Mr. William Finch, N.D.H., of International Toxin Products Ltd., Subject: "Simple Science of Turf Culture"

February Lecture  
17th February, 1964 (Monday) Mr. D. B. Hargreaves, Managing Director of Wm. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd. Sisis.

March Lecture  
9th March, 1964, Mr. J. D. Joss, D.H. of S.T.R.I. Subject "Turf Topics, What do you know?"

All lectures will be held in the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, at 7:15 p.m. The Garrick Hotel is situated just behind Lewis's Store, Piccadilly

New Member  
We welcome to the Section, Mr. E. T. Clarke, and hope his membership will be a long and enjoyable one.

IN MEMORIAM  
We have learned with sorrow of the death at the age of 92 of Mrs. Bridges, wife of Tom Bridges, one of the senior members of our Association. Mrs. Bridges had many friends amongst older greenkeepers and will be sadly missed. We all send our deepest sympathy to the Bridges family.