

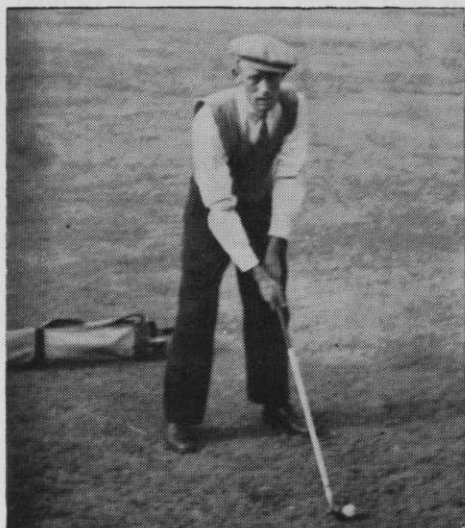
# THOSE WHO SERVE

*Number 4 in the series of Profiles by Brigadier C. W. Morton, M.C.*

## ERNEST HENRY BENBOW

**E**RNEST BENBOW (67) started his greenkeeping career in 1919 at Handsworth Golf Club, and last year he retired having served at that one Club for 48 years, 43 years of which he has served as its Head Greenkeeper. He tells me that the photograph of him shown in this profile was taken in 1933. Today he is slightly older!

During his time he was a scratch golfer and won the B.G.G.A. Scratch Cup on three occasions. Last year he was 2nd in the B.G.G.A. Tournament played at Skegness. Not bad for a man of 67. He has taken a great interest in



the administration of his Association having served for 30 years on the B.G.G.A. Executive and on Section Committees. He is now a Life Member of the B.G.G.A.

Mr Benbow is also a very modest man since he has given me the minimum of information on which to write his profile. However, it is enough to show that his heart was in his Club, Handsworth Golf Club, in his Association and in the game of golf. What else can one want of any Head Greenkeeper? A fine record of devoted service. Congratulations, Mr Benbow.



## HAROLD SIDDORN

**H**AROLD SIDDORN (67) became a greenkeeper in 1916, at the age of 14, with the North Worcestershire Golf Club at Northfield. He became a Head Greenkeeper 24 years ago in 1945 at Blackwell Golf Club where he still works. He has now put in a total of 43 years in greenkeeping and is still going strong. He tells me that what he now knows about greenkeeping is chiefly due to the excellent teaching of the "good old greenkeepers of the past". Today, he says, greenkeeping is made very much easier by modern machinery. His weekly wage as a young boy was 12s.

Other clubs he has served at are: Kings Norton Golf Club (1920-1925); Lickey Municipal Golf Club (1925-1935). He was absent from greenkeeping during the war years and in 1945 went to Blackwell Golf Club, Northampton. In the past, he used to play golf, reaching a handicap of 7. Recently he says he has not played much although he still takes a great interest in a large number of amateur and professional