Western Gailes is one of the latest courses to be threatened by the route of a new road. After the excitement of the Curtis Cup, the Committee have to get down to decisions on alterations at the north end of the course. The road is planned by Irvine New Town and it takes off a piece of Glasgow Gailes Golf Course on the way. The new road will cross the railway by a new bridge but no doubt the old crossing to Western Gailes manned by the signal box attendant will remain for many more years.

The new Lisburn Golf Course is taking shape. The town itself has some yawning gaps in the High Street but the I.R.A. activities have not extended on to the golf course. Brian Rimmer who was in charge of the construction has now moved on to Portadown and Mr. Macadam who was formerly with The Sports Turf Research Institute has taken on supervision of the maintenance phase.

Planning Officers are becoming more and more safety conscious where golf courses are concerned. Before planning permission is granted nowadays, the plans are examined to see if any roads are endangered. Discussing the question of safety of the new Minchinhampton Golf Course last week, we had some trouble in persuading the planning official that golf was not a dangerous game. He had been driving past the present course on Minchinhampton Common when he saw a ball coming and after one bounce, it entered his driving window which was fortunately open at the time. He said he did not bother to stop to find the owner but carried on one ball to the good.

We are more than halfway to the minimum total for our trip to Boston in January. More names wanted now so that we can start definite arrangements.

The Editor.