

Among the Sections

SOUTHERN SECTION NOTES

By W. Mason

Section A.G.M.

AT our last Committee Meeting it was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Southern Section on Wednesday, 3rd July, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, London Wall, commencing at 6-30 p.m. I wish to let all members of the Section know in good time, so that there can be no unreasonable excuse for absence. Please make a note of the above at once in your diary, and keep that date free.

A Magnificent Donation.

I am delighted to announce that the Section has once again received a cheque value fifty guineas from the Society of London Golf Captains, and once again may I say how honoured we feel, and how grateful we are to all concerned, for this magnificent donation. In particular I would like to thank our Section President, Mr. F. Chambers, for the part he has played in this matter; and similarly we are greatly indebted to our good friend and supporter, Mr. Robert Taylor. Needless to say, I have written a letter of thanks from the Section to the Society.

Death of Mr. A. E. Berry.

Although he has not been a member of the Association since the War, I feel many of our older members in particular will learn with great regret of the death of Mr. A. E. Berry, of the Beaconsfield Club. In his day he was a remarkably fine golfer, and he was rated at scratch in our Section and Annual Tournaments.

The Editor is indebted to our colleague, Mr. A. J. Smith, for forwarding the following cutting from his local paper:—

"Beaconsfield Golf Club's greenkeeper, Mr. A. E. Berry, died on 4th April after a comparatively short illness.

"Ted, as he was best known, had served the club for 43 years, having started as a boy of 12. He had an aptitude for golf, and on leaving school joined the professionals, with the object of becoming a professional golfer. He won many trophies.

"Later he showed an interest in course maintenance and was persuaded to join the greenkeeping staff. He became a member of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association and won their All England Championship. An all-round sportsman, he was a keen member of Beaconsfield Cricket Club for whom he played regularly in the 1920's. Had he been able to give more time to cricket he would have been a first-class player.

"Mr. Berry devoted his life to the golf course. His numerous friends mourn the loss

of one who served them so well for such a long time."

The post at Beaconsfield, by the way, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. R. Plain, whose home address is:— "Greenfield", Howard Crescent, Seer Green, Bucks.

WELSH SECTION NOTES

By D. G. Lord

Section Tournament.

AREPORT of our Section Tournament at Pennard will appear in our next issue, and at the time of writing it looks like being a real success. I have received nearly 100 per cent of the possible entries, so it looks as if I am going to get some fierce opposition this time!!

New Trophy.

I am delighted to announce that we have received a new Trophy—a Challenge Shield—from our esteemed President, Mr. I. G. Nicholls, and I would like to thank him most cordially on behalf of the Section for this fine gift. It will be played for at one of our Tournaments.

Death of Mr. Albert John.

It is with the utmost regret that I have to record the death of one of our members, Mr. Albert John, of the Cardiff Golf Club. He died as the result of an unfortunate accident on the way home from work on 9th March, and he passed away on 15th March. Our deepest sympathy, from my Chairman, our Section, the B.G.G.A., and myself, is extended to his widow and family in their great loss.

SOUTH-WEST SECTION NOTES

By W. T. Tyrrell

The Salford Meeting.

AS mentioned in my last month's notes, the Salford Club are running another 18-holes Open Amateur and Greenkeeper Foursomes Tournament, and I can now announce that the date has been fixed for Monday, 24th June. Play will start at 6-0 p.m. I am most anxious that there should be a representative turn-out of members of the Section, *as the Club is good enough to run this event for us*. The details are given in good time for members to fix up their partners from their respective clubs. Please do not miss this opportunity of expressing your appreciation of the Salford Club's support of the Section. I can assure all concerned that they will spend a most enjoyable evening.

Section Annual Tournament.

I hope to be able to give the members full details of the Section Annual Tournament in the next issue of the magazine.

MIDLAND SECTION NOTES

By F. Cashmore

AT the time of writing these notes, the entries for the Spring Tournament, to be played at Sandwell Park, on Wednesday, 15th May, are very slow in coming in. We are making the draw on 3rd May, and it will be published in the "Birmingham Post and Mail". I have had a very good response from the trade firms, and other good friends, for prizes, for which we offer them our sincere thanks.

The Handsworth Match.

At Sandwell I shall want you all to give me your name, and promise, to play in the President's match at Handsworth on 20th June. I know the amount of trouble Mr. Carl Bretherton is going to over this match. He is getting together a very strong team of Midland amateurs, and it is up to the Section to turn out in full strength. Then our President will know that we appreciate his efforts to further not only the Midland Section, but the B.G.G.A. in general.

Lecture by Mr. Allott.

We had our last gathering of the winter at the Hope and Anchor Hotel on the 26th March, when we had a fairly good attendance. Mr. Allott, of Messrs. Fisons, gave us a very instructive Lecture on the use of fertilizers, and the films emphasised how important it was to have a properly-balanced mixture. Any member who missed the Lecture is advised to read the report in the March and April Journals, by our Editor, on the lecture Mr. Allott gave to the Southern Section. Our Chairman, Mr. G. Hart, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Allott and Messrs. Fisons, which was carried with enthusiasm.

New Member.

We are pleased to welcome another young member, A. Badham, of the Gay Hill Golf Club, and I am looking forward to welcoming him to our gatherings.

"Rotorake" Demonstration.

By the kind invitation of F. W. Lees, of Stirchley, I attended a demonstration at the Birmingham Transport Sports Stadium, Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath. Mr. Lees said he had sent invitations to all the golf courses near Birmingham, but there was only three representatives from golf courses present.

It was given by Messrs. W. Hargreaves Ltd., of Cheadle, Cheshire, with their "Rotorake", which is a machine you must see in action to believe how effectively it deals with Moss, Yorkshire Fog, Yarrow, and Clover. You can completely deal with a large green in 45 minutes comfortably, and the surface after the operation is fit for play. You have got no holes to fill up and seed, as you have to after using rakes.

I did not only see it used on the Sports Ground. Mr. Hargreaves asked his representatives to call at my course on the way to King's Heath, and let me see and use the machine myself. So I can say without hesitation that it is a machine every course should have, and it would soon pay for itself in the labour it saves.

SHEFFIELD SECTION NOTES

By E. Peat

OUR good friend and colleague, Harry Greatorex, has been ill and off work since Xmas; and at the beginning of April had to go into Leeds General Infirmary. I am sure all our members will join me in hoping that he will soon be fully recovered and able to get back into harness.

Section A.G.M.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th May, at the Cannon Hotel. Will all members make a note of the date and make a special effort to be present at this most important meeting.

NORTHERN SECTION NOTES

By F. G. Smith

Annual Golf Tournament, 8th May.

AFULL report will be given in the next issue of the Journal. We are indebted to the Northcliffe Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of the course and Club-house for the event.

S.T.R.I. Visit, 25th June.

Please make a note of this event, when we shall be visiting the Research Station on this afternoon of the above date along with our colleagues of the N.W. Section and perhaps also the Sheffield boys.

Two Appointments.

Congratulations to two of our members who have taken up new appointments. To Mr. A. Robertshaw on being appointed 1st Assistant to the Leicester Golf Club and has taken up his duties under Mr. S. T. McNeice,

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who is Chairman of the Nottingham Section and a hard worker for the Association. All in the North wish Mr. Robertshaw every every success in his new post.

To Mr. F. G. Smith, Jun., on his appointment as Greenkeeper and Professional to the Wellingborough Golf Club, North Hants. Again, every good wish from us all in the North. We shall miss you both, but our loss will be Nottingham's gain and your transfers will take place in due course—but keep in touch with the Section.

New Members.

We give a welcome to two new members who have joined us. We trust they will both join in the various outings, and meet the boys. The details are:—

Mr. E. Lister (Class C, Sandmoor Golf Club), 7 Old Brandon Lane, Shadwell, Leeds 17.

Mr. G. Gomersall (Class C, Headingley Golf Club), 7 Graham Terrace, Leeds 4.

Late Mr. F. G. Hawtree : Trust Fund.

The Committee of the Section have voted the sum of £10 towards this worthy cause and our Hon. Treasurer or myself will accept gladly, any donation, however small, from members of the Section who feel they would like to contribute. Your receipt for same will appear in the Journal to save expense.

Journal Postages.

Mr. W. H. Bartle writes:—

Further half-crowns have been received from D. Copland, H. L. Harper and F. Kenny.

The number of members who have paid 2/6 now totals 68 plus one new member who paid for half-year only.

As instructed by your Committee a cheque for £8 11s. 3d. to cover these figures has been forwarded to Mr. Philpot.

Section Sweepstake.

Additional receipts: G. Kendall, £1 0s. 0d.; S. Smith, 5s. 0d.; Total receipts, £99 3s. 0d.

NORTH-WESTERN SECTION NOTES

By T. Brennan

Balance Sheet.

SOME members may have been perplexed by the item in the Section Balance Sheet of a payment of £7 to Ben Ellis. I would like to point out that this sum was outstanding to Ben by virtue of payment by him of the coach to the Research Station, Bingley, in 1955.

Death of A. E. Whitehead.

We have learned with profound regret of the decease of one of our most respected members, A. E. Whitehead. All who knew him admired him for his quiet, but generous disposition, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his family in their grievous loss.

Visit to Research Station.

Will all members who intend to visit the Research Station on 25th June please send me their names before 21st May in order that we can arrange for transport, etc. It will be recognised that it is impossible to anticipate "impromptu" transport at this time of the year, therefore it is necessary to book well in advance. Full details as to individual liability, meeting point, etc., will be published in the June issue of the Journal.

Film Show.

The Film Show and Social Evening sponsored by Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies Ltd., at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on the 21st March ended our season of Lectures and Discussions. The B.G.G.A. and N.A.G. combined for this occasion.

Messrs. W. Payne and G. Vaughan set the film rolling, and a very interesting film, too. The film and Bill Payne's "Dimbleby" commentary made me feel what a happy, care-free environment Parks and Gardens were to work in! Even in the hot sunshine no one perspired until we arrived at Hoylake. After the show a sumptuous buffet was laid on, which was followed by liquid solace to a generous degree. A splendid evening for which many thanks Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, Ltd.

Grand National Sweep.

In order to make the above Draw, Mr. and Mrs. Len Haken cordially extended to us the hospitality of their home for this purpose. In addition to this, Mrs. Haken provided us all with some delectable sandwiches, etc., and Len's "Whitbread" stock suffered a heavy depreciation as a consequence of our visit. We express our deep appreciation to them both for their very generous hospitality.

Our Chairman, Walter Sumner, had obtained the loan of a drum, and the Draw was made in the presence of the following:—W. Sumner, B. Ellis, H. Hughes, S. Haken, T. Brennan. We are very grateful indeed to Mrs. Sumner, who compiled a list of names and addresses and horses as they were drawn from the drum, and also a young lady guest of Len's, whose name I have negligently mislaid, but who helped enormously by typing lists of numbers drawn for Harry Hughes to dispatch to members. The efforts of all members who sold tickets are very much appreciated, in particular some of our newer members—who did extremely well.

We are indebted to the promoter, Harry Hughes, for his energetic work, the results of which, he thinks, are quite satisfactory. Details in due course.

Romiley Golf Club.

On 12th April a very interesting event took place at the Romiley Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Council

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of the Club. The President, Mr. D. B. Hargreaves, and Vice-President, Mr. W. Kinsey, conceived the idea of inviting Chairmen of Greens Committees of other Club Officials, together with their Head Greenkeepers, to spend an extremely novel day out at the Romiley Golf Club.

Invitations were sent to all Clubs whose Head Greenkeepers were paid-up members of the Section. The programme consisted of a round of golf in the morning, after which lunch was taken, followed by a demonstration in the afternoon of two new machines—The "Sisis" Rotorake and the Ransomes "Antelope" cutter, after which tea was laid on.

About 40 Club officials and Greenkeepers responded to the invitation, which, I think, was eminently satisfactory. We greatly appreciate the interest displayed by those Club officials who came along. From what I gathered they all considered it was a day well spent. To add a little interest to the morning's golf the Committee put up 2 bottles of Johnny Walker as prizes.

A four-ball better-ball competition was arranged and 32 competitors sallied forth. While this was in progress Glyn Vaughan and myself made an attempt to play snooker, and this ended (not the game!) without either of us ripping the cloth or assaulting each other with a cue, which, I thought, showed commendable restraint on the part of us both. Needless to say, we were the first to sit down to lunch!

In the afternoon the various implements were demonstrated quite informally at the behest of interested parties.

The "Rotorake" and the "Antelope" cutter aroused the deepest curiosity among those who attended, and certainly both machines made a big impression on everyone.

I don't doubt that these machines will figure prominently in Greens Committee discussions as a result. Eventually, we sat down to a tea fit for Lucullus!

After tea the President made a witty speech in welcoming the guests. His quip regarding Antony and Cleopatra and the tale about the dog salesman led me to conclude that both Antony and salesman were agreed that talk was superfluous in their respective spheres. Mr. Ernest Brassington (one of our popular Vice-Presidents) replied on behalf of the Guests in a sincere little speech, with emphasis on the excellence of the meals served up.

Auctions.

Walter Sumner then called upon the Captain of the Romiley Golf Club, who had done us the honour of being present, to award the prizes to the winners of the golf event—Mr. H. M. Collinge, the Chairman of the Council of Hillside Golf Club, and Ted Macavoy, who returned the lowest score, 70.

The Captain made a short but generous speech with particular emphasis on the merits of Ben Ellis, and, as we all know, fully deserved. Ben is at present struggling along with a lamentable shortage of labour, but paradoxically, the state of the course utterly belied this state of affairs. On receiving his prize, Mr. Collinge paid a very gracious tribute to those who had organised this event.

His next action, which, I think must be characteristic of him, was to auction his prize and buy it back himself! Ted Macavoy followed his Chairman's example, and Mr. J. Williamson, a Vice-President of our Section, and Chairman of Greens at the Stockport Golf Club, successfully bid, then thrust the bottle into the undeserving but welcoming arms of Peter Campbell with the strict injunction that he wasn't to open up until he arrived home. This generous gesture on the part of Mr. Collinge, Mr. Williamson and Ted Macavoy is very much appreciated indeed.

A Great Success.

I am fully convinced that this occasion will prove to be of immeasurable importance to the N.W. Section in that it brought us into sharper focus with Golf Clubs in general, and, in particular, brought into contact a very representative body of Club officials and Greenkeepers. We must strive to repeat this innovation, and I feel the response will, perhaps, be more ready than we are aware of.

The N.W. Section is certainly deeply indebted to Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Kinsey for the signal service they have rendered to the Section in this respect. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of both in providing for us the lunches and teas. We are also very grateful to the Steward and staff of Romiley Golf Club who served coffee and biscuits, toast, etc., from early morning onwards in addition to two very excellent meals. Thank you.

We cannot improve upon the Captain's eulogy to Ben!

IRISH SECTION NOTES

By D. Fleming

Annual Spring Tournament.

HERE is a final reminder to members that our Spring Tournament will be held at Newlands Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Monday, 27th May. Please make sure you take part and thus help to make the event a real success.

Tom Craddock.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Eire Section, of wishing Tom Craddock the best of luck in his new post. He has recently resigned from greenkeeping. Good luck always, Tom.

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NOTTINGHAM SECTION NOTES

By G. Mitchell

Committee Meeting.

A COMMITTEE Meeting was held on Thursday, 11th April, to discuss matters relating to the Spring Tournament. Mr. S. T. McNeice was in the Chair. The Hon. Secretary quoted a letter from the Editor explaining the late publication of the Section's financial statement—due to the heavy pressure on space in the magazine. Much routine business came up for discussion and decision.

Next Year's Venue.

The Wollaton Park Golf Club has again been contacted regarding the venue of our Section Annual Tournament in 1958. I am anticipating a decision in the near future which I hope will be in the affirmative, for it will give the members an opportunity of exploring the difficulties and joys of "the Queen of the Midlands". I shall do my utmost to make the meeting (assuming permission be granted) a worth-while one. Which means that although I am retiring from the Hon. Secretaryship of the Section, I shall still retain the keenest interest in the Association.

The Golf Greenkeepers' Endowment Scheme

By S. Norgate

THERE would appear to be a lack of knowledge in many circles about this scheme and I am indebted to the Editor for this opportunity of explaining how it originated and how it works.

During very cordial discussions between representatives of the B.G.G.A. and representatives of the Clubs in many parts of the Country it became obvious that there existed a desire on the part of many Clubs "To do something for the Greens Staffs".

As a Vice-President of the Northern Section of the Association I was invited to prepare a scheme which could be submitted to Club Councils or Committees on behalf of their own particular staffs.

As the Chairman of the Greens Committee of a Golf Club it was possible for me to appreciate the financial difficulties facing many Clubs at the present time and as a result realised that the success of any scheme would depend on the modesty of the requirements.

Anything in the nature of a Group Pension Scheme as adopted by many industrial companies and business firms could not be considered for a National Scheme to be adopted by Golf Clubs in varying degrees of prosperity.

After very careful thought and much discussion it was decided by the British Golf

Greenkeepers' Association that our aim would be to try and ensure that every greenkeeper in the Scheme would retire with a MINIMUM sum of £500. This sum to be available to his widow or dependents in the event of his death before retirement age.

It was also felt that preparation for retirement was not the sole concern of the employer but rather a matter in which the responsibility should be shared between the employer and the employee.

Thus the Scheme was born and all greenkeepers and ground-staff are urged by the Committee of the Association to examine their own individual position and show this article to the Chairman of the Greens Committee with a request that they be included in the Scheme.

The cost varies with the age of the individual and for young men is very modest as the following table shows:—

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This table shows the cost per week but in practice the Club is asked to pay both premiums annually in advance and then to deduct the member's contribution week by week from his wages.

Two Endowment Policies are issued in each case. One is the property of the Club and the other is the property of the greenkeeper.

It is hoped that this article will prove of interest and help to all Greens Staffs where no similar provision exists at present. The writer will be pleased to answer any questions either through the Journal or by post. An exact quotation will be sent to anyone requiring same to submit to his Club.

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To Hon. Secretaries of Sections.

AS we are drawing to the end of another financial year, which ends on 31st May, I should like to draw the attention of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of each of the Sections that all Accounts must be audited and signed by two members, to be appointed by the respective Section Committees. A certified copy of such accounts, together with paying-in books and a Bank Certificate confirming the Balance of funds at the Bank as at 31st May, should be sent to me with the Balance Sheet.

It would be appreciated if all Balance Sheets are made out in conformity with the blank formula given below. By doing so it will avoid giving our esteemed Hon. Auditors (Messrs. Stoy Hayward) the troubles and delays experienced in the past. Particular care should be taken to see that "opening"

balance (top of left-hand column) agrees with the "closing" balance (the figure shown at the bottom of the right-hand column in *last year's* balance sheet).

By making up accounts in the way indicated, uniformity will be obtained and the work of consolidating the various accounts will be greatly simplified; and thus the Association's Balance Sheet will be completed by the Hon. Auditors and handed over to our Hon. Sec., Mr. Moss, in good time for him to have it ready for the Annual General Meeting.

I shall also be grateful if all monies due to the General Fund be sent to me immediately, so that every item of this nature may be shown as having been paid into the Central Bank Account. May I thank all my good friends in advance for their kind and prompt co-operation.

C. A. TYDEMAN,
Hon. Treasurer.

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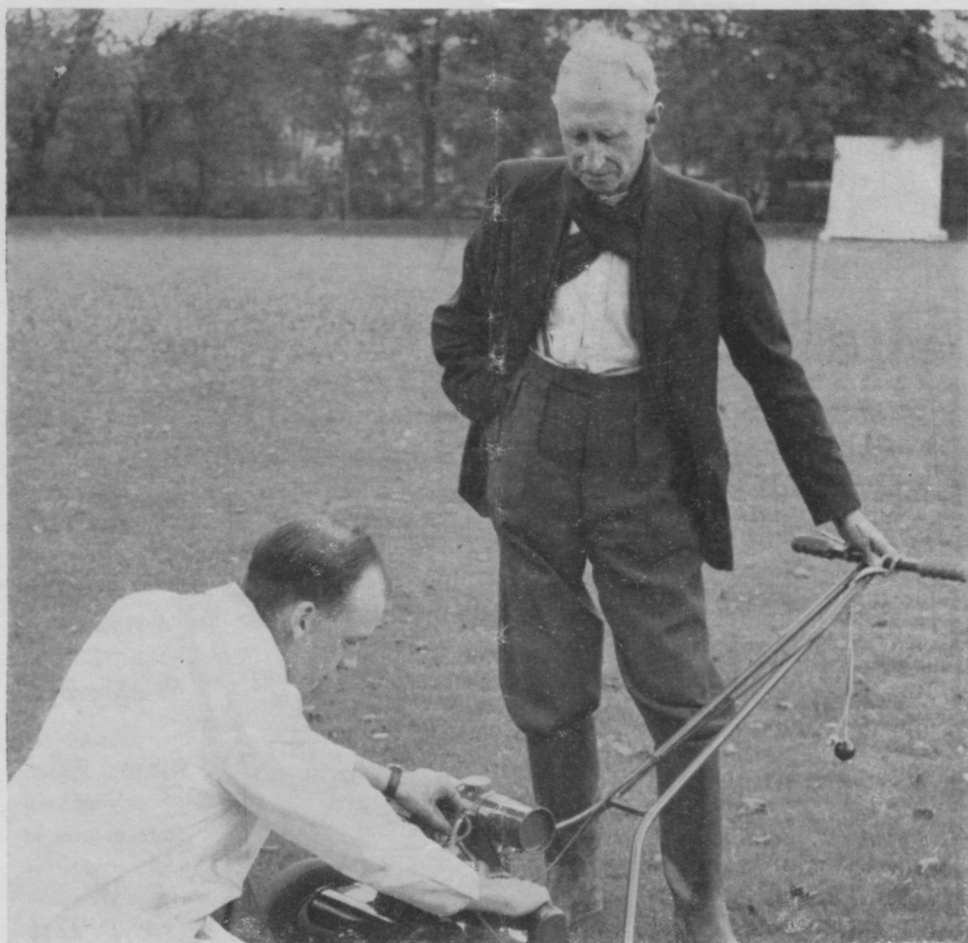
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(To the Editor)

Dear Mr. Editor,

HAVING recently attended a course on Turf Management at the S.T.R.I., at Bingley, I should like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to the Northern Section of the B.G.G.A. for making my visit possible.

I found the course very educational, and the lecturers most helpful, leaving me with an abundance of newly-found knowledge. The whole visit was an enjoyable experience which I shall remember for many years to come. I made some good friends among the other members of the party, and I am sure they enjoyed the course just as much as I did. Our grateful thanks are accorded to the Director and all his able staff.

Although the weather was very cold and we had a few snow showers, the rain managed to keep off, so that the practical demonstrations did not suffer.

I can only hope that the next lucky person who is chosen to attend the Course of Instruction learns as much and enjoys his visit as much as I did.

Yours sincerely,
B. L. HOLIAN,
Assistant.

Wheatley G.C.,
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ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS

Dear Mr. Editor,

I HAVE seriously considered whether I should endeavour to substantiate the justification of the statements made by me in the previous issue of the Journal, and of which you queried, so may I once again encroach upon your good offices for space in the forthcoming issue to that end.

I must state, however, Mr. Editor, that your query opens up something that I avoided in my previous statement. I will admit however, for obvious reasons, my statement was a bit condensed, so now I feel I must be a bit more elaborate.

When the Annual Golf Tournament was held at Brighton in 1946, the late Mr. F. G. Hawtree and myself had some discussions of topical interest, and it was during those discussions that he said that he or we (I am not certain which) had to consider the continuation of payment to the Hon. Secretary of the Association. After the support provided by the proprietors of the "News of the World" came to an end a few years hence, he could foresee no extension of the period. You will recall, that in my previous statement in relation to this, no mention was made of any "immediate payment" or any specific date given, but merely "future payment".

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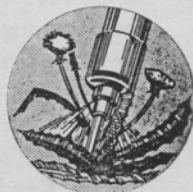
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It was Mr. Hawtree, who, later, at the A.G.M., asked me if I would waive payment, which goes to show that the remarks I made earlier were in the mind of someone connected with the Executive Committee, which I may have taken the wrong way, but which was no real fault of mine, as anyone may have assumed that he might have been voicing the problem of the Executive Committee. I know nothing of Mr. Moss offering his services to the Association in 1947, but was not Mr. Moss elected Hon. Secretary of the B.G.G.A. at the A.G.M. held at Hollingbury Park Golf Club, Brighton, in 1946, while still in the employ of Mr. Hawtree?

I hope the foregoing fully explains the foundation, thereby justifying my previous statements and are accepted by all in the same spirit as this is written, and with no disrespect to anyone. So now for me the subject closes.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. SMITHERS.

Dropmore,
Burnham, Bucks.

Dear Sir,

OVER the past few months there have been some bitter things published in the Journal correspondence columns, the object of which is not all clear to me. Some correspondents have criticised items in the H.Q. Balance Sheets without, apparently,

making enquiries what such items stood for, and attacking the official concerned in a manner that, in my opinion, was most hurtful and most undeserved. Surely the members must know that all items in these Balance Sheets are carefully scrutinised and approved by our Hon. Auditors, and subsequently approved by the Executive Committee, before submission to members at the A.G.M. Having been finally approved and adopted there, I fail to see the legitimacy, or relevancy, of further criticism.

As to the Hon. Secretary's honorarium, I personally think he is entitled to every penny of it, not forgetting that as a National Association we must have a Headquarters somewhere, and a room for that in any town would cost quite a few pounds in rent, rates and fittings, light, heat, etc. These, as we all know, are now supplied by our Hon. Secretary.

As to the pot-hunting remarks, these, in my opinion, are in very bad taste. I have been to many Annual Tournaments. Sometimes I have won something to take home, and sometimes not, but is there anything wrong in trying? Whether they win or lose the boys are there to enjoy themselves, and they do so. A finer crowd you would never wish to meet.

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Mr. Editor,

I SEE in the magazine that the Hon. Secretaries are still asking for the 2/6d. for postage and distribution costs. I am afraid I am one of the "defaulters". As I said in a previously published letter, I consider the object is right but the principle employed to collect it is wrong. All my apologies to you, Mr. Editor, but I still say I will pay whatever is due when the proper method is adopted. So please would you at the next A.G.M. put in a resolution from myself that the Annual Subscription be raised sufficiently to cover this item of postage costs. I thoroughly object to the suggestion that this amount should be paid out of Head-quarter's Funds. The idea may be unpopular, but I think we are getting full value for money, and another 2/6d. or 5/- would not hurt Head Greenkeepers.

I hope the younger members have read Mr. Smithers' letter in the April issue, and have realised the hardships that the Association had to go through in the early days; how greenkeepers had to stand on their own feet; how they carried on with their courses before the advent of the Research Institute; and how individual greenkeepers were entirely responsible for working out the treatment of their greens and fairways—and stood or fell by their own deeds. Now we have the S.T.R.I., which probes into and solves many of our problems, and makes things much easier in every way by providing more scientific knowledge of the whys, the wherefores, and the hows.

By the way, I note with pleasure that our old friends Messrs. C. Prickett and E. Dunn have been made Hon. Life Members. Only this morning I came across two of our very old Journals—1927 and 1928. On the frontispiece of the first was a photograph of Mr. Prickett, and in the 1928 edition was a picture of Mr. Dunn. I wonder how many of these old Journals are about today? Mr. Prickett was our Chairman in 1926-7. At the end of the 1926 issue is a report by Mr. W. H. Smithers (the then Hon. Sec.) stating that 41 new members had joined that year—which proves what he said in his letter with regard to getting new members. The Association, says the report, had a total working balance of £110.

In the 1928 issue there is a very good photograph of Mr. Smithers, and it is full of useful articles. In those days we only received the Journal once a year, yet it must have taken a lot of compiling and would, I bet, have been another of Bill's voluntary activities. I see that the Annual Tournament over 36-holes in that year was held at Sudbury, and that C. A. Tydeman (Hcp. 14) returned a score of 157—which was good going.

I think we should be very proud of our Association, and although we have plenty of grumbles and a little mudslinging, this invaluable organisation will still go on; and if the younger members do as much for the future

of greenkeeping and the Association as the "old 'uns" did in the past, then in some years to come the B.G.G.A. will be something we "old 'uns" will be proud to have helped build.

One final piece of advice to the younger members. Go out and help yourself to knowledge. Be inquisitive. Don't always wait for permission to do something—take a risk and do it; you will get plenty of knowledge that way.

Yours sincerely,

Weybridge.

C. R. COOKE.

[Regarding the above letter (paragraph 1), may I mention that at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, the whole question of a general revision of the structure of the Annual Subscription was fully discussed, and recommendations will be submitted for consideration at the next A.G.M. In the meantime, my old friend "C.R.C." need not worry about the prospect of an award of 7 days' C.B., as a "defaulter"!—Editor].

[As mentioned in our last issue, correspondence on "Association Affairs" is now closed, but it is hoped that members will continue to bombard us with letters on any subject of mutual interest to our members. Remember you are entitled to express your own personal views on any subject that will help to raise the status, the working conditions, and the remuneration, of every member of the Association.—Editor].

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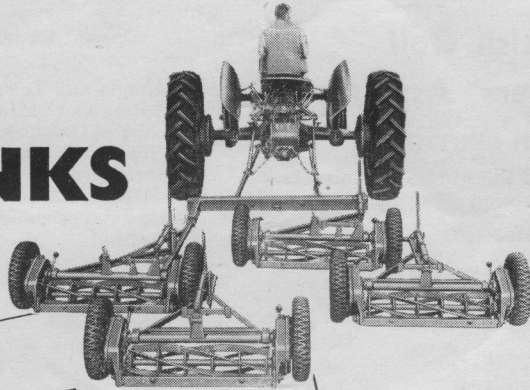
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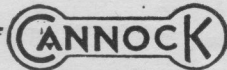
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IRISH SECTION

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st May, 1956

Receipts		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand as at 31st May, 1955	...	—	—	—
„ Cash in Bank as at 31st May, 1955	...	27	1	5
„ Entrance Fees	...	—	—	—
„ Members' Subscriptions—				
Class A: 11 @ £1 each	...	11	0	0
Class B: 2 @ 12/6 each	...	1	5	0
Class C: 6 @ 8/6 each	...	2	11	0
Class D	...	—	—	—
„ Special 'Bus Fares	...	7	13	0
„ Contributions to Prize Fund	...	16	14	0
		66	4	5

Payments		£	s.	d.
By Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc.	...	2	15	6
„ Hire of Special 'Bus	...	12	5	0
„ Prizes for Autumn Competition	...	11	18	0
„ S.T.R.I. Journals	...	3	3	0
„ Central Fund	...	5	19	0
„ Bank Charges on Account	...	1	1	0
„ Cheque Book	...	4	2	—
„ Prizes for Spring Competition	...	10	10	6
		47	15	8
„ Cash in Hand at 31st May, 1956	...	—	—	—
„ Cash in Bank at 31st May, 1956	...	18	8	9
		66	4	5

(Signed): A. SHERIDAN, Vice-President.
JOE MADDOCK, Hon. Secretary.
J. G. BRYAN, Hon. Treasurer.

MIDLAND SECTION

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st May, 1956

Income		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand 31/5/55	...	4	18	2
„ Cash at Bank, 31/5/55	...	60	15	7
„ Receipts—				
Entrance Fees	...	10	0	0
Special Donations	...	15	15	0
Xmas Draw	...	5	13	6
Members' subscriptions	...	46	12	6
Other receipts				
3 Badges	...	7	6	—
Raffles	...	1	15	1
„ Artisan Sect.	...	10	0	0
		£136	17	4

Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
By Postages and Telephone	6	7	7
„ Printing and Stationery	8	3	10
„ Board of Greenkeeping Research Journal...	10	6	6
„ Tournament Expenses	15	7	0
„ Other Expenses:—			
Lecture...	2	10	7
Secretaries' Grat.	7	10	0
Remittances to Head Office	19	10	0
„ Bank Charges	10	0	0
„ Cash in Hand, 31/5/56	1	8	4
„ Cash at Bank, 31/5/56	65	3	6
	£136	17	4

These Accounts have been audited in the presence of E. H. Benbow and are correct and a true statement, 21st June, 1956,

E. E. BALLINGER; K. SARGESON.

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