

# News



from the Sections

## MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

*Hon. Secretary:*  
76 Four Oaks Common Road  
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

IN SPITE OF VERY UNFAVOURABLE weather, the film show by Messrs. Ransomes, given in conjunction with the N.A.G. on 19th December, when we experienced the worst period of fog for many years, was attended by eleven members. The groundsmen had a similar number present.

The main film certainly did much to make us forget the weather. It was a tour of seaside resorts of East Anglia, from the Wash to Felixtowe, showing the beaches, parks, bathing beauties, the lot, and of course Ransomes machines dealing with many grass cutting problems. We also saw a short film dealing with the care and maintenance of the Certes machine, and another very interesting film of the journey from Scotland to London in three days, made by students on a Ransomes motor mower. Mr. Eric Ballinger of Messrs. Parker & Ballinger said a few words between each film, and at question time some very interesting discussions took place.

Mr. Bill Wells thanked Messrs. Ransomes, Mr. Bill Payne and Messrs. Parker & Ballinger for a very interesting and instructive evening, and went on to say that as we had now viewed the machines on film, it would be interesting to see them actually at work. He suggested that a field day may be held in the Spring as he had had the promise of a suitable site. Mr. Bill Payne, on behalf of Messrs. Ransomes and Messrs. Parker & Ballinger were all in favour, so it would appear that we can look forward to a very interesting day in the near future.

## Appointment.

We congratulate Barry Powell, late of the North Worcestershire Golf Club, on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper to the Kenilworth Golf Club. His address is now 6 Hyde Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and we wish him every success in his new job.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

*Chairman:*  
G. W. MASON  
(Halifax West End)

*Hon. Secretary:*  
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Bingley, Yorks.

OUR ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT will be played over the course of the Otley Golf Club, on Thursday, 26th April, 1962 (by kind permission of the Committee). Please make a note of the date.

## December Meeting.

This was held at the Old Queen's Head, Bingley, on 12th December, when forty members, a most encouraging number, attended a combined Educational and Social Evening. A Brains Trust occupied the first part of the evening, when the panel consisted of Messrs. K. Chamberlain, T. Hullah, W. Mountain and J. Parker with Mr. G. W. Mason acting as Chairman. After the panel had expressed their views on questions raised, many of which came from our old friend Horace, other members joined in the discussion. A most interesting session was held, and this was followed by a pie and pea supper with seasonal drinks. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Mason expressed best wishes for 1962, and Mr. S. Smith responded on behalf of members.

## Mr. J. M. Mawson.

Members will be pleased to hear that, as an expression of appreciation for his services to the Scarcroft Golf Club, Mr. J. Mawson has been elected an Honorary Member of the Club.

## Mr. J. Temple.

Mr. J. Temple, who has been assistant to Mr. G. Geddes at Moor Allerton has now retired. John has been a staunch supporter of the Association and I am sure that I am expressing the feelings of all members in wishing him well in his retirement.

## New Members.

We welcome the following new members to our Section. Mr. G. Ackroyd, 55 Lingfield View, Moortown, Leeds 17; Mr. A. Walsh, 31 Stonegate Farm Road, Meanwood, Leeds (both of Moortown Golf Club), and Mr. A. B. Jowett, of Grosvenor Engineering Co., Bradford (Associate Member).

## Film Show.

Arrangements have been made for the loan of films of the 1958 and 1959 Penfold Swallow Tournaments played at Prestwick and Barnton. These will be shown at the White Swan, Call Lane, Leeds, on Tuesday, 20th March.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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OUR FEBRUARY LECTURE WHICH will be given by Mr. W. H. Bartle of the S.T.R.I. will be held on Wednesday, 28th February at the Stirling Castle at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Bartle is well-known to most of our greenkeepers and it is hoped that members will make every effort to come along and welcome him.

## Annual Dinner.

Arrangements have now been completed for the Section Annual Dinner, which will take place on Friday, 9th March, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Please apply to me for tickets, the price of which will be settled at our next meeting. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Mickey Morris, the Keyboard Comedian, a member of the Concert Artistes Society, who will entertain us after dinner.

## Mr. D. S. Gould.

We are pleased to welcome to the Section, Mr. D. S. Gould, Head Greenkeeper at Stoneham Golf Club. Private address: 35 Hamilton Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

## SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

Chairman:  
G. GILBERT,  
(Warminster G.C.)

Hon Secretary:  
(Shamcastle G.C.)

IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT Mr. Hawtree's film show on course design and construction was so poorly attended. Any lecture requires considerable preparation. Mr. Hawtree had a long way to travel and in all probability had given up a more important engagement to fulfil this date, it was therefore, to say the least, most disappointing to have such a poor turn out at this end.

For those who did turn up, it was a most enjoyable evening. The slides were colourful and most interesting and the discussion which followed went a long way towards ensuring that Mr. Hawtree's visit was not entirely in vain. On behalf of the Section I wish to express our thanks to Mr. Hawtree, and to Mr. Southgate who always comes along to say a few words at the right time.

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