

## HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



## Book Review

Readers of the Greenkeeper will be familiar with Mr. David Bowen's long range weather forecasts which appear in alternate months last year. Now he has written a do-it-yourself guide for short range forecasters who like to interpret local indications. "How to tell the weather" (Sunday Times Book Publications 3/6.) has twelve pages of text, alternating with twelve pages of admirable photographs and charts which will give assurance and precision to those who must govern daily tasks in part by quick assessments of the sky.

A description of cloud formations and wind factors lays the basis of a forecasting method and sections on weather sayings, natural phenomena, and the barometer fill in curious and useful detail.

It is comforting to learn that the author does not consider that even electronic computers will ever make weather forecasting an exact science and that your local verdict may well be more useful than the regional forecasts prepared by the experts. Even so, you will do well to keep in mind the broader picture which their charts reveal.

This is a bright attractive little booklet. Perhaps the layout of the reading matter suffers from the fact that every other aspect of the production is such excellent value, but who will grumble at that if waterproofs are at hand when the raindrops fall.

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The Trustees of the Fund have two reservations for the Autumn Course of Instruction to be held at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, Yorks., in 1962, and invite applications from Greenkeepers for these places. Unfortunately there is no further accommodation for the Spring Course, and members are advised to make early application for Autumn, as there is a growing demand.

Applicants should state whether their Club can make a contribution to the expenses and registration fees. Head Greenkeepers are asked to bring the scheme to the notice of promising members of their staff. Age, experience, and any relevant details should be given. The fund pays all or part of all travel and living expenses.

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