

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

A PARTY OF TWENTY-FOUR WHICH included our President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, and Vice-Presidents, Mr. R. Parker and Mr. E. Ballinger, visited the Massey Ferguson Works at Coventry on the 28th November. At the Chase Hotel we were met by Mr. R. L. D. Hall and Mr. R. E. Gilks of Public Relations and after refreshments and an excellent lunch, Mr. Hall gave us a brief outline of what we were going to see. On arrival at the Banners Gate factory we were divided into two parties for a tour of the assembly line, where we followed the building of a tractor commencing with the gear box and following its progress to the paint shop. On its return, tyres, straight from the store by conveyor belt, are fitted, then the testing commences, at the same time a label showing the country of destination is added. After the hydraulic pick-up, brakes and engine have been tested, the tractor is driven off the line, just one more of the 1,200 turned out each week.

We then visited the machine shop where the various rough castings are put through many different processes which make them part of a tractor. Next we saw the huge furnaces in which they are heated, and the oil vats into which they are dipped for hardening. We passed through stores where hundreds of engines are kept on arrival from the engine factory at Peterborough.

After tea in the canteen, George Hart thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Gilks for their

kind welcome and a most interesting and instructive tour, and the Massey Ferguson Company for allowing us to visit them. One thing puzzles me, after visiting a motor works and seeing the warm, clean and comfortable working conditions, slot machines for tea, etc., what is the reason for industrial disputes that occur. What a contrast to greenkeeping conditions where we have to contend with fog, frost and snow, a seven-day week and half the wages. Perhaps we are in the wrong trade!

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament will take place at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club on Thursday, 4th April, 1963, by kind permission of the Committee.

New Member

We welcome from the Tamworth Golf Club, B. Orton, 61 Deer Park Road, Fazeley, Tamworth, Staffs., and cordially invite him to join in our Section activities.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Reg Pugh on his appointment as Captain of the Public Courses English Team. He does a great job of work for the Public Courses Association.

NORTH-WEST

By B. Ellis

Chairman
T. Brennan
(Wilmslow G.C.)

Hon. Secretary
Romiley G.C.

MAY I REMIND MEMBERS THAT WE meet at Victoria Bridge at 2-45 p.m. on Monday, 21st January, for the tour of the works of Messrs. Ellis Rees. This will be followed by a film show after which we shall proceed to the Garrick Hotel for a talk by Mr. Clayton of the Research Station, which will commence at 7 p.m. No other notice will be given.

February Lecture

On Tuesday, 12th February, we are invited to join the members of the Manchester Area Section of the National Association of Groundsmen at the Lancashire County Cricket Club Pavilion, Talbot Road, Stretford, Nr. Manchester, for a film show and a general discussion on Massey Ferguson tractors and auxiliary equipment. This will be given by Messrs. H. Woodward Ltd., who are Massey Ferguson distributors, and will commence at 7-30 p.m.

New Members

We welcome to our Section the following new members:—G. Mundy, 20 Annie Road, Bootle, 20, Lancs. (Leasowe Golf Club), and M. Flint, 2 Anne Street, Birkdale, Southport, Lancs. (Hillside Golf Club).

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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OWING TO THE BLACKOUT OF FOG, or shall we say smog, around the London area, the lecture which was to have taken place on Wednesday, 5th December, had to be cancelled and this will now take place on the 13th February. It will be given by Messrs. Parker's as arranged.

January Lecture

In January I am pleased to report that Mr. B. C. Clayton, M.A., of the Research Institute, will come along and give us a talk on "Greenkeeping in General". I sincerely hope that, as this is the first time for many years that Mr. Clayton has paid us a visit, all members will make every effort to attend and give him a good welcome. The meeting will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, 64 London Wall, Moorgate, E.C., time 6-30 p.m. on the 9th January.

Please note in your diary that our March lecture will take place on Wednesday, 13th March. Details will be given later.

New Year Greetings

May I, on behalf of the Southern Section, extend to you, Mr. Editor, and to all members of the Association, our very hearty greetings for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
Heathery Cottage,
Heathery Lane, Gosforth,
Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

OUR NOVEMBER LECTURE, GIVEN by Mr. Bartle of the S.T.R.I., was held on the 22nd in the Club-house at Gosforth Golf Club, by kind permission of the Committee. The subject was "General Maintenance of a Golf Course" and this was illustrated with slides. Mr. Bartle has a very thorough and practical knowledge of his subject and a happy way of putting it over. We also enjoyed his "crack" after the lecture.

I was very pleased to note that, in spite of wintry weather conditions, we had an attendance of thirty-eight, which included some members of the Committees of local golf clubs, who informed me how much they had enjoyed the evening.

Our Chairman, J. Simpson, expressed our thanks to Mr. Bartle, to the Committee of Gosforth Golf Club for the use of their club-house, and to the Steward and Stewardess for preparing sandwiches and snacks.

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NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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(Halifax West End)

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Bingley, Yorks.

AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS AS Superintendent of Grounds at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Mr. Frank G. Smith retired on 7th December. I am sure that I am expressing the wish of all members of the Association in saying to Frank, "A long and happy retirement, and our thanks for everything you have done for greenkeepers and greenkeeping".

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament of the Section will be played over the course of the Woodsome Hall, Huddersfield Golf Club, on Tuesday, 9th April, 1963, by kind permission of the Committee.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following two new members:—B. Eastwood, 27 Miles Hill Grove, Leeds, 7 (Sandmoor Golf Club), and A. Tallant, 24 Gregstone Mount, Leeds, 15 (Templenewsam Golf Club).

Grand National Sweep

Members will shortly be receiving books of tickets and it is hoped that they will do their utmost to sell them. The Section has to rely on this to keep their finances on an even keel and each year rising costs make it more difficult to do so.

November Lecture

The first lecture of the winter session was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on 13th November, when the speaker was Mr. B. C. Clayton, M.A., Senior Advisory Officer, at the S.T.R.I. Mr. Clayton spoke on "Continental Golf Courses". Each year Mr. Clayton visits many golf courses and was able to give details of the many different conditions under which greenkeepers have to work. Following the talk, questions were asked on all aspects of greenkeeping which the Speaker was able to answer in detail.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Mason (Chairman), seconded by Mr. W. Mountain (President). Forty members were present, a most encouraging number, and it is hoped that at future functions this will be increased.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

NORTH AND MIDLAND SECTION

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in Nicoll & Smiberts Restaurant, Dundee, on the 14th November, 1962, when Mr. Stewart Gray was in the Chair. A tribute was paid to our late President, Mr. George M. McDonald, Alyth G.C., for his excellent service to the Section.

The following office Bearers were elected: President: J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews. Vice-President: S. Gary, Caird Park. Committee: J. Leith, A. Duncan, W. Ritchie, R. Scott and W. Milton. Secretary and Treasurer: W. Ritchie. Auditors: W. Falconer and J. Ross. Executive Committee: J. K. Campbell, S. Gray and W. Ritchie.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members. J. K. Campbell, Craiglands, 18 Buchanan Gardens, St. Andrews; D. Burnett, 2 Boase Avenue, St. Andrews; D. Gray, 10 Ellbank Crescent, Arbroath; R. Scotland, 8 Airlie Crescent, Arbroath; and W. Hynd, Cupar Golf Club, Cupar, Fife.

Lecture

A lecture will be held in Nicoll & Smiberts, Dundee, on Wednesday, 16th January, 1963, at 7-0 p.m., when the Speaker will be Dr. Noel Jackson of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

W. RITCHIE,
Secretary.

SITUATION VACANT

HEAD GREENKEEPER required. New club being formed at Abridge, Essex, under supervision of Henry Cotton. Must be fully experienced. Accommodation will be provided. State salary required. Box No. 1/63 "British Golf Greenkeeper".

WANTED for Holywell Golf Club, Brynford, Holywell, young couple for Professional/Greenkeeper and Stewardess, or young man for Professional/Greenkeeper. Bungalow available if required. For terms of employment and salary apply to Hon. Secretary.