

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

## GREENKEEPER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME BEGINS

**T**HE Apprenticeship Scheme for Golf Greenkeepers has been approved by the Ministry of Labour and included in the official list of schemes open to young men in Great Britain. This month, 6,500 booklets will go to all Youth Employment Officers in the Kingdom. Employers' Guides and standard Deeds of Indenture will soon be available for all golf clubs operating the scheme.

Three things are important. Firstly, all golf clubs should take on at least one apprentice. Secondly, the apprentice should be registered under the Scheme. Thirdly, he should receive the fullest possible training in the craft. If golf clubs and greenkeepers will co-operate in these three needs there can be greenkeepers in the future up to the standard of the present.

The Scheme will then depend on today's Head Greenkeepers and their staffs. They must patiently train apprentices in the habit of good work as well as the methods. They must try to instil their own pride in that work as well as the know-how. They must arouse interest and sustain it by a programme giving variety and relief as well as solid instruction. There will be failures, but time spent in avoiding others will be doubly rewarding.

I wish to thank the representatives of the National Golf Unions and of the British and Scottish Golf Greenkeepers Associations for helping to formulate the Scheme. Together we thank the Board and Officers of The Sports Turf Research Institute who provide a home and continue to work for the Scheme. With all this help, nearly two years' preliminaries have left unscathed the funds of the two Greenkeepers' Associations whose original anxiety for the future of their craft began this new chapter in golf greenkeeping in its native home.

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Mr Michael Fenn, Secretary of the Lyon Golf Club, is moving to the new course at Valcros, near Le Lavandou, in the South of France where he hopes to be installed by the Spring. A picture showing part of this attractive new course which occupies a tree-clad mountain valley appears on page 6.