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A green where I take less than three;
Unless I change my fate is sealed,
They'll bury me in Putter's Field.*

— BOB HERZ.

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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

It is good to meet some of the younger generation of greenkeepers and see their courses still kept in the classic tradition of their predecessors. Wilf Earnshaw at Davyhulme Park in the North-West must only be in his middle twenties. He will be tackling a new green this autumn. As at many courses round Manchester, traffic on neighbouring roads has increased and what was safe for a country lane is dangerous today. So the club has wisely decided to play safe and move the 10th.

* * *

L. Beetham, another younger generation greenkeeper at the Huddersfield Golf Club, is relaying his 18th green after doing the 9th last year. This time the problem was slopes in the green, not safety but the basis is the same. More people, more play, thus slopes which cut down holing space can no longer be afforded.

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Not only the younger generation is planning for work this winter. Charlie Brassington, one of the original members of the North-West Section, is adding a couple of new holes to the Crompton and Royton Golf Club. Neighbouring developers have built bungalows within feet of the 3rd green, so changes have to be made.

Oddly enough, it is no defence to say "the club has played this hole for sixty years — the window I have just broken has only been there a week". Your neighbour can, if he feels disposed, get an injunction to stop you playing that hole as it stands. Fortunately, it often happens that neighbouring gardens belong to members of the club who do not wish to get an injunction against themselves.

* * *

Douglas Pate of Royal Birkdale can rest content after all his labours this year for both Open and Ryder Cup — that is if he has not already started preparations for the Carling next year. There is no relaxation for the greenkeeper at a club like this, but Douglas seems to thrive on it. We hope he realises the esteem in which he is held by the Association and the credit he brings to his profession.

Joseph C. Dey, Junr., Executive Director of the USGA, tells you

"HOW TO WRITE LETTERS ABOUT GOLF"

DO you ever have an urge to write letters to an editor, or to a public official—or even to a golf official? Whether or not you have given in to this particular temptation, it's not too late to realise the importance of style in letter-writing.

Of course, what you have to say may be very important and replete with truth; but **how** you say it may be the key to its effectiveness.

How do successful letter-writers do it? Many of them write the United States Golf Association; since they use a wide variety of styles, you may find it useful to examine their tastes. This, then, is a sampling of honest-to-goodness letters to the USGA.

An attribute of a really effective letter is brevity. Like this:

"My friends cheat. Please send me a copy of the Rules of Golf."

Or this, from a youngster:

"I would like to have some information about my amateur static."

Or this from a lady in California:

"Would you please send us a copy of your description of a player who does not turn in all scores, or amends them, to maintain a 'suitable' handicap?"

There's only one description: "Indescribable".

The wistful letter has a low-pressure appeal to some folks. Here's an example of wistfulness that pulls at the heart-strings:

"I would appreciate it very much if it were at all possible for you to help me locate a position as an assistant pro.

"At the present time I am employed in the city in a position I have had for three years. But every time the sun comes out and the weather begins to get nice, my heart yearns for the golf course."

GRATITUDE—WITH NEEDLE

Then there is the letter that expresses gratitude but at the same time has a gentle needle and may even make you feel a bit of a heel. The writer of one such model letter is the Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue—and he was *not* writing the USGA.

His family was spending the summer at Easthampton, on Long Island, and Bishop Pardue used to visit at week-ends. It was a summer of great drought, and the Maidstone golf course was burned to a crisp. One Saturday afternoon in the locker

room the distraught chairman of the Green Committee, Phillip Brown, sought the assistance of Bishop Pardue.

"Autie," he said, "can't you do something about this drought? Can't you arrange for some rain?"

"Well, I'll see," the Bishop replied. "I'll speak to the Boss. When would you like a delivery?"

"How about tonight, or tomorrow morning—early?" asked the eager Mr Brown.

"Pretty short notice," was the reply. "You'd better give me some alternative dates."

"Well," said Mr Brown, "how about next Wednesday or Thursday?"

"I'll do what I can," the Bishop promised. "I'll speak to the Boss."

Nothing happened that night, nor the next day, and Bishop Pardue went back to Pittsburgh after the week-end. But in the middle of the following week there was a deluge, which literally saved the parched Maidstone course. Phil Brown was overjoyed, and he sent a telegram of thanks to Bishop Pardue. In reply, the Bishop wrote him somewhat as follows:

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"HOW TO WRITE LETTERS ABOUT GOLF" — contd.

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There is the nonchalant, brassy sort of communication. Once a gentleman's entry fee was a basketball check which the bank bounced right back at the USGA. With no reluctance at all, the USGA called the gentleman's attention to this trifling matter. He replied with another check and the following philosophical note:

"Try this one. My wife beat me to the check book. You know how it is. Sorry. No one hurt. Tear up the other one."

But sometimes our conscience doth make cowards of us, to the degree that we can't wait to write—we must hurry to the

telephone, as did a wife who communicated this message:

"My husband's entry fee check was drawn on a joint account which I had overdrawn," she said breathlessly. "Please let me make it good and accept his entry. I don't want him penalized for my mistake—and I don't want to hear about it from him for the rest of my life, either."

Entry accepted.

You'd think that hopefulness would be a compelling quality in a letter, but don't depend upon it. At least hopefulness cuts no ice with the hard-hearted men who handle the Open entries. To enter the Open, an amateur's handicap must be not over two strokes.

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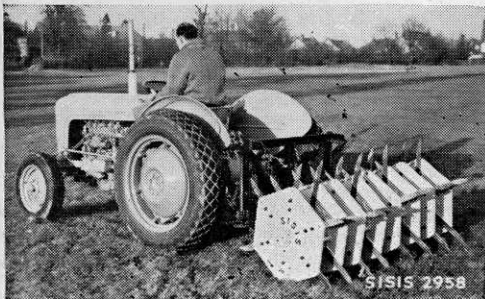
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If we do nothing, golf course upkeep in the future will become very sketchy. Already one head greenkeeper at a well-known London club complains: "There is just no time for finesse".

The volume of play strips the tees, scars the fairways and wears tracks round greens. Above all, it delays essential operations like mowing and small staffs have still less time for polish. A big effort may be made for a major tournament—two head greenkeepers, by no means elderly, have died suddenly within weeks of this kind of effort—out late at night changing holes, up at 4 a.m. mowing, with all the worry of critical players and gallery—even everyday routine at busy clubs now demands this kind of programme.

Happily, many clubs realise the value of their groundstaff, give their greenkeeper an adequate team and pay a decent wage. But only about 30 are doing anything for the future. That is the number who have registered

youngsters with Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship.

No sensible youth with the qualities which are needed will commit himself to a club, where committees and officers change annually, for wages less than he can get in industry. He must be convinced (and his parents) that he will be trained and that his knowledge will eventually have a solid market value.

The Golf Unions of England, Scotland and Wales worked with the Greenkeepers' Association to set up an Apprenticeship Scheme run by a Joint Council. The Council issues a syllabus, keeps in touch with Youth Employment Officers, gives information on training courses, provides printed Deeds and an Employers' Guide.

That is only a beginning, but it must have support from all golf clubs who believe that their future is as important as their present. A young man taken on purely as a form of cheap labour will lose interest and drift into easier work. If he is taken on as an apprentice, trained, taught to play golf, and given a permanent official to look after him, the new problems and still higher standards of the future will be met and the long tradition of golf greenkeeping in Britain preserved for the next generation.

Golf clubs can obtain information about the Greenkeeper Apprenticeship Scheme from:—

B. M. WOOD, F.C.I.S.,

Hon. Secretary,

Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship,

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TWO compact, light and inexpensive hand-propelled snow-ploughs were shown for the first time in Britain at the National Association of Groundsmen's Exhibition at Hurlingham on 6th and 7th October.

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The Snow Husky

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Other details as for Snow Pup.

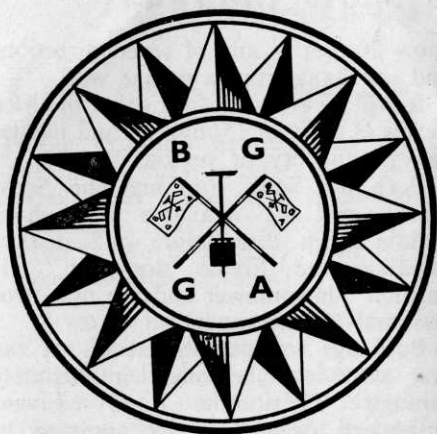
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from the Sections

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G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By J. J. Dearlove
Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

Sheffield v. Northern Section Match

A VERY DISAPPOINTING NUMBER—16—travelled by coach to the Scarcroft Golf Club to compete against the Northern Section for the Slater Trophy. With the help of our President, Mr A. Shardlow, we were only just able to field a team of members.

The Northern Section again won the trophy for a second time with a result of four matches to two. All the games were quite close finishes with four matches decided at the 16th and two at the 17th. Full details of the match will be in the Northern Section notes.

It is fitting to mention the wonderful condition of the course, the excellent meals and the hospitality afforded us by the Scarcroft Golf Club and our neighbouring section members.

We played the usual 9 holes for the Coach Cup on our arrival at Scarcroft and this was won by apprentice greenkeeper John Walker, of Wheatley, with a net score of 33. A very good score indeed for John playing in his first competition.

A big thank you to Mr B. Elliott for meeting the cost of the coach, also to Mr F. Croft for his presence and general help.

Lectures

Are being arranged for the last Thursday of every month—November, January, February, March and April at the Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket, Sheffield.

Bill Lawrence

It is my painful duty to report the death of Mr Bill Lawrence who passed away on the 29th July after a long illness. Bill was a long-serving member and was elected on to the committee back in 1950. I am sorry for the delay of this sad news but have only recently received a letter from Mrs Lawrence to whom I have written expressing the deepest sympathy of this section.

NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

Hon. Secretary:
Arcot Hall Cottage
Dudley
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Annual Competition

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION WAS played over the course of Ravensworth Golf Club on Thursday, 23rd September, by kind permission of their committee.

Results, Scratch Score—D. Gray, Newcastle United Golf Club, 140. The Ransome Cup was won by W. Bleazard, Ravensworth Golf Club, for the best net score, 132. Other prize winners—R. Hinson, Bamburg, 134; T. Green, Ravensworth, 136; A. Gunn, Ravensworth, 136; T. Kirkley, Brancepeth, 136; D. Earsman, Arcot Hall, 137; R. Robb, Whitburn, 138; P. Crombie, Wearside, 139; J. Smith, Morpeth, 143; N. Snailham, South Moor, 144; R. Derham, South Shields, 145; J. Hayes, Northumberland, 146; J. Wroath, Ravensworth, 146; P. Bishop, Seaton Carew, 147.

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the club for their kindness in allowing us the use of the course and the steward and stewardess for the very enjoyable meals. He then introduced Mr N. Anderson, Captain of the Ravensworth Golf Club, who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf.

Our thanks are due to the following members of the trade and golf clubs who so kindly contributed to our prize fund: Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd.; W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd.; Atco Service Branch; May & Baker Ltd.; Stewart & Co., Edinburgh; J. McKenzie Blakelaw; Garden Mechanisation, Newcastle; W. Lowes, Newcastle; Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs; Northumberland Golf Club; Arcot Hall Golf Club; Ponteland Golf Club; Morpeth Golf Club; Tynemouth Golf Club; Gosforth Golf Club; Alnmouth Golf Club; South Shields Golf Club; Seaton Carew Golf Club; Chester-le-Street Golf Club; Hartlepool Golf Club; Ravensworth Golf Club; Brancepeth Golf Club; also to Messrs. C. N. Storey; A. Harrison and I. T. Johnstone.

We are grateful to Mr Lowery and Mr McKenzie for attending to the cards.

Subscriptions

A few are still outstanding, please send them along to the treasurer as soon as possible.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members—C. J. Baxter, Class A, and Bryan Bell, Class C.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
S. BAILES

By J. Parker
Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden
Bingley, Yorks.

Sheffield Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH VERSUS Sheffield Section was played over the course of the Scarcroft Golf Club, Leeds, on Tuesday, 14th September (by courtesy of the Club Committee).

On an afternoon ideal for golf and on a course in first-class condition players were able to have a most enjoyable break from work.

In the match for the "Slater Trophy" the section was able to retain the trophy by four matches to two.

Results—

- M. Brown and A. Money lost to R. Whitehead and G. Herrington 3 and 2.
- P. Williams and G. Bennison beat A. Goldthorpe and J. Dearlove 2 and 1.
- D. Copland and C. Moore beat A. Shardlow and J. Pickering 2 and 1.
- L. Sharp and A. Robertshaw beat H. Herrington and T. Stringer 3 and 1.
- J. Hannan and E. Paley beat E. Peat and J. Lomas 2 and 1.
- M. Sharp and J. Sharp lost to A. Spencer and J. Walker 3 and 2.

Following a most satisfactory tea Mr A. Shardlow, President of Sheffield Section, introduced the Captain of Scarcroft Golf Club who presented the trophy to Mr Jeff Mawson, who we hope will keep it well polished for the next 12 months. Mr G. Herrington, Chairman of Sheffield Section, proposed a vote of thanks to the club and all members of the staff for their kindness and efforts to give us a memorable afternoon out. This was heartily endorsed by members.

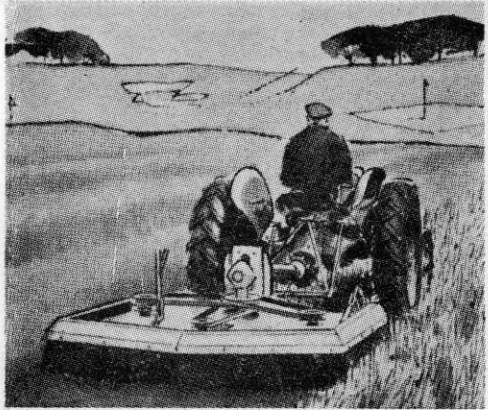
Mr T. Iveson

Members, especially older ones to whom he is more well known, will be sorry to hear that Tom is in Bradford Royal Infirmary undergoing a course of treatment. I'm sure we all hope that he will soon be fully recovered and back home. Before his retirement Tom was for many years head greenkeeper to Bradley Hall Golf Club and a committee member.

New Member

We welcome to the section David Ward, of Scarcroft Golf Club, who will shortly be starting his apprenticeship with the club.

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(Warmminster G.C.)

By A. Cockfield
Hon. Secretary:
(Shamcastle G.C.)

Annual Tournament

OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS held by courtesy of the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club on the 22nd September. Playing conditions were perfect, one of those autumn days which begins with an early mist then when the sun breaks through it turns out a glorious sunny day. By far the most enjoyable time of year for golf.

Our President, Mr Southgate, who usually works so hard looking after our score cards and sweep moneys, etc., was unable to be with us, but Mrs Snell, one of our Vice-Presidents, kindly stepped in and did an excellent job for which we are very grateful.

The results were as follows:—

Greenkeepers—

- 1st A. Meaker (14) 147 net.
- 2nd A. Butler (16) 149 net.
- 3rd A. Cockfield (7) 151 net.
- 4th D. Cheetham (18) 156 net.
- 5th S. Frappell (16) 157 net.

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The prizes were presented by the club Captain, Mr K. G. Trotman, who was presented to us by our Chairman, Mr Harry Sheppard, who expressed our thanks to all who had helped to make the day such a success.

The Captain in his short speech welcomed members to the club and expressed their pleasure in allowing us the use of the course and clubhouse for the occasion and would be glad to welcome us again at a future date.

Without question this was a very successful day and I am certain the Bristol and Clifton course improves each time we play on it, also the catering—a very important factor. No section could receive better attention than we do at the B. & C. Club. (We haven't visited Knowle Golf Club yet.)

A word of congratulation must also go to four of our senior members, average age well over 65, who not only played the 36 holes but carried away the major share of the prizes. Well done! They are certainly tough in the South-West.

We sincerely thank the various firms and local golf clubs who continue each year to give so generously to our prize fund.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
F. FROST
(Derby G.C.)

By S. Fretter
Hon. Secretary:
Portland Lodge Farm
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Autumn Meeting

OUR ANNUAL AUTUMN MEETING was held at Birstall Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and committee. Many thanks to them for their kindness, also to the inside and outdoor staff, especially the steward and stewardess.

The weather was not so good as it rained heavily most of the time, affecting the scores returned. Our thanks also to Messrs Ransomes' representative for starting and marking the cards.

We are grateful to the following for the prizes—Lunevale Products; Sutton & Sons; Carters Tested Seeds; H. Pattison & Co.; W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd.; May & Baker Ltd.; G. E. Bromley Ltd.; S. Long, Esq., Hon. Sec.

The following were the prize winners—
1st D. J. Tolley (24) 7 down (last 9); 2nd R. Willars (22) 7 down (last 9); 3rd S. Fretter (10) 7 down (first 9); 4th F. Frost (8) 8 down; 5th B. Mott (13) 9 down (last 9); 6th D. Bull (7) 9 down (last 9); 7th P. Rodwell (24) 10 down (last 9); 8th D. W. A. Tolley (24) 10 down (last 9); 9th D. Whitehead (24) 11 down (last 9). Vice-President's prize—S. Long (scr.) 4 down. Visitors' prize—H. Newton (18) 1 down.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Claise Road
Morrison
Swansea, Glam.

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD at the Neath Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and committee. We had a very nice welcome. In the absence of the Captain Mr Lewis presented the prizes.

We played a 27-hole aggregate medal; 9 holes before and 18 holes after lunch. The morning was nice and dry but after lunch the rain came on and things were not too pleasant. Our grateful thanks to the stewardess, Mrs Jack Rees, who gave up her day off to provide us with two excellent meals. We were very sorry not to see any members from the Glamorganshire Golf Club and hope they will manage to come along to the next meeting. Owing to the very bad weather in the afternoon our scores were not up to standard, but in the circumstances were not too bad.

Results were as follows:—

Scratch to 18 Handicap—1st A. Price (12) 104 net, President's Shield and Bedspread; 2nd J. Rees (9) 106½ net, Windcheater; 3rd D. G. Lord (9) 108½ net, Pair Towels.

19 to 24 Handicap—1st T. Finch (20) 133 net, Blanket; 2nd W. Woodham (22) 154 net, Overtrousers; 3rd D. Kenealy (24), 164 net, Pair Towels.

Retirement

I understand Mr F. V. Southgate, of Messrs Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, is retiring. All members of the section wish him a very long and happy retirement and may I add many thanks for introducing his successor, Mr W. F. Payne; we shall be pleased to see him at our meetings. We would like to thank them for their good work in helping with the cards, etc., for our competition.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
76 Four Oaks Common Road
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Autumn Tournament

EARLY IN THE MORNING OF 16th September it seemed that we were going to be unlucky for our tournament at Bloxwich but about ten o'clock it cleared up and we had as nice a day as any we have had this summer. We must congratulate Roy Smith on the condition of the course which was immaculate. The attendance was very poor again with only 18 entries and a dozen entries for our invitation match.

The prize winners were as follows:—

- 1st (Clayton Cup and Watch) G. Woodward, 108½ net.
2nd (Golf Jacket) J. Grealy, 109 net.
3rd (Putter) D. Brazier, 109½ net.
4th (Lighter) A. Boraston, 114½ net.
5th (Bone China) A. Stephens, 115 net.
6th (Carving Dish) E. Benbow, 115 net.
7th (Silver Pencil) H. Drewitt, 116½ net.
8th (Sandwich Dish) C. Fudge, 117 net.
9th (Bottle Gin) T. Jones, 118½ net.
10th (50 Cigarettes) R. Pugh, 119½ net.
11th (Condiment Set) E. Walford, 120 net.
12th (12 Golf Balls) G. Bunting, 120 net.
13th (Bottle Whisky) V. Smith, 121 net.

Player with 2 on his card—A. Boraston, Golf Ball.

Visitors—1st T. Harold, 4 Golf Balls; 2nd E. Ballinger, 2 Golf Balls.

The prizes were presented by our President, Mr Carl Bretherton, whom we were very pleased to have with us. In the absence of our Chairman, one of our old members, Reg Pugh, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Bretherton, the Bloxwich Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course, Roy Smith for the condition of the course and the professional for the use of his caddy carts. We are grateful to the donors of the grand display of prizes who were—Thomas Clayton Ltd.; Swallow Raincoats Ltd.; British Steel Golf Shafts Ltd.; H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; C. H. Pugh Ltd.; Rigby Taylor

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New Members

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NORTH-WEST

By **H. M. Walsh**

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:
D. PATE 78 Hadfield Street,
(Royal Birkdale G.C.) Oldham, Lancs.

Winter Lecture

THE FIRST OF OUR WINTER lectures was held at the Garrick Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 11th October. A very interesting and instructive talk was given by Mr Castell of Fisons Ltd., who spoke on the very important subject of "Selective Weedkilling". Afterwards the meeting was thrown open to discussion and some pertinent points were raised and given an airing; all in all an evening well spent.

The next lecture will be on Monday, 8th November, Garrick Hotel, 7.30 p.m. and the speaker will be our old friend Mr Finch, of Maxicrop Ltd., followed on 6th December by Mr Ratcliffe, of Rigby Taylor Ltd.

New Members

We extend a welcome to the following new members, S. Wyatt of Stand Golf Club and N. Houldsworth of Hazel Grove Golf Club.

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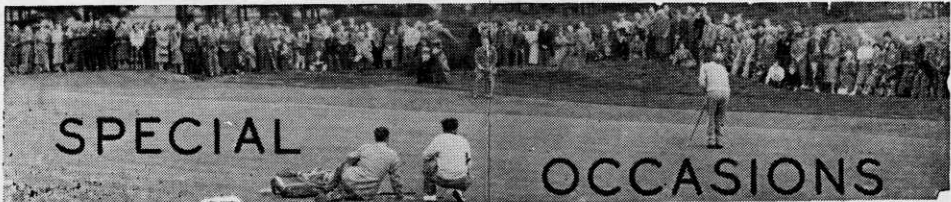
There are already installations at Ashford Manor, Denham and Handsworth clubs and others are planned but Parkstone is the first to incorporate watering for tees and approaches as well as for greens.

The club captain, Mr E. P. Ward, said: "The popularity of Parkstone Golf Club is such that the course naturally gets a tremendous amount of wear. The committee are confident that the installation will materially help to keep the course in first-class condition at all times, aiding as it will the work of the ground staff who will then not have to rely on the vagaries of the

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NOVEMBER	8th	North-West Section, Lecture, Mr Finch of Maxicrop.
	9th	Northern Section, Talk by Mr B. M. Wood, Old Queen's Head, Main St., Bingley.
	9th	S.G.G.A. Glasgow, Lecture.
	10th	" Dundee, "
	11th	" Edinburgh, "
	25th	Sheffield Section, Lecture, Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket.
DECEMBER	6th	North-West Section, Lecture, Mr Ratcliffe, Rigby Taylors Ltd.
	14th	S.G.G.A. Glasgow, Lecture.
	15th	" Dundee, "
	16th	" Edinburgh, "
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JANUARY	11th	North-West Section, Lecture, H. J. Lidgate, S.T.R.I., Bingley.
	27th	Sheffield Section, Lecture, Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket.



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Beat the butter to a cream with the sugar, add well-beaten eggs alternately with the flour (sifted), then add the brandy and beat the mixture for ten minutes. Now add the fruit (previously washed and dried) and the halved cherries, then the rest of the ingredients, mix well and pour into cake tin lined with oiled paper. Bake in a moderate oven 3-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

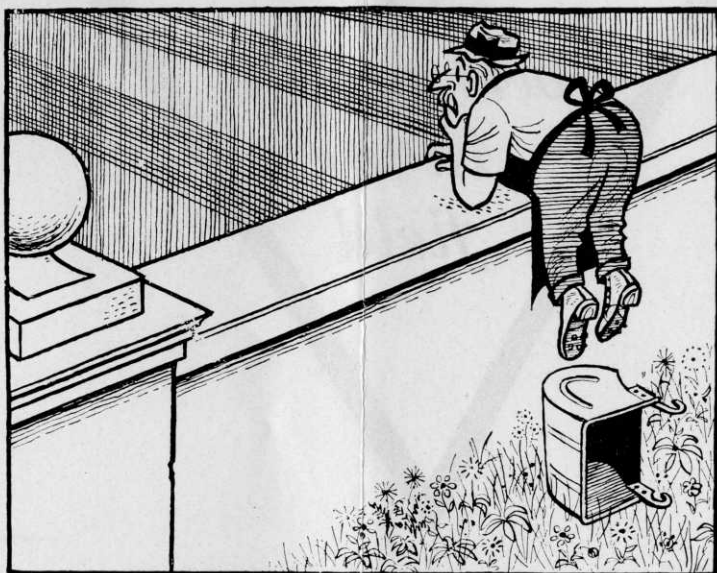
Christmas Cake (Economical):—

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. self-raising flour — $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mixed spice — $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt — $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. mixed fruit (currants, raisins, sultanas) — 2 oz. candied peel — 1 oz. ground almonds — 5 oz. margarine — $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. demerara sugar — 2 eggs — little milk.

Sift the flour, spice and salt together. Wash and dry fruit. Beat margarine and add sugar until soft and creamy. Beat the eggs for five or six minutes and add alternately with the flour to the creamed margarine. Continue beating whilst you add the fruit and almonds and lastly enough milk to make a mixture that will just drop from the spoon. Turn into a cake tin six inches diameter by three inches deep lined with greaseproof paper and bake at once for two hours. Regulo Mark 4 for the first hour then reduce to Mark 3 for the second hour.

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