



HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE Committee will be held on Saturday, 12th March 1966, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, at 12 noon. Luncheon interval at 1 p.m. The Agenda will be forwarded direct to members of the Committee.

C. H. D.

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE TOM BRIDGES

Tom Bridges was universally acknowledged to be a master of the calling to which he devoted himself so arduously and assiduously.

His long and honourable career is so widely known that it needs no repetition from me.

However, the nature and character of the man was only discernible to those who were privileged to be his friends, and I was fortunate to be one of them.

Tom was not an easy man to know. One's first impression inclined to a dour and taciturn nature.

This impression was quickly dispelled on further acquaintance. Reserved — yes, but one soon discerned the natural dignity of the man, combined with a very humane and understanding outlook.

For instance, Tom would never countenance the denigration of a fellow Greenkeeper who may be unfortunate enough to be in a spot of trouble at a given moment. I know of many a greenkeeper, including myself, who was grateful at one time or another for the sage advice Tom had unobtrusively tendered if approached.

He was always a stalwart of the B.G.G.A., and took a leading part in the resuscitation of the North-West section after the war. He was immensely grateful when he was elected a Vice-

President of the section, an honour which he richly deserved.

Tom Bridges will be remembered with deep affection by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

His presence will be sorely missed, but his influence will live on.

T. BRENNAN.

Apart from Bill and Jim, his two sons, I feel I have known Tom as much as any other member. Having first met him in the early twenties I had the pleasure of playing with him at Swansea Bay. Being very much a junior to him I always looked up to him and respected him. During my many years at Formby, with Tom at Hoylake we were, so to speak, neighbours. We used to spend many weekends together sorting out our problems.

He was always a great man for the Association and one of the members to help from the North-West section, a section that has gone from strength to strength.

Tom would always be at our lectures in Manchester and many times I have seen younger Greenkeepers getting advice on their problems.

He is a great loss to the Association, a greater one to Bill, Jim and Greta and a loss of a great personal friend to myself.

STAN MORTON.