

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

What will happen when Man becomes extinct? It is, perhaps, unfair to bother you with frivolous questions of this sort when the grass is growing strongly and four-balls crawl endlessly across the green. You and I will not be concerned at the critical times unless the end comes explosively (and even then, not for long). But, in order to keep up with our apprentices, we ought, now and again, to turn our minds to the wider scene unfolding in the Out of Bounds.

The question seems likely to be resolved much sooner, relatively, than the few billion years it needed for the Brontosaurus and the Diplodocus to go out of circulation. Those competitors, as you will remember, developed boots too big for their brains and had to drop out of the race. Man has developed his extremities the other way round and, consequently, seems likely to do himself in by overeating, starvation through overbreeding, or stagnation in traffic jams.

It so happens that the natural successor to Homo Sapiens is one that we know better than most. The family name is Graminae, vulgarly known as Grass.

The grasses are very well placed to take over where we leave off. They scratch out an existence in situations far less favourable than those which our ancestors survived. They have never, so far as we know, complained of being under privileged and one grass seems able to look at another without wishing to do it violent injury. The colour problem does not arise—even a fescue at St Andrews may turn brown while Zoysia in

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a suggestion that Mr R. Fielding and the Secretary should get together to see about visiting one of the Dunlop factories was carried.

A suggestion that the Section hold a Dinner and Dance some time in October or November was passed over to the Secretary for insertion in the Journal so that members could write to him with their views for or against—so come on and let me know how you feel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made if the support is strong enough.

#### Election of Officers

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr W Kinsey, Chairman, Mr W Burgess, Vice-Chairman, Mr F Halstead, Secretary, Mr H. M. Walsh, Treasurer, Mr E. Macavoy

The Vice-Presidents were elected en bloc with the addition of Mr B. Ellis, who was unanimously elected a V.P. to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr T Bridges. There were seven nominations for the five vacancies on the Com-

mittee and the following were elected, Messrs W Earnshaw, W Bridges, D. Pate, O. P. Jones and M. Vizard. T Brennan and H. Needham did not seek re-election.

Congratulations to Mr J. Metcalf of Haydock Park Golf Club on completing 46 years as a Greenkeeper, also to wish him every happiness in his retirement. Also the honour afforded him and Mrs Metcalf by his Club in making them Honorary Life Members.

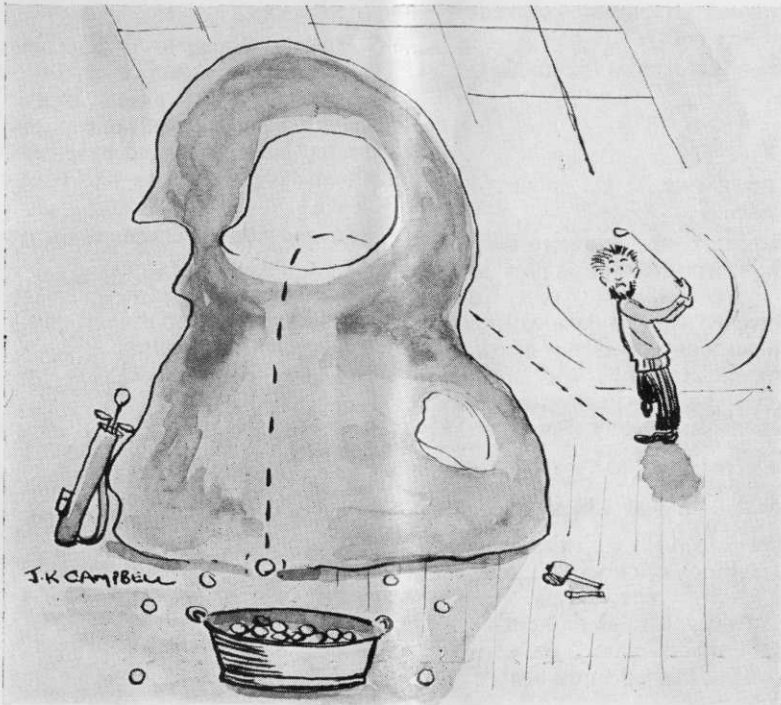
#### Autumn Tournament

Mr H. Needham invited us to play our Autumn Tournament at his course, Hazel Grove. I am happy to say I have now confirmed this with the Club and the date is 22nd September. Further details will be given in the Journal nearer the time.

If you have missed the Section notes for the last month you will find them with our friends' notes of the Welsh Section.

#### New Members

We welcome to the Section Mr J. H. Pearson of Bramhall Golf Club, Cheshire.



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Kenya can be as green as the best of them given the right tippie (which happens to be water).

Their health, once Man leaves them alone, is good and the absence of heart, liver, and teeth gives them a clear lead over the obsolete mammal. The risk of social distinctions arising between the finer and the coarser grasses is not a serious one when one considers that the Bamboo would be one of the underdogs.

We can be sure that our present change is the one best fitted to take over where we leave off.

As a matter of fact, so far as you and I are concerned, it has taken over already