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## APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship was held at Bingley on 25th April.

It was reported that since the scheme began in January 1964, 48 apprenticeships had been registered of which three had been completed.

Reference is made in the annual report to training, which is naturally an integral part of the scheme. Apprentices receive practical instruction from their own head greenkeepers on their courses but as a supplement to this some general theoretical instruction in the background sciences, e.g., elementary botany and soil science, is regarded as essential.

The report refers also to the value of educational visits to selected trade firms and pays tribute to those which have already extended such facilities.

In certain circumstances, the report goes on, training allowance grants may be available to enable boys to become apprentices at clubs away from their homes. The report concludes that whilst some progress has been made there is a long way to go and that meanwhile retirement by a large number of key men looms ever nearer. Whilst wages are not the concern of the Joint Council it is obvious that unless clubs adopt a realistic approach to them the present dearth of recruits will continue.

Offices re-elected were Mr F W Hawtree (E.G.U representative) as Chairman, Mr John Parker (a B.G.G.A. representative) as Vice-Chairman and Mr B. M. Wood of St Ives Research Station, Bingley as Honorary Secretary

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