

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

## Retirement—Midland

E. Benbow retired from his position as Head Greenkeeper at the Handsworth Golf Club, Birmingham, last month after 47 years with the Club, 38 of them in charge of the course. He first went to Handsworth under Walter Drewitt whose next move was to Burhill. The previous Head Greenkeeper was Wally Smithers, Hon. Secretary of the B.G.G.A. for many years. First assistant V. W. Smith now takes over.

Ben won the championship cup at the B.G.G.A. tournaments at Streetly and Brighton and was runner-up at St Annes. Asked if he had noticed any special changes in greenkeeping since he first came into it he said he "could write a book". We all hope he does and wish him many years of happy retirement.

## Retirement—North-West

Charles Brassington is another stalwart Association member reaching retirement age in March. He was chairman of the North-West Section for many years and has only served on two golf courses in his working life, Heaton Moor and Crompton and Royton. He ended his service to the latter club by making two new holes and is now going to fill in his time with gardening and looking after a bowling green. We expect he will also be calling at the golf club for a chat with a past captain and green committee chairman who still takes a great interest in the club and is also called Brassington. Jim Collinge from Saddleworth has taken over as Charles' successor.

## Non-retirement

When seen last month, Len Akin of the Sale Golf Club was still in harness though he might be thinking of setting a date to make a change. This is reasonable enough as Len, whose rosy cheeks proclaim excellent health, will be 80 on 2nd August this year. We must also send him another bunch of telegrams on 29th August. He will then be only two years off his Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

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### Monkey

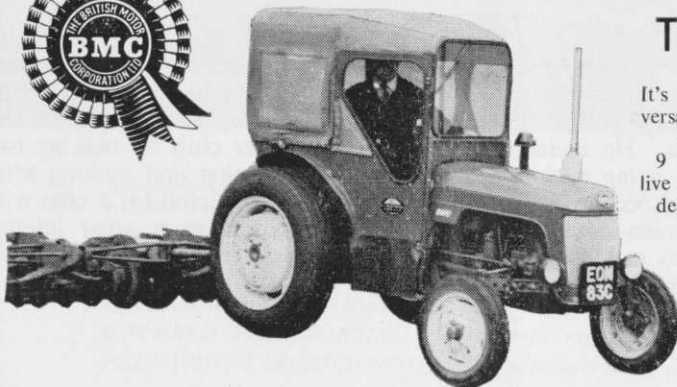
A simple and inexpensive tool which ought to be more widely used is the "Monkey" pest hole borer. Costing under £3 its auger will bore holes to a considerable depth if the three foot extensions are added. Apart from holes for fencing, a quick answer to wet hollows can sometimes be produced if the holes are filled with graded rubble or stone. At Kingswood in Surrey, they bored through clay to the chalk and cured a multitude of ills.

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