

Bill Mason, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Southern Section since 1934, is retiring and is handing over his duties to F. N. Ford who lives at 68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7. Bill's 33 years as hon, secretary have seen the Southern Section grow in strength and he himself sees many changes in the greenkeepers' work. Looking through the minutes he was amused to find a record of the meeting at which he was elected when our founder said: "I am pleased to know that young Bill Mason will take the job". The Southern Section and the whole association will wish to express their thanks to Bill Mason for a fine job and a worthy one.

Arundel Golf Club has decided to buy its 58-acre course from Major Watts Russell for £10,000. They hope to obtain a grant for half the value and to raise the remainder by a gift scheme and an annual loan of £5 per member for the next two years.

Harwich and Dover Court Golf Club has been without a greenkeeper for more than five weeks. The Green committee, led by the captain, have been keeping greens, fairways and rough in condition.

Cheltenham Trades Council moved a resolution last month viewing with concern the spending of £96,000 on golf courses. Mr L. M. Reay had however noted at trade union conferences that delegates arrived with golf clubs ready for the leisure periods. Mr Reay was charged with the task of moving an amendment to restrict grants to municipal courses.

