


THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Sports Turf Research Institute was held at Bingley on Monday, 1st May, under the chairmanship of Mr Alan Sowden.

- (1) In the annual report for 1966 reference was made to:—
 - (a) *Research*—New trials on gradual release nitrogen fertiliser were commenced and there was some new work on fungal diseases and grass varieties. Mr Victor A. Gibeault, of the University of Rhode Island, U.S.A., who had been awarded the Fison's Research Fellowship, completed some outstanding new work on annual meadow grass control and his paper published in the Journal is of considerable importance. Other trials of various kinds were continued.
 - (b) *Advisory Work*—Visits were up in number by almost 5 per cent on the previous year and new playing field projects figured prominently despite Government restrictions on capital expenditure. Once again, most European countries were visited this side of the Iron Curtain.
 - (c) *Finance*—Expenditure rose in excess of income resulting in a deficit. The Institute's position is nevertheless financially sound.
 - (d) *General Standing*—The Institute's status as the national centre for turf research, advice and education has never been higher. Increasing reference was made to it by Government Departments and Ministries.
- (2) Message of loyal greetings sent to Patron, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.
- (3) Election of Officers: President, The Duke of Norfolk; Vice-Presidents, Mr Carl Bretherton, Sir William Worsley, Mr R. B. Dawson; Chairman, Mr Alan Sowden; Vice-Chairman, Mr Carl Bretherton.

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