

Members will have been grieved to hear of the death of Mr Rod Davies, a vice-president of the Midland Section. Mr Davies was golf writer for the Birmingham Mail for many years and often attended Midland Section functions and matches. His cheerful company will be greatly missed.

The Royal North Devon Golf Club was in trouble last month. The course lies on the northern burrows where the villagers have grazing rights and it was reported at a meeting of the burrowers committee that two areas of turf had been removed by the golf club. One measured 12 ft. by 6 ft., and the other 20 ft. by 6 ft. This must have made two big holes in this 300 to 400 acres.

It was reported last month that the roof on the new tractor shed on the Jubilee Course at St Andrews was nearing completion and that work would soon start on the move from the Black Sheds to the new building. The sheds are being cleared, though will not be taken away, to make more room for the new

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British Railways Hotel on the right of the 17th, until after the Alcan Tournament this month.

Bids for Charterhouse Golf and Country Club were withdrawn at auction last month. This venture in Somerset began with the simple 9-hole course on 40 acres some three years ago, and the club and two cottages were offered with it. Bids reached £20,000 before the lots were withdrawn. Then the country club with public rooms and 12 bedrooms was offered separately but was withdrawn at £10,000; then the golf club was offered alone and that was withdrawn at £9,000. The auctioneers say they are still in the market for anyone interested.

Ossie Jones, head greenkeeper at the Bramhall Golf Club in Cheshire, and a well-known member of the north of the Association and the North-Western Section, is putting the finishing touches to two new greens he has recently completed. These little touches consist of 15 trees which a new American-built tree mover owned by a Bramhall firm called Clapham Nurseries has lifted from the ground complete with roots and three tons of earth. The first tree moved was a 15 ft tall Scots Pine but the machine can transplant trees up to 40 ft. in height.

