



HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

REPORT ON WAGE SURVEY

On 16th March 1968 the Executive Committee reconsidered their previous recommendations and proposed that the previous figures quoted should be amended to the following:—

Head Greenkeeper £22 to £26 per week (plus accommodation).

First Assistant £17 to £19 per week.

Assistant £13 to £16 per week.

In the lowest scale every endeavour should be made to make additions for experience and special ability.

In the top scale the lower limit will represent comparative newness to a responsible post, or, for an experienced man, a wide range of additional benefits. The upper limit will often be exceeded for very responsible positions at busy clubs, but will otherwise represent a fully responsible position with few marginal benefits.

At present, competent First Assistants are in demand as Head Greenkeepers and the middle scale is therefore likely to be applicable only to a man potentially capable of full responsibility in some years' time.

In addition to the rates mentioned it is recommended that the Golf Club should operate a Pension Scheme which will ensure that a retired employee will enjoy an income, including his State pension, of not less than half his income at retirement.

This information is given because golf clubs frequently seek guidance from the Association as to the wages generally prevailing. The exact figures will remain

the subject of negotiation between the golf club and the greenkeeper in the light of local circumstances affecting the particular situation.

I have received a letter from Mr Tucker, on behalf of Lord David, thanking the members of the meeting for their letter and good wishes. My latest information is that he is feeling better but, as yet, does not feel up to writing. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

BARRUS MINI-MOW

A NEW rotary mower introduced in February was the "Mini-Mow" 14-inch Rotary Mower. Designed to cut both rough grass and lawns, the Mini-Mow has a single point height adjustment controlling all four wheels from ground level to 3 inches high.

Powered by a 3 h.p. Briggs and Stratton four stroke, the Mower has friction overload device to protect both blade and engine from excess damage. The cutting arc of the blades extends beyond the wheels, allowing the mower to cut right up to the edge of walls or borders.

1968 Lawnboy range

The basic range for 1968 remains mechanically unaltered from 1967, with the exception of the self-propelled 21-inch Automower.

The Automower has a redesigned positive belt drive, which is taken off the top of the flywheel. This provides better traction where the machine is being used on steep banks or difficult slopes. Another new feature on the '68 Automower is a snap action handle which controls drive to the wheels. The new control handle is a wrap around design which engages and disengages drive to the wheels with a minimum of effort.

Pioneer chain saws

Two new high speed models are included in Pioneer's 1968 range — the model 14-20 and 11-30. Both designs are available with automatic oiling and both are designed for hard professional cutting. Pioneer's "Inject-Aire" system is fitted on both models, allowing the fuel/air mixture to be adjusted for varying atmospheric conditions.