

SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The 17th A.G.M. of THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE was held at Bingley on Monday, 29th April, under the Chairmanship of Mr Alan Sowden.

(1) In the annual report for 1967 reference was made to:—

(a) *Research*

Much useful work was accomplished, including assessment of grass varieties, seeking new weed-killers suitable for seed bed work, etc. Although various factors, mostly financial, have prevented any expansion of research in recent years it is hoped that an additional appointment to be made in 1968 will improve the position.

(b) *Advisory Work*

There was once again an increase in the number of subscribers to the advisory service and visits were made to sports grounds, school playing fields, etc., throughout the British Isles to advise on both construction and maintenance. The Institute continued to advise a large number of continental clubs and to visit a high proportion of them.

(c) *Finance*

Despite earlier fears as to the possible effects of the Government's economic measures the Institute came through 1967 less financially scathed than in the previous year. Although there was a deficit this was sufficiently small as to be of little consequence and the Institute continues to be sound financially.

(d) *Other Matters*

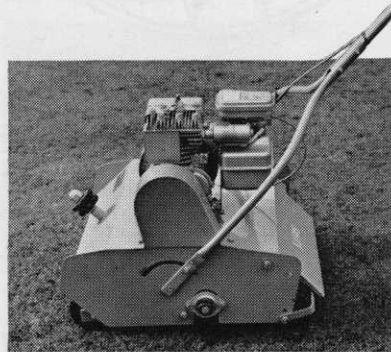
As the national centre for sports turf the Institute is continuously consulted by organisations having allied interests and also by Government Departments and Universities. The Director, Mr J. R. Escritt, served throughout the year as a member of the Herbage Seed Supplies Committee set up by the Minister of Agriculture and chaired its Amenity Grasses Sub-Committee. The Institute also co-operated with the British Standards Institution in the drafting of standards relating to amenity turf.

(2) A message of loyal greetings was sent to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Institute.

(3) The following elections were made:—

Presidents, The Duke of Norfolk; Vice-Presidents, Mr Carl Bretherton, Sir William Worsley and Mr R. B. Dawson; Chairman, Mr Alan Sowden; Vice-Chairman, Mr Carl Bretherton.

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