

# News



## from the Sections

We send every sympathy to our Chairman, Mr. Harry Sheppard, in his sad loss. Mrs. Sheppard passed away suddenly on Friday, 11th December.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:  
S. BAILES

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### December Lecture

WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN NEARLY a record attendance of sixty members turned up for the lecture held on Tuesday, 8th December, at The Market Tavern, Bradford. The talk: "Golf Course Machinery Maintenance", was given by our old friend, Bill Palmer, and K. Davidson, of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies. This proved to be a most interesting subject and Bill seemed to be in his element in his new rôle. There were many and varied questions, which were ably and clearly answered by both the speakers.

Our thanks are due to Mr. G. Vaughan for arranging the talk and organising the evening, together with our President, Mr. W. Mountain. Following the meeting we had our usual pre-Christmas celebration and our thanks are due to those providing the solid and liquid refreshments.

Our President proposed a vote of thanks and extended his Christmas greetings to all members not present, Mr. S. Bailes (Chairman) seconded the vote of thanks.

### Grand National Sweep

Members will soon be receiving tickets for our Annual Grand National Sweep. Your Committee look for your support in making it a success. This is the chief source of income for our Benevolent Fund.

### Mr. B. Gilbank

Mr. Gilbank, formerly assistant at Fixby Golf Club, has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to the Kendal Golf Club. I'm sure we all wish him well in his new position.

## NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

Chairman:  
J. SIMPSON  
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:  
Arcot Hall Cottage,  
Dudley,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

### Annual Dinner

OUR ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD at Chester-le-Street Golf Club, by kind permission of their Committee.

Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming along and supporting our Dinner. He was sorry to announce that our President, Mr. L. A. Jones, Mr. C. N. Storey, President of the Northumberland Golf Union and Mr. J. V. Todd, F.R.C.S., President of the Durham Golf Union, were unable to attend owing to other commitments, but sent their apologies, and hoped we would have a jolly good evening.

He then introduced the Captain of Chester-le-Street Golf Club, Dr. C. S. M. Hutson, who said how pleased he was to welcome us, hoped we would have a very enjoyable evening and, speaking as a doctor, he thought we were a grand advertisement for good health.

Secretary, Mr. W. A. Crighton, said in his speech that he was always pleased to welcome the greenkeepers of the North East Section and that we would always be welcomed at Chester-le-Street.

Our Vice-President, Mr. Tom Oliver, gave the toast and said that we had come a long way since the section was started in 1930, when horses still pulled the mower. He also thought that there were more opportunities for young lads in greenkeeping than there had been in his day.

Our Chairman thanked the Committee for allowing us the use of the clubhouse and the Steward and Stewardess for the very enjoyable dinner provided.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

Chairman:  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lidrick)

Hon. Secretary:  
63 Langsett Avenue,  
Sheffield, 6.

### Meeting

MR. ROSSITER, OF MAY & BAKER Ltd., was the speaker at our November meeting, with the aid of film slides he gave

a two hour talk on the tricky subject of weedkillers and fungicides. After a tiring day travelling the countryside it was no easy task to cover such a wide field in one evening and then have to travel on to Nottingham. We thank Mr. Rossiter for an interesting talk which with an attendance of thirty-five, was another successful meeting.

#### New Member

A welcome to the Section for Mr. J. H. Strothard, who has taken over at the Sicklesholme Golf Club, also to his son, who has decided to take up greenkeeping under his father's wing.

#### W. Greaves's Return

I've had a letter from Wilf. Greaves to let me know he has returned to Yorkshire to be nearer his native Sheffield, and that he has taken over at the Pontefract Club. He didn't sever his connection with the Section during his six years' absence and hopes to renew acquaintance in the near future.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:  
W. E. MOORE  
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#### Lecture

A MOST INTERESTING LECTURE was given by Mr. Stafford Smith, representative with Messrs. Pan Britannica Industries Ltd., on view were all kinds of chemicals, their use explained and questions invited from greenkeepers. It was pleasing to see a very good attendance.

The speaker was kept busy answering questions, after which a hearty vote of thanks was given.

I would like to mention that various samples of chemicals were presented as prizes to the winners of a raffle which took place after the lecture, Mr. S. Smith having brought along a book of tickets for the occasion. The proceeds were given to the section funds (£3 13s. 0d.).

#### February Lecture

We shall be holding our February Lecture on Wednesday, 10th, to be given by Mr. William Finch, of N.D.H. International Products Ltd., subject, "Turf Culture".

#### Annual Dinner

Our Annual Section Dinner will be held at the Talbot Restaurant, on Friday, 26th March, we hope that everyone will do his best to attend. Bring along your friends, tickets obtainable from me: time 6-30 p.m. for 7-0 p.m.

#### New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: L. J. Simpson and R. Atkins, both from Purley Downs Golf Club, and L. H. Miller, of Bellfairs Golf Club.



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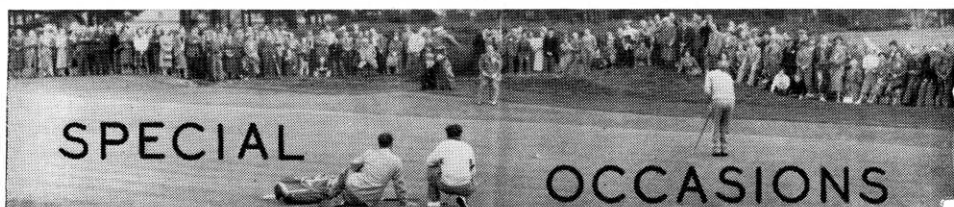
#### Lectures

WE HAD A PLEASANT AND INTERESTING evening on the occasion of our Quiz against the N.A.G., the only disappointing thing about it was the poor attendance on both sides, only six greenkeepers attended.

Mr. Eric Ballenger, M.C., was assisted by Mr. Barry Bond, of Superturf Ltd., in keeping the score, and the result was a win for the N.A.G. by one mark.

I was unable to be present on 3rd November, when in conjunction with the N.A.G., a panel of Motor Mower experts, Messrs. Parker & Ballenger, E.T.B. Ltd., D. Ford Ltd., and Horwool Ltd., were there to answer any questions put to them by members. In his report, our Chairman, George Hart said that the questions were very good and answers both interesting and instructive, but the attendance of greenkeepers was very poor, only five being present.

We have another two lectures in the New Year and I hope members will do their very best to attend.



#### JANUARY

- 13th Southern Section, Lecture.  
 18th North West Section, Lecture.  
 25th East Midland Section, Quiz, Blue Boar Hotel.

#### FEBRUARY

- 2nd East Midland Section, Lecture, Central Tavern.  
 4th East Midland Section, Lecture, Blue Boar Hotel.  
 10th Southern Section, Lecture.  
 15th North West Section, Lecture.  
 16th Northern Section, Lecture, White Swan, Leeds.  
 18th East Midland Section, Lecture, Blue Boar Hotel.

#### MARCH

- 2nd East Midland Section, Lecture, Central Tavern.  
 8th North West Section, Lecture.  
 11th East Midland Section, Lecture, Blue Boar Hotel.  
 26th Southern Section, Annual Dinner.

#### APRIL

- 6th East Midland Section, Lecture, Central Tavern.

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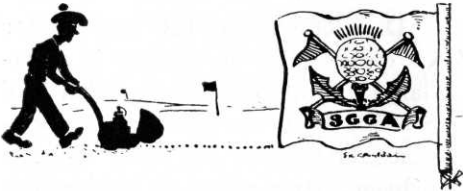
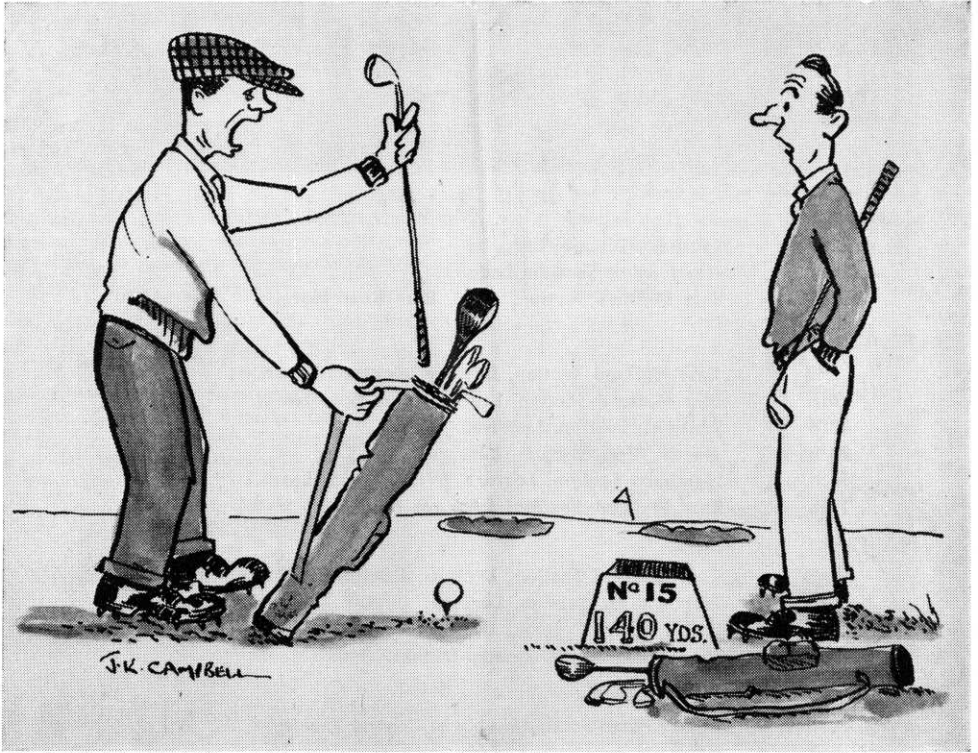
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*Secretary and Treasurer:*

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AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF the North and Midland Section I would like to wish all members of the Section a Very Happy New Year.



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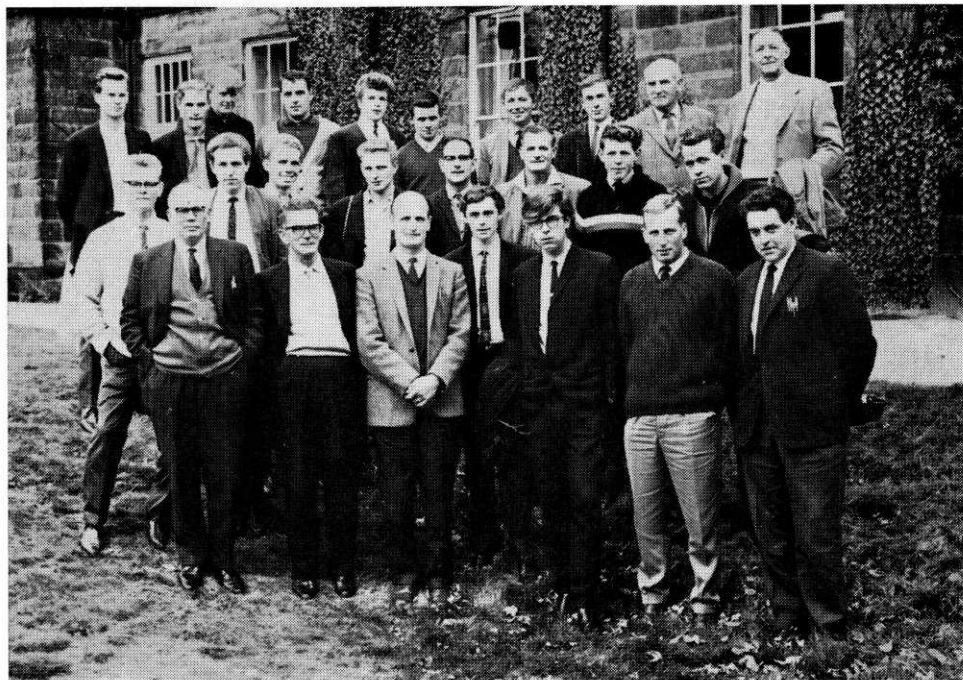
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## REPORT ON WAGE SURVEY

The Executive Committee of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association has considered information provided by a recent survey of greenkeepers' wages in England.

The rates of pay vary widely, even within districts, and it is difficult to compare the value of other emoluments and benefits such as accommodation.

The following scale is, therefore, given only as a general guide. The Contracts of Employment Act, 1963, will do much to eliminate uncertainty about the hours which these basic rates represent:

Head Greenkeeper—£16 to £20 per week.

First Assistant Greenkeeper—£13 to £13 10s. Od. per week.

Greenkeeper—£12 per week.

In the lowest scale every endeavour should be made to make additions for experience and special ability, e.g. tractor driving.

In the top scale the lower limit will represent comparative newness to a res-

possible 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 the local circumstances affecting the particular situation.

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## Mrs. Greenkeeper's Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

A Happy New Year to you all, and welcome to our own corner.

Soups are an excellent start to either lunch or dinner; they are also good for mid-day and supper snacks these cold January days. Most soups are inexpensive, nourishing and can be made quickly if some good stock is available. Thick soups of course will satisfy the appetite more quickly than clear. Soup can also be kept hot very satisfactorily in a vacuum flask and is therefore very useful for packed meals.

Here is a very good vegetable soup to try:—

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb. carrots, 1 small turnip, 2 small onions, 1 leek, 1 parsnip, 1 stick celery, 1 potato, 1 pint of boiling water or stock,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. cornflour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint milk, salt, pepper, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley.

Clean all the vegetables, peel where necessary and chop small; add them to

the boiling water or stock, also salt and pepper. Cook slowly until the vegetables are soft. Mix the cornflour with a little of the cold milk, now add the rest of the milk and add to your vegetables, boil for five minutes stirring all the time, put all through a sieve and reheat.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

Sufficient for four people—time, about 30 minutes.

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Do you know that if you add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the water when boiling an egg your pan will not discolour.

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