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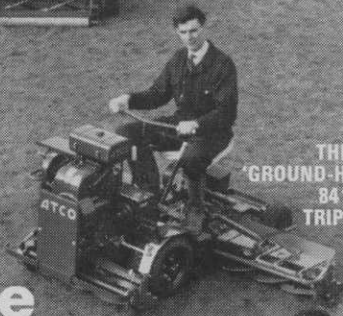
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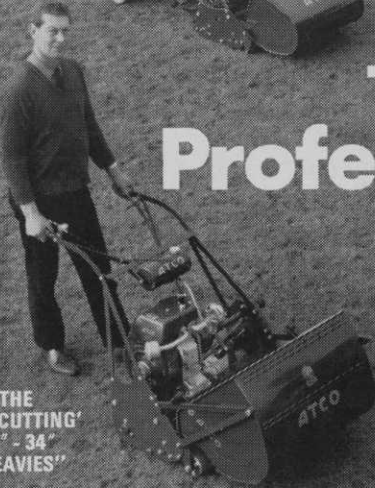


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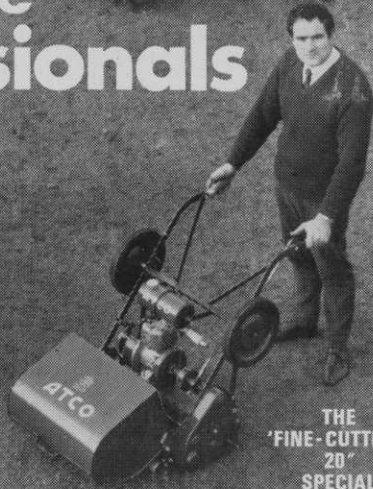


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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Mr Jim Ashwell, who used to travel the Midlands as a supplier of golf equipment, has planned a 7,000-yard course on 140 acres of farm land at Aldridge near Birmingham. His consortium of five people includes the farmer, Mr Laurence Swain, who owns the land. The first application for planning consent was turned down. An appeal was heard and the Ministry's decision is now awaited. Mr Ashwell has played golf for some nine years since an injury stopped his cricketing career. He represented Staffordshire at cricket and hockey.

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Discussions are taking place for the construction of a new course for Redditch Golf Club. The present one will disappear under new town development.

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After a public enquiry Doncaster Rural Council has been given authority to go ahead with the development of 90 acres at Crookhill Hall, 50 acres being destined for a public golf course. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government inspector reported that the site gave a unique opportunity to provide a golf course in good scenic surroundings.

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The new Billingham Golf Course had its official opening last month. Mr John Todd, of Brancepeth Castle, President of the English Golf Union, drove off the first ball.

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Mr Gordon Higginson joined Wilpshire Golf Club in 1961 when his handicap was about 10. He became Chairman of the Handicap Committee. Now his handicap is 18. However Mr Higginson has just retired after 46 years' service with the Royal Insurance Company.

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MAKING THE OPEN PAY

by REG MOORE

THE Open Golf Tournament should be the major attraction of our golfing season. As a sacred event, it is an institution worth preserving and improving. It is as British as Trooping the Colour or cricket at Lord's. It deserves a better fate than just another tournament!

As the one British golf tournament every year that can stir the public imagination, it still takes second place to exhibition matches on television by the giant Americans and Gary Player.

The Open suffers from our balance of payments problem. Income from recent tournaments has cleared £20,000 in admission charges and £2,500 in entry fees. Parking fees bring in £16,000 a year, with programme sales, advertising, film rights, television screening and sundries.

Losses

But far from providing British golf with a healthy balance in the kitty, the Hoylake Open recently lost £1,500 and Muirfield slightly more. Meantime, more spectators must be attracted to the event each year while the R. and A. endeavour to make good the arrears.

Television might help repay some of the fees, but obviously this cannot last for ever. Fees have to remain modest to attract the promising field youngsters.

Cash awards will surely increase, for the day has long since passed when golfers qualified for the Open mainly for

its prestige value. The appeal of the Open is universal, but will only remain so as long as overseas stars are attracted to the event. The top professionals in America are ranked by the amount of money they earn.

The champions of the world may think long and hard about taking in the Open on their itinerary if prize money doesn't match the top Open events on the other side of the Atlantic.

More Money

Unfortunately, the R. and A. cannot afford to keep up the present standard of promotion and prize money. Only by raising the entrance fee, or getting more from the television rights and advertising, will the Championship officials bridge the gap.

But the event is so popular throughout the world, that voluntary appeals should be made and golfers could contribute into a Championship Fund. The events leading up to it are merely the prelude to this one great event on the British golfing calendar. As the symbol of British golf, the Open deserves support from every golfer.

Footnote

Total "Open" prize money this year will be £30,335, the winner getting £4,250, an increase of £1,250 over last year.

BEN ELLIS RETIRES

BEN ELLIS retired at the beginning of April 1969 from his post as Head Greenkeeper at Romiley Golf Club in Cheshire, a post he has held since leaving Reddish Vale Golf Club in 1930. The Romiley Club have made Ben a Life Member and the members are subscribing to a fund which, together with a testimonial bearing 500 signatures, will be presented to Ben on Captain's Day in June.

Ben Ellis is a well-known and respected character locally but his fame has spread wider than the boundaries of Romiley. He was, for 13 years, Secretary of the North-West Section of the B.G.G.A. and has been its Chairman. He has also represented the North-West Section on the General Council of the B.G.G.A.

It is now reported that Ben intends to devote his time to playing golf and getting his handicap of 12 reduced.

Good luck to him and look out Romiley golfers.



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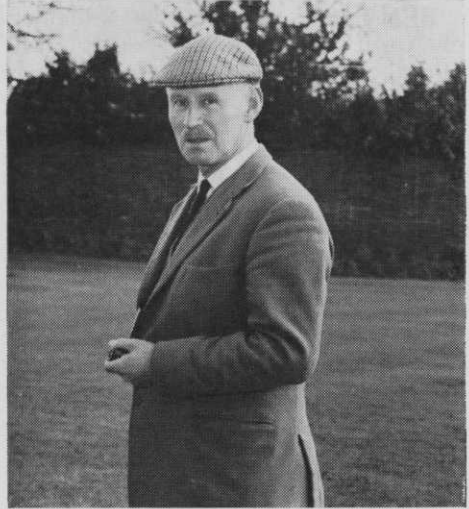
NEW CHAIRMAN FOR RANSOMES SIMS & JEFFERIES

SIR Peter McClintock Greenwell, Bt., is taking over the chairmanship of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd. from Geoffrey Pawlyn, in September 1969. He has been a director of Ransomes since September 1962 and Deputy Chairman since May 1966.

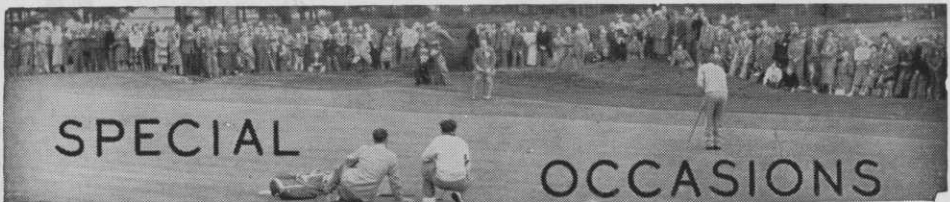
Sir Peter is a director of Anglia Television Ltd., has been chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture Sugar Beet Research and Education Committee since 1957; he is a Trustee of the Royal Agricultural Society of England; a member of East Suffolk and Norfolk River Authority; and a member of Norfolk Agricultural Station Executive Committee.

In 1956 Sir Peter was a member of the Agricultural Delegation to Russia and of the Merritt Working Group, N.I.A.E. in 1964/5.

In 1966 he was High Sheriff of Suffolk, and since 1967 has been President of East Suffolk Branch of the Country Landowners' Association. He is a former member and chairman of Suffolk Agricultural Executive Committee, was a member of East Suffolk County Council for 15 years, and for a time was chairman of the Smallholdings Committee.



Sir Peter, aged 54, farms 3,000 acres at Butley and Orford in Suffolk. He was educated at Winchester College, and took a B.A. degree in agriculture at Trinity College, Cambridge. During his military service he served in the Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry R.A., T.A., and gained the T.D. and a Mention in Despatches in 1946. From 1940-45 he was a prisoner of war in Germany.



MAY	7th	Southern Section Spring Tournament.
	7th	Midland Section Spring Tournament.
	13th	North-West Section Spring Tournament.
	14th	East Midland Spring Tournament.
	14th	Northern Section Spring Tournament.
JUNE	4th	Southern Section A.G.M.—Stirling Castle.
	16th	Sheffield Section Tournament—Hillsborough Golf Club.
	24th	Welsh Section A.G.M.—Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.
	26th	Midland Section Annual Match v. President's Team.
AUGUST	11th	} B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament—Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.
	12th	
	13th	
JULY	9th	South-West Section Annual Tournament.

**OWED TO HIS LORDSHIP—
ONE ROSE ON MIDSUMMER'S DAY**

A Rose on Midsummer's Day for Lord and Lady Pilkington.

That is the ground rent with a gracious, old-world touch about it that Grange Park Golf Club, St Helens, will be paying.

The club has purchased the 116 acres of their course at Prescott Road, on a lease of 999 years.

This required an arrangement for the payment of ground rent. In the hard-headed world of business it is usually a cash sum. But it can be a "peppercorn" rent—a gesture rather than a business transaction.

The courtly gesture of a rose came when Lord Pilkington and the Grange Park captain, Mr Bertie Fairclough, a well-known solicitor in St Helens, were discussing details of the sale of the golf course land.

As they looked out on the clubhouse gardens, they saw the head greenkeeper, Mr Walter Sumner, carrying a bunch of roses.

So Mr Fairclough nominated his ground rent—a rose on Midsummer's Day.

Lord Pilkington was delighted with the suggestion for one of the abiding interests of himself and Lady Pilkington at Windle Hall is rose growing.

On the more prosaic details of the purchase of the golf course land, Mr Fairclough reported to the annual club dinner that members had agreed to contribute £32,000. The remaining £8,000 will be raised by means of a loan.

It means that Grange Park members have now a "home of their own" through the marked generosity of the Pilkington glass group.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Number 3 in the series of Profiles by Brigadier C. W. Morton, M.C.

JOSEPH BENEDICT CARRICK

JOSEPH CARRICK is a comparatively young Head Greenkeeper as service goes these days. He is only 53 years of age but has packed a lifetime of experience into his total of 36 years' have been as Head Greenkeeper. He greenkeeping, the last 25 of which first became a greenkeeper in 1933 at Portmarnock Golf Club, Co. Dublin. He went on from there in 1944 as



Head Greenkeeper to Cill Daca Golf Club, Kildare. There he remained until 1953, when he moved to Newlands Golf Club, Dublin.

In 1955, he left Eire and came to England as Head Greenkeeper to the Northamptonshire County Golf Club, where he is still serving. He joined the B.G.G.A. in 1946 when he was getting a wage of only 50/- per week. Now he receives a worth-while wage, plus a free cottage and also a free motor car. He also receives a percentage of the green fees. He tells me that his present club, Northamptonshire County Golf Club, is a very go-ahead club. It has every possible machine and mechanical device to cope with the work. It also

has a grinding machine to keep its machinery in a high state of efficiency.

He thinks the job of greenkeeping is a wonderful vocation. He was instrumental in forming the Irish Section of the B.G.G.A. and held every office of that Section at one time or another. He later became a member of the Executive Committee of the B.G.G.A. He served on the Greenkeeping Advisory Council to the former Board of Greenkeeping Research under the Chairmanship of Mr F. G. Hawtree. He is at present a member of the East Midland Section of the B.G.G.A. A fine record of service over only 36 years and not ended yet by a long chalk.

SAMUEL THOMAS McNEICE

SAMUEL McNEICE, now aged 63, has 43 year's of greenkeeping service to his credit. He is a son of the late G. McNeice who was a founder-member of the B.G.G.A. and Chairman at the time of his death. It was under his father's expert guidance that he served as an apprentice greenkeeper. He first became a greenkeeper at Banstead Down Golf Club. The following year he went as an apprentice to the R.A.C. at Epsom where he drove the first converted T Model Ford to be used on fairways. In 1928 he moved to Hearsall Golf Club, Coventry, where he was first assistant in charge of the greens only. In this year he became a member of the B.G.G.A. He moved to Leamington Spa in 1930 to take over the job of Head Greenkeeper and to Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club in 1934. During the war years he became an agricultural engineer. After the war, he went to Robin Hood Golf Club and in 1951 to the Leicestershire Golf Club where he is still serving.

He was Chairman of the B.G.G.A. in 1960/61 and has been a keen golfer all his life. His lowest handicap was 4 but he is now 10. He won the B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament at Sudbury in 1951 playing in the 54-hole Senior Medal and has won many Section tournaments. He has also played for the Scottish Greenkeepers' Association against England. He tells me that his weekly pay when he joined as a boy was 14/-, rising to £2 7s. 6d. when he was 21 years of age. When he became

of the East Midland Section for many years.

He says that he has enjoyed his life as a greenkeeper and is very happy with his present club. He has put in a great lot of experience in his 43 years of greenkeeping and still has seven more years to go for his half-century. He will then be 70. All credit to him.



Head Greenkeeper in 1930 he still got only £3 10s. 0d. weekly. How absurd this looks now when he is in receipt of a really good wage plus a free three-bedroomed house. At long last Head Greenkeepers seem to be paid an adequate wage and given a free cottage/house.

Few members can have such a fine record of service to the B.G.G.A. Throughout the years he has taken an active part in Association affairs—the formation of the S.W. Section of which he is a past Secretary, the re-forming of the Midland Section after the war, Chairmanship of the Nottingham Section (which is of course now the East Midland Section) and Secretary

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