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further education of both a general and a technical character.

Fuller information about the scheme is given in the employers' guide which is available from the Hon. Secretary, The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship, who is now Mr P. C. French, of 3 Skeet Hill Cottages, Dalton's Road, Chelsfield, Orpington, Kent.

Apprenticeship figures show that in 1966, three years after the inception of the scheme, only 74 deeds of apprenticeship had been issued. At the same time, the demand for replacements for greenkeepers had further outstripped the supply. There had been many retirements, especially among head greenkeepers. In England alone there are over 900 courses, and they go on increasing, and so the demand for greenkeepers is bound to be heavy. A number too take greenkeeping jobs in Europe.

By September 1968 the 74 deeds of apprenticeship issued had risen to 164. Forty-two apprenticeships had been completed. I am told that the biggest difficulty for clubs is the procuring of theoretical training in many areas. The Council considers, so its hon. secretary informs me, that further education in fairly simple background science is an important part of the training.

The number of apprentices is certainly on the increase, particularly in Scotland. The aim of the Joint Council is to have at least one apprentice in each golf club. It is important that clubs should not treat the apprentice as a form of cheap labour, but should ensure his proper training for the benefit of golf at large, and not just for the employing club itself.

Prospects

At least two head greenkeepers of long service have told me that there is a wonderful opportunity for apprentice greenkeepers ahead of them. In about 10 to 15 years' time, first-class head greenkeepers will be at a premium, and will be able to command a salary in keeping with their status. The fortunes of any good club revolves round a first-class head greenkeeper. Another head


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greenkeeper on the point of retirement also told me that "if any lad is looking for a life where he can work happily all his days, if he is willing to study and learn as much as possible, then it's the best life one could look for".

And so, you club committees, please support this apprenticeship scheme for all you're worth. It really is the start of a brave new world in greenkeeping. DON'T let your courses slip back to nature's courses, such as were the only ones in the early days of golf, when the only greenkeepers were the rabbits. Much as our forebears evidently enjoyed their golf under those conditions, somehow I don't think the present-day club members would be much amused!

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from the Sections

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By F. W. Ford

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January Lecture

OUR THANKS TO MR LLOYD-JONES of Flymo Ltd. for giving a talk on "Modern Mowing for the Professional" and to Flymo for laying on refreshments at the bar. Despite the fact that it was New Year's Day members turned up in good numbers and had a very enjoyable and interesting evening. A surprise but welcome visitor on holiday from France, Jack Stobbs, found time to come along to see some of his old friends and I'm pleased to report that he looks well and is happy in his new job.

Annual Dinner

As stated in the previous issue this will take place on Friday, 14th March at the Finchley Golf Club, Nether Court, Mill Hill, N.W.7 (Telephone FIN 2436). Tickets are £1 each and are available from me either by writing or collecting at the Stirling Castle on lecture evenings. The nearest stations are Finchley Central and Mill Hill East on the Northern Line. Members wishing to play in the 4-ball, better-ball, 18 holes Stableford should arrange their own partners and record their best nett score. 5s. sweepstake each competitor.

In Hospital

On behalf of the Southern Section I would like to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to A. E. Creese who is in hospital, and to George Hitchcock who has had a coronary and is under doctor's orders to take it easy for six months.

March Lecture

On Wednesday, 5th March, 6.30 p.m. at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, we will be delighted to welcome back again W. H. Bartle from the Sports Turf Research Institute to give us a general talk on green-keeping. Mr Bartle needs no introduction to the Southern Section and I'm sure that all the members who enjoyed his last visit so much will want to be present again this time.

New Member

A warm welcome to F. E. Price (White-webbs) and we hope that he will be able to come along to our meetings in the near future.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament will take place on Wednesday, 7th May 1969 at the Beaconsfield Golf Club, Beaconsfield, Bucks. "Get cracking Bob." May I remind members that the competition will be a 36-hole medal.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
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(Royal Porthcawl)

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Swansea, Glamorgan.

TO ALL THE MANY FRIENDS WHO will be coming to the Annual General Meeting and Tournament at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club on the 11th, 12th and 13th August, if you want to book up in time you can write to the following address: The Publicity Officer, The Publicity Department, Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, Glam., and he will forward you a list of addresses to which you can write. Please enclose a s.a.e. for reply. There is also a list of hotels under the Hon. Secretary's Notes.

I am afraid there is not much news for the members of the section this month except to please note that all members who have not paid their subscriptions by the 28th February will be classed out of the section

and their journals, etc., will be stopped. If they wish to remain members will they please pay up to Mr Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam., and NOT to me.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
O. P. JONES
(Bramhall G.C.)

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

Lectures

OUR THANKS TO MR FAIRHURST of Foster & Sons for the very interesting talk he gave and the really excellent photo slides he used to illustrate his subject, "Wild Life in and around Golf Courses". Thank you, sir.

The March talk will be given by Mr Whyatt of H. Pattison on 18th March at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester.

Spring Tournament

Will anyone who intends to be present at the Spring Tournament and A.G.M. please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make the catering arrangements.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

By J. Parker
Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

December Lecture

THIS WAS HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 11th December when 30 members attended. The speaker was Mr C. Durham of Atco Mowers Ltd. who spoke on various machines of the firm's range. A long discussion followed in which many points were raised by members. A vote of thanks was proposed by our chairman to the speaker, who had given an interesting evening's talk.

Christmas Social

Thirty-five members sat down to the Annual Christmas Supper held on Tuesday, 17th December, in the clubhouse of the

Horsforth Golf Club. As usual, Ron Hartley, steward of the club, provided the inner man with a most nourishing and appetising meal which members washed down with their various liquid refreshments. Unfortunately, owing to indisposition, I was unable to be present but would like to take this opportunity of thanking those present for the kind gift of cigarettes that they sent me.

Mr T. Iveson

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death at the age of 78 of Mr T. Iveson, formerly Head Greenkeeper to the Bradley Hall Golf Club. Tom was a member of the Association for over 40 years and for many years was a member of the Section Committee. Quiet spoken, always willing to help, he was held in high respect by all who knew him.

NORTH-EAST

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

By D. Earsman
Hon. Secretary:
1 Chesterhill,
Cramlington,
Northumberland.

Lecture

A LECTURE WAS HELD AT THE Duke of Wellington Hotel, Newcastle, on Wednesday, 11th December.

A very interesting and instructive talk was given by our Chairman, Mr Jack Simpson, on "The Upkeep of a Golf Course". The meeting was very well attended, and I am sure those present found it a most interesting and helpful talk. Questions and answers flowed fast. The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr Simpson, and the evening was rounded off with refreshments.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin
Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road,
Lichfield, Staffs.

Spring Tournament

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT WILL be held at the Coventry Golf Club, Finham Park, on Wednesday, 7th May, by kind permission of the captain and committee.

Mrs Greenkeeper's



Pineapples are at their best from December to the end of February. A good pineapple should be a rich reddish colour, turning almost to a light brown. It should never have any green colour.

Preserved Pineapple

Sugar, fresh pineapple.

Pare pineapples, remove the core, then cut into thin slices, lay them in a large deep dish, sprinkle with sugar, about $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of sugar to each lb. of pineapple. Cover and keep in a warm place for nine days. Each day strain off the liquid, bring to boiling point and pour it back over the fruit. Each day the liquid should be boiled for a minute longer than on the previous day. On the tenth day remove the fruit, lay it on a tray and dry in a VERY COOL oven. The syrup left can be used for sweetening puddings or used as a foundation for fruit drinks.

Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

Pineapple Cocktail

Fresh mint, 2 tablespoonfuls water, 2 oz. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. fresh pineapple.

Core the pineapple, boil the water and sugar for two minutes and pour over the pineapple; allow this to stand for 45 minutes. Just before serving, cover with finely chopped mint.

Cheese and Pineapple Salad

Salad dressing, a few radishes, lettuce leaves, seasoning, 6 balls of cream cheese, 6 rounds of pineapple.

Dish the rounds of pineapple on the lettuce leaves, place a cheese ball in the centre of each pineapple round, slice the radishes thinly and place round the pineapple. Pour salad cream over the cheese balls just before serving. Be sure to season the cream cheese. Butter hands are useful when making the balls.

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