

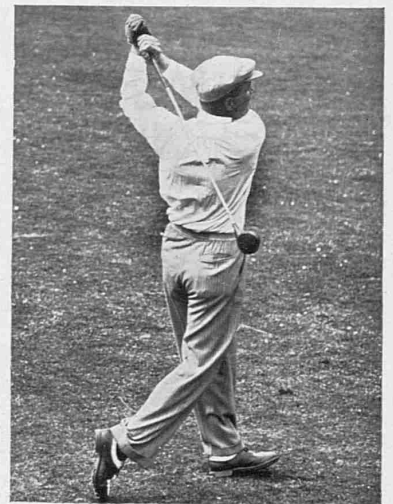
LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION: And perhaps this year's as well, H. G. Bentley, of Lancashire, who led his county to victory in the County Championship, driving from the 11th teeing ground. Bentley had rounds of 75 and 77. The picture gives a fair notion of the grand golfing country in the neighbourhood of Braunton Sands. The giant sea rushes, seen in the distance, grow only at Westward Ho! Saunton and, strangely enough, Deal, at the other side of the country. Lancashire also won the championship in 1929 and 1930.



ENGLISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Lancashire's Third Success at Saunton

LANCASHIRE won the county championship last Saturday at Saunton, their four representatives, H. G. Bentley, A. L. Bentley, D. S. Coates, and A. R. Walton, having an aggregate score of 622. Surrey, Devon, and Yorkshire were equal second, four strokes worse. Yorkshire, Worcestershire, and Surrey have each won twice. For the first time players were sent out in threes with the idea of saving time, which hope was not realised as a round took about three hours and a half. Twenty-one counties took part in the competition, which was a prelude to the English Close Amateur Championship which is being played over the same links this week.



A PAST HOLDER: T. A. Bourn (Surrey), who won the English Championship at Burnham and Berrow in 1930 and was runner-up at Ganton three years later, driving from the 15th. Bourn showed excellent form when plying in the Halford-Hewitt Cup.

(Right) A FINE FINISH: C. Stowe, of Staffordshire, has played a long, raking brassy shot to the 15th. Stowe's second round of 71 was the best of the day and a really impressive performance. His score beat the amateur record for the course by one stroke.



IN THE SOUP: C. W. Timmis, of Cheshire, getting well out of a cavernous bunker on the way to the 14th. This is typical of the awe-inspiring hazards that punish the loose shot. Timmis had rounds of 75 and 79; Cheshire finishing third in the championship.



WELL OUT: Francis Francis, of Surrey, gets clear of a benty wilderness at the 14th. A situation less promising could hardly be imagined. It would be bad enough without having to emulate a mountain goat in order to obtain any kind of stance.