

# Mystery blaze at cricket club

The cause of a blaze which gutted a timber hut containing benches and screens at Armitage Bridge Cricket Club in Dean Brook Road early today is unknown. Huddersfield firemen were called to the blaze just after midnight and brought it under control within minutes.

# Right spirit at Armitage Bridge

ARMITAGE Bridge Cricket Club had had a very busy and successful year, Mr Philip Booth, secretary, reported at the annual meeting last night.

But Mr Booth issued a word of warning. "We cannot sit back on our laurels, an awful lot has still to be done," he said. "The everyday expense of running a club (field care, equipment, lighting and heating and especially rates) are increasing rapidly and more revenue will have to be raised to meet these higher costs."

Mr Booth also mentioned the spirit that existed at the club, saying that it was this which should help the club continue to prosper.

The club treasurer, Mr D Bailey, in reporting a profit of £355 on the year's working, reiterated the point made by Mr Booth that rates, insurance, lighting, heating and water had almost doubled in cost and that along with building maintenance that section of the expenditure had risen from £187 last year to £353 this.

Officials elected were:  
President, Mr M Brook;  
chairman, Mr R Beaumont;  
secretary, Mr P Booth;  
treasurer, Mr D Bailey; ground  
improvements secretary, Mr G  
Armitage; subscription  
secretary, Mr C Ainley; League  
representative, F Hellewell;  
committee, A Sugden, R  
Armitage, A Roebuck, P  
Greenwood, R Speight, D



**THE MOORHOUSES,** of Armitage Bridge Cricket Club, are century-makers. They can claim that their association is likely to cover 100 years.

Four generations have played with the club and three are still living.

Mr Abraham Moorhouse, aged eighty-one, who lives at 8, Calder Drive, Berry Brow, recalls that his father, George, who died in 1938, at seventy-four, was knocking a ball around at the club when he was quite a nipper; and played at the age of thirteen.

George's brothers, Bob and Fred, were county players. Bob

was a Yorkshire batsman; and Fred played with Warwickshire.

Abraham, who retired as a Civil servant sixteen years ago, played for Armitage Bridge until he was fifty and is a vice-president.

His brother, Harry, who lives at Waterloo, also played for Armitage Bridge.

Abraham's son, Roy, aged forty-two, of 6, Wain Park, Berry Brow, was secretary of the club for six years until last year and has been on the committee for twenty years.

His son, sixteen-year-old Robert, plays for the juniors and occasionally for the second team.