



INTERNATIONAL TURF SPECIALISTS VISIT LEVINGTON RESEARCH STATION

Following the First International Turfgrass Conference at Harrogate in July, some of the delegates have been touring British places of turf interest. This included a visit to the Levington Research Station of Fisons Limited, as part of a two-day tour of East Anglia organised by the Company.

After seeing St Andrews, Murrayfield and Muirfield Golf Courses, the party flew from Scotland to Stanstead to be met by their Fisons hosts and conducted via the Backs at Cambridge to the American War Cemetery at nearby Madingley before having lunch at a typical country inn.

Most of the 64 members of the party were Americans but there were also turf experts from Japan, Czechoslovakia, West Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, New Zealand and Canada.

Chief guide on the tour, which took them on to Newmarket Racecourse and through some of the loveliest of the East Anglian countryside to Ipswich, was Mr R. L. Morris, chief horticulturist at Levington Research Station, himself a delegate and contributor at the Conference the previous week. At dinner in Ipswich, Fisons presented their guests with scrolls on which an ancient map of Suffolk was reproduced, as a memento of their visit to the county.

During their visit to Levington Research Station the following day, delegates were shown some of the turf research work which had been presented at the Conference including nutritional studies, broad-leaved weed control and an evaluation of experimental fungicides. Other aspects of horticultural research were included in the programme.

Before the party left for London and the final stage of their tour, they visited Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies Ltd. in Ipswich to see the manufacture of mowing equipment.