Short Courses Becoming Popular as Turf Troubles Grow

Turf misery of last season was responsible for greater attendance than was expected at the university short courses in greenkeeping this winter. Prior to the start of the courses it was expected that the economic situation would cut down enrollment but memory of the million-dollar mysteries of 1931 maintenance apparently brought the men looking for the answers.

Revival of pro-greenkeeping was noted in the enrollments, although a couple of years ago it was thought the combination jobs were doomed.

Rutgers, the New Jersey state university, had 44 registered in the one week short course. Two advanced courses also were given, the enrollment at one being 27 and at the other, 28.

At Massachusetts State college, where Prof. Lawrence Dickinson presides over the pioneer short course in greenkeeping, 24 men took the regular course and 8 the advanced work. Due to the limited number of men accepted for the M. S. C. courses, application for enrollment in the 1933 courses already are being made.

"Columns were written about the whole affair (Pasadena Open). However, we failed to detect one word about the job of greenkeeping. Which ought to prove something or other, but probably does not." Thus records Pacific Greenkeeper.

The incident again proves one of the urgent jobs for the greenkeepers nationally is to organize and finance publicity as the P. G. A. has done. GOLFDOM repeats this suggestion to greenkeeper association officials.

Southern California Greenkeepers Assn. is buying a compound microscope as its first piece of laboratory apparatus. It hopes to be able to equip a complete turf laboratory eventually.