Kansas Issues Booklet On Lawns and Turf

A booklet that should prove valuable to greenkeepers, "Lawns in Kansas," was issued the past season by the Agricultural Experiment Station, Kansas State College of Agriculture, Manhattan, Kansas. The authors, J. W. Zahnley and T. R. Quinlan, were concerned primarily with establishing lawns and their care under climatic and soil conditions as found in Kansas.

The landscape value of lawns, varieties of grasses, grading and maintenance of lawns, and vegetative planting and mowing data are among topics discussed. A section taking up insects and animal pests, and diseases of the lawn is also included in the booklet.

A section of the booklet is devoted to the particular turf problems of Kansas golf courses. Bent is recommended for greens, and in addition to valuable hints on establishing turf, the authors give many pointers on best maintenance practice.

Copies may be obtained by addressing Agricultural Experiment Station, Manhattan, Kansas.

Does Nature Make Greenkeepers Fugitives from Commercial World?

INTERESTING comment on the Greenkeepers' status comes from W. E. Langton, noted greenkeeper of San Gabriel, Calif. Langton is a practical philosopher. He and his son, Arthur, widely read author on greenkeeping subjects, apparently have discussed at length, many times, the social and economic problems of the greenkeeper, and the elder Langton has arrived at this conclusion:

"I have been quite interested in your recent articles urging more ballyhoo—or politely, greater publicity—for the greenkeeper as a means of raising the social and material status of the men responsible for golf course maintenance.

"However, I question very much that greenkeepers ever will shout their merits from the housetops because I suspect that many of them are temperamentally disqualified for the job. The loudest horn-blowing most of them would do wouldn't be heard to the limits of a tight 9-hole course. The reason, I believe, is that many excellent greenkeepers are so closely connected with the powerful, deliberate processes of nature and the infinite, immut-