Record Crowd at Purdue Turf Conference

Can you find yourself here? This is a view of the 485 turfmen who attended the Midwest Regional Conference held recently at Purdue University.

Nearly 500 turfmen, a record number, attended the annual Midwest Regional Turf Conference held at Purdue University, Mar. 5-7. More than 60 per cent of those attending were supt.s or golf course representatives.

One of the highlights of the three day meeting, judging from interest manifested by those in attendance, was a speech by James Newman, Purdue agronomy professor, in which the turfmen were told how they could make wider use of long range weather forecasting in planning operations. This is an aspect of greenkeeping that has been largely neglected, according to Newman, who suggested that supt.s acquaint themselves with how weather is manufactured and look into the possibilities of five-day, or longer, forecasts in order to help them in their work.

Speech by Supt. Robert M. Williams, Beverly GC, Chicago, at Midwest conference appears on page 74.

Another feature of the conference which provoked a great deal of comment was the Zoysia nurseries which soon became the main attraction for many turfmen attending the conference. A great deal of information was sought and disseminated at the nurseries, according to W. H. Daniel, Purdue agronomist, conference chairman.

Royal Canadian To Run Its Golf Day, June 9

Royal Canadian Golf Assn. will sponsor National Golf Day in Canada, June 9. The Canadians will play against the Fleck and Fay Crocker scores made at Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y. that day.

The Canadian Golf Day revenue will go for junior golf promotion.

Oklahoma Turfgrass Meeting

Disease Control was the main topic at the meeting of the Oklahoma Turfgrass Association held Mar. 12 at Southern Hills CC, Tulsa. Practically the entire session was devoted to outlining a disease control program for the year. A great deal of emphasis was put on the proper use of chemicals which can help the supt. in his fight against turfgrass diseases which are prevalent in Oklahoma.