are withheld, but they have established that even the slightest overdose of any of the elements cited above can cause widespread toxicity.

Change of Pace

A skit featuring John Ebel and Gerald Dearies, Jr., was a refreshing departure from the way in which discussions usually are presented at turf clinics. Ebel, topped out in a derby and representing a club as a green chairman with a $500,000 yearly budget, discussed the cost squeeze with Dearie, who fronted for a $1 million budget and was garbed to prove it. Their conclusion: Regardless of how large the budget is, it is never quite adequate.

Texas A & M Conference

Texas A & M’s turf conference was again held in the Memorial Student Center at College Station, on Dec. 7-9. Tom Leonard, president of the Texas Turf Association, was chairman of the three-day meeting, one section of which was devoted to golf course maintenance and another to parks and schools.

Among the opening day speakers were Gene C. Nutter, GCSA national executive director, who spoke on professionalism in turf management; Wayne Huffine, Oklahoma State University, who discussed Bermudagrass adaptation; James Carolines GCSA elected these men officers of the organization for 1965-66 at its annual meeting held in November in Greenville, S.C.: (1 to r) J. G. Wright, Greenville CC, president; Palmer Maples, Charlotte (N.C.) CC, 1st vp; Herbert Thurston, Ft. Jackson GC, Columbia, S.C., 2nd vp; and Paul M. Alexander, Clemson University, secretary-treasurer.

Latham, who repeated his Midwest speech (above) on weeds; and Lloyd L. Stitt of Velsicol who described the advantages and hazards of pre-emergence herbicides.

Overseeding Discussed

At the second day’s gathering, Supt. John Henry of Brook Hollow in Dallas told how to go about equipping for golf maintenance; a panel discussion of Bermuda overseeding was directed by Ken Flanders, supt. at Brae Burn, Houston, and Tom Mascaro, West Point Products, Latham, Bob Miller of DuPont and Gene Bockholt, Watson Distributing Co., Houston, were the speakers. A soil fertility panel was headed by J. R. Watson, Toro Manufacturing Corp., who introduced H. E. Hampton, Grant Thomas and Warren Anderson, Texas A&M agronomists. In a “Quiz the Experts” session, Jim Holub, supt. of Westwood in Houston, presented George Davis, Stauffer Chemical Co., Lloyd Stitt, Wayne Huffine and Jerry Ellis, Watson Distributing Co.

At the concluding session, Tom Mascaro discussed thatch control; Wayne Allen of the Texas A&M staff talked on the ramifications of St. Augustine management; and H. G. Applegate, Texas A&M

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plant scientist, described how air pollution affects turf and ornamental plants.

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100 Attend MVGCSA Clinic

Approximately 100 supt.s, green chairmen, club officials and turf supply dealers attended the Mississippi Valley field day held last fall at Westwood CC in St. Louis. Visitors spent most of their time checking plots on which fertilizer and pre-emergence trials had been conducted the previous year, and in observing Bermuda and zoysia selections planted on clay soil with north slope exposure. An experimental putting green planted in three separate bents and one combination of bents in three different soil mixtures, also was inspected by those attending the field day.

Bill Small of Malinckrodt described the trace nutrient applications made on the experimental putting green, and also discussed how the perennial spring “dead spot” which has plagued Bermuda in the St. Louis and Southwest areas can be controlled with a product developed by his company. Jesse DeFrance, now a consultant with O. M. Scott, told of the hundreds of headaches he had incurred in years past in advising St. Louis supt.s how to live through summertime sieges of heat and high humidity. The third speaker on the program was Jim Latham of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission. Latham departed from the weed theme for the MVGCSA meeting and brought his listeners up to date with the latest reports on the overseeding of Bermuda fairways.

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Tenth New Mexico Meeting

John A. Long of O. M. Scott Co., James R. Watson of Toro and Marvin Ferguson, green section director for the USGA, were the principal speakers at the 10th turf conference, conducted in October, by New Mexico State U at University Park.

Long reported on new developments in grasses, saying that tests on Texturf