

Amherst's Fifth Annual Show

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MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE'S fifth annual exhibition and conference on golf course maintenance was held in Stockbridge Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 13, 14 and 15. It was arranged by members of the ten weeks' winter school for greenkeepers and proved to be another interesting and instructive affair.

It would seem that eventually these professional greenkeepers and golf course managers who came to spend the winter here in the Connecticut Valley and study their problems with Professor Lawrence S. Dick-

inson and his splendid corps of assistants from the State college faculty, would have to repeat some of the features presented at earlier exhibitions, but judging from their latest effort, it does not work out that way. Perhaps it is this New England atmosphere that inspires originality.

The speaking program was certainly the best yet presented. Opening Friday evening with a talk on "Materials Used in the Construction of Mowers" by a leading commercial authority and continuing with an illustrated lecture by Professor Frank A. Waugh of M. A. C.



MEMBERS OF THE TEN WEEKS' WINTER SCHOOL FOR GREENKEEPERS AT MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

1—Harry Bairstow, Malden, Mass., Two-year student at M. A. C.; 2—Julius W. Torok, Darien, Conn., Wee Burn Club, Norton, Conn.; 3—Dr. Davis, Botany Department, M. A.; 4—James F. Carberry, Lake Bluff, Illinois, Shore Acres Club, Ill.; 5—Timothy O'Connell, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sidney Golf and Country Club; 6—Sylvanus H. Martinage, Methuen, Mass., Merrimac Valley Country Club; 7—Sanburn Caldwell, Lynnfield Center, Mass., Sagamore Golf Course; 8—Prof. Guinness, Engineering Department, M. A. C.; 9—George Figel, Turtle River, Minn., Bemidji Country Club; 10—Robert L. Mitchell, Salem, Mass., Kernwood Golf Club, Salem; 11—Parker Moulton, Peabody, Mass., Two-year student at M. A. C.; 12—Edwin Hansen, Concord, Mass., Concord Country Club; 13—Paul Wanberg, Waltham, Mass., Weston Golf Club; 14—Carl Treat, Auburndale, Mass., Woodland Golf Club; 15—Charles F. Carter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kenmore Golf Course, Cedar Rapids; Sankie Golf Course, Rock Island, Ill.; and Ottumwa Municipal Golf Course, Iowa; 16—Thomas F. Burke, Woburn, Mass., Two-year student at M. A. C.; 17—Harry F. Quinn, Franklin, Mass., Franklin Country Club; 18—Charles F. Bernard, Sandwich, Illinois, Sennank Country Club; 19—James Twohig, Springfield, Mass., Two-year student at M. A. C.; 20—Henry J. Travers, Lexington, Mass., Paul Revere Club; 21—Henry J. Toole, Amherst, Mass., Amherst Golf Club; 22—Prof. Markuson, Engineering Dept., M. A. C.; 23—Dr. Cubbon, Agronomy Dept., M. A. C.; 24—Prof. Dickinson, M. A. C., in charge of Greenkeepers' School; 25—Joseph Whitehead, Cromwell, Conn., Middletown Golf Club; 26—A. Wells Hare, Springfield, Mass., Two-year student at M. A. C.

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on "The Appreciation of Landscape in Golf Courses" there was ample opportunity to listen in and derive much good before the closing talk by Professor Dickinson Saturday afternoon on "Some Interesting Facts on Golf Course Mowers."

Saturday morning from eleven to twelve o'clock three round table discussions were in progress simultaneously with the following subjects under fire: "Soils and Fertilizers" with Prof. M. H. Cubbon of the college agronomy department as leader; "Golf Course Drainage" led by Prof. M. J. Markuson of the college engineering department; "Water Systems" led by Prof. C. I. Guinness also of the engineering department.

Saturday afternoon there were two interesting speakers that drew perhaps the largest gathering during the conference, Francis Ouimet of the Woodland Golf Club at Auburndale, Mass., and Talbot C. Chase of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Golf Association. In a very interesting manner Mr. Chase told "How the Massachusetts Golf Association Can Help the Greenkeepers."

"Mr. Ouimet, winner of the American open championship in 1913 when only 20 years of age, was well qualified to speak on "The Value of a Greenkeeper from the Low Handicapped Golfer's Point of View."

H. B. Sprague, agronomist from the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station was the speaker Saturday evening on the topic "Some Water Relations of Turf Plants." The question box, ever popular feature, followed.

Sunday morning there was a visit to the experiment golf plots of the college. In the afternoon, after Professor Dickinson's talk, there were motion pictures and a question box and another worthwhile get-together was over.

It is rather of interest to reminisce on this greenkeepers' school here at Amherst. When it was started five years ago it was the first of its kind in the country. Its value soon came to be recognized and it has become so popular that it is now necessary to limit enrollment each year. Connecticut, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, and Iowa in addition to Massachusetts had representatives at this winter's school.

In addition to members of the college faculty Professor Dickinson has been assisted in the school by Carl Treat of Auburndale, manager of Mr. Ouimet's home course, Woodland; James McCormack of Stoneham, superintendent of the Unicorn Country Club; and Marston Burnett of the Albemarle Golf Club.

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